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Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
23rd November, 1943.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 29th day of NOVEMBER, 1943, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 9th day of November, 1943.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:

(*a*) **Education (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*b*) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*c*) **Valuation (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*d*) **Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*e*) **Finance (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*f*) **Highways (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*g*) **Town Planning (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*h*) **Parks and Open Spaces (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*i*) **Public Libraries (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*j*) **Electricity (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*k*) **Legal and Parliamentary** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*l*) **Housing (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*m*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.

(n) **Communal Feeding (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.

(o) **Post War Reconstruction** of the 15th November, 1943.

(p) **Special Committee ro Housing** of the 15th November, 1943.

(q) **Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd. (Sub)**, of the 15th November, 1943.

(r) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 15th November, 1943.

(s) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 16th November, 1943.

(3) To appoint six representatives to serve on the Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee (Holidays at Home).

(4) To fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee.

(5) To appoint a member to serve on the Co-ordination of Wages Sub-Committee.

(6) To appoint the Council's representative's to serve on the following bodies:—

Name of Body.	No. of Representatives.
(a) Finchley, Hornsey, Wood Green and Friern Barnet Joint Hospital Committee	4
(b) North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee	2
(c) Whitley Works Committee (Employers' Side) ...	1

(7) To appoint the Food Control Committee for the year 1944.

(8) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(9) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(10) To consider the following Motion by the Deputy Mayor, of which due notice has been given:—

"(1) that it being expedient that a Special Committee should be constituted by the Council for the purpose of dealing with all matters relating to Maternity and Child Welfare, the title of the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be altered to 'Public Health Committee';

(2) that the provision in the Standing Orders relating to the co-option of three members on the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be deleted;

(3) that a Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be constituted by the Council; that it consist of the members for the time being of the Public Health Committee, together with three co-opted members; that it be added to the list of 'other Committees' referred to in the Standing Orders, and that the powers and duties thereof be to consider and report from time to time to the Council on all matters concerning the discharge of the functions of the Council relating to Maternity and Child Welfare under the Public Health Act, 1936, or under any other Statute or Regulation in that behalf;

(4) that any consequential alterations be, and they are hereby, made in the Standing Orders of the Council to give effect to the foregoing;

(5) that, during the present Municipal Year, meetings of the Public Health Committee be held at 8 p.m. on the day fixed for meetings of the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and that the newly constituted Maternity and Child Welfare Committee meet on the same evening at 7.30 p.m."

(11) To appoint three co-opted members on the proposed Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

(12) To authorise the issue of an Order directing the Borough Treasurer to pay certain sums as shown on the list to be circulated.

(13) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(14) To receive and consider Reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Appointment of Temporary Assistant Solicitor (Sub)** of the 8th November, 1943.

(*b*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 16th November, 1943 (if any).

(15) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(16) To consider, if necessary, the raising of any temporary loan.

(17) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

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Borough of Finchley

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Tuesday, the 9th day of NOVEMBER, 1943.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.).

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor H. H. Wilmot).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

A. N. H. Baines, C.C.
W. Blunden.
J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Capt. L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
J. Hugh Jones, LL.B.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge.
D. A. A. Merry.
R. J. N. Norman.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.

1 **Prayers:**

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

2 **Election of Mayor:**

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing municipal year, and outlined the procedure which would be followed.

The under-mentioned candidates were then nominated for election:—

Councillor D. A. A. Merry—Proposed by Councillor Major H. W. Steward.
Seconded by the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge—Proposed by Alderman Vyvyan Wells.
Seconded by Councillor P. Lawrence.

A full discussion ensued, during the course of which consent was granted under the Standing Orders to members to speak for more than five minutes.

No further candidates being nominated, the Mayor put the name of Councillor D. A. A. Merry to the meeting, whereupon ten voted in favour of his election, the Mayor, Councillors Merry and Mrs. Legge not voting and the last two members in addition not taking part in the discussion. Councillor Merry having secured a majority of votes of those present and voting, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Douglas Archibald Alfred Merry be elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank then invested the Mayor with the Chain of Office, congratulated him on his election, and vacated the Chair.

The Mayor thereupon made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Town Clerk. He then took the Chair and thanked the Council for having elected him to the office.

3 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25th day of October, 1943, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

4 **Apologies for Absence:**

It was reported that Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillor Squadron Leader M. A. B. King-Hamilton had expressed regret at their inability to be present at the meeting.

5 **Appointment of Deputy Mayor:**

RESOLVED, unanimously, that the Mayor's Appointment of Deputy Mayor, now signified to the Council, in writing, be recorded on the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council:—

"BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

I, Douglas Archibald Alfred Merry, Mayor of the Borough of Finchley, do hereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1933, appoint Councillor Reginald John Nathan Norman to act as Deputy Mayor of the said Borough.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1943.

(Signed) D. A. A. MERRY,

Mayor.

To the Council of the said Borough."

6 **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain:**

RESOLVED, unanimously, that the Mayor's Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain, now signified to the Council, in writing, be recorded on the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council:—

"BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

I, Douglas Archibald Alfred Merry, Mayor of the Borough of Finchley, do hereby appoint The Reverend Michael Ridley, M.A., to act as Mayor's Chaplain.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1943.

(Signed) D. A. A. MERRY,

Mayor.

To the Council of the said Borough."

7 Presentation to Retiring Mayor:

The Mayor presented to Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., an engrossment, on vellum, of the Council's resolution expressing appreciation of his services as Mayor during the year 1942/43.

8 Appointment and Constitution of Committees:

RESOLVED that the following Committees be, and they are hereby, appointed for the ensuing year, and that the constitution thereof be as set forth after the name of each Committee:—

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant, Grocott and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Roberts and Major Steward.

Co-opted Members: The question of filling these 3 vacancies was left over to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

FINANCE.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Syrett, Councillors The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Langlands, Mrs. Roberts, Major Steward and Wilmot. (Two vacancies.)

HIGHWAYS.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Pateman and Syrett, Councillors Baines, C.C., Fitness, Capt. Franks, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence and Tyndall.

TOWN PLANNING.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Capt. Franks, Langlands, Major Steward and Wilmot.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Baines, C.C., Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Squadron Leader King-Hamilton, Lawrence, Tyndall, Wilmot.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Grocott and Syrett, Councillors Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Capt. Franks, Squadron Leader King-Hamilton, Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts. (One vacancy.)

GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairmen of the following Committees:—Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare, Finance, Highways, Town Planning, Parks and Open Spaces, Electricity, Education, Public Libraries, and the immediate Past Mayor (Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.).

OTHER COMMITTEES.

ELECTRICITY.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Syrett, Councillors Baines, C.C., Bryson, Fitness, Langlands, Lawrence and Major Steward.

EDUCATION.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilmot.

Ex-officio member: The Chairman for the time being of the Local Higher Education Committee.

Co-optative members: Miss L. Davey, M.A., Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A., and Mr. H. Wooding Monk.

VALUATION.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Briant, Councillors Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-members of the Council: Mr. W. A. Gray and Mr. A. E. Griffith.

ALLOTMENTS AND FOOD PRODUCTION.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Grocott and Pateman, Councillors Fitness, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

Non-members of the Council: Mr. H. Fairchild, Mr. J. F. Hewitt, Mr. W. J. Rolfe and Mr. J. S. Sunderland.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant and Syrett, Councillors Grobel, Squadron Leader King-Hamilton and Langlands, and the Chairman of the Committee concerned in the matter under discussion.

LOCAL OLD AGE PENSION.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-members of the Council: Mrs. Bernays, Mr. J. Connorton and Mr. J. Sheldrake.

HOUSING.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY).

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baines, C.C., Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge and Mrs Roberts.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, three representatives of the Education Committee, three representatives of the Highways Committee, one representative of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, three representatives of the Teachers, one representative of the Police and one representative of the London Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

COMMUNAL FEEDING.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant and Syrett, Councillors Blunden, The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Pateman, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Syrett, Councillors, Fitness, Grobel, Langlands, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge and Wilmot.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE HOUSING.

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant, Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Roberts and Major Steward.

CO-ORDINATION OF WAGES (SUB).

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairmen of the General Purposes, Highways, Parks and Open Spaces, and Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committees, and one other member to be appointed later.

FINCHLEY GOLF, SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, LTD. (SUB).

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Briant and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillor Fitness.

DAY NURSERIES (SUB).

The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Sladden, and the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee.

9 Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee:

Reference was made to the desirability of setting up a separate Committee to deal with matters relating to Maternity and Child Welfare. The Council agreed thereto in principle, and the Town Clerk pointed out that, if such a course were adopted, it would necessitate an alteration being made in the Standing Orders. It was thereupon

RESOLVED that arrangements be made for the necessary notice of motion to be given.

10 Local Higher Education Committee:

RESOLVED that the members of the Education Committee be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Local Higher Education Committtee for the ensuing year.

11 Appointment of Representatives of the Council upon Various Bodies:

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the under-mentioned persons be appointed as the Council's representatives for the ensuing year on the Bodies set opposite to their respective names:—

Name of Body.	Representatives.
Middlesex Borough and District Councils' Association.	The Mayor. The Town Clerk.
Conference of Local Authorities Owning Electricity Undertakings in Greater London.	The Chairman of the Electricity Committee. The Vice-Chairman of the Electricity Committee. The Town Clerk. The General Manager and Engineer.
London Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.	Alderman F. J. Grocott. Councillor W. Blunden. The Deputy Borough Surveyor.
Hendon Employment Committee.	Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge.
Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association.	The Chairman of the Electricity Committee.

Outer London Standing Joint Committee.	The Chairman of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee.
Council and Staff Joint Committee.	The Mayor. The Deputy Mayor. Alderman A. J. Briant. Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. Councillor A. N. H. Baines, C.C. Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts. Councillor Major H. W. Steward. Substitute Member:— Alderman C. S. Syrett.
Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative Technical and Clerical Services.	The Deputy Mayor.
Finchley Council of Social Service.	Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.

(*b*) that the under-mentioned persons be nominated as the Council's representatives for the ensuing year on the Bodies set opposite to their respective names:—

Name of Body.	Representatives.
Finchley Memorial Hospital Committee.	Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd., Board of Directors.	Mr. G. Dominy.

12. **Special Meetings of Committees:**

RESOLVED that Special Meetings of the under-mentioned Committees be held on the 15th November, 1943, commencing at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of appointing Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Sub-Committees, etc., viz.:—

Education.
Allotments and Food Production.
Valuation.
Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare.
Finance.
Highways.
Town Planning.
Parks and Open Spaces.
Public Libraries.
Electricity.
Legal and Parliamentary.
Housing.
General Purposes.
Communal Feeding.
Post-War Reconstruction.
Special Committee re Housing.
Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd. (Sub).
Day Nurseries (Sub).

13 Day and Hour of Ordinary Meetings of the Council:

RESOLVED—

(1) that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on the 29th November, 1943, at 7.30 p.m.;

(2) that the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in December be held on the 30th of that month, at 7.30 p.m.; and

(3) that the remainder of the Ordinary Meetings of the Council during the ensuing Municipal Year be held on the fourth Monday in each month (except August) at 7.30 p.m.

14 Day and Hour of Meetings of Committees:

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the ordinary meetings of Committees during the ensuing Municipal Year be held on the days mentioned in the following statement at 7.30 p.m.

IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER.

(In the THIRD week before the meeting of the Council).

Monday	Town Planning Committee.
Tuesday	Electricity Committee.
Wednesday ...	Public Libraries Committee.
Thursday	Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

(In the SECOND week before the meeting of the Council.)

Monday	Education Committee.
Tuesday	Parks and Open Spaces Committee.
Wednesday ...	General Purposes Committee.
Thursday	Finance Committee.

IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY AND OCTOBER.

(In the THIRD week before the meeting of the Council).

Tuesday	Valuation Committee.
Wednesday ...	Highways Committee.
Thursday	Housing Committee.

(In the SECOND week before the meeting of the Council.)

Monday	Education Committee.
Tuesday	Allotments and Food Production Committee.
Thursday	Finance Committee.

IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER.

(In the WEEK of the Council Meeting).

Thursday	Communal Feeding Committee.

(*b*) that meetings of the other Committees be held as and when necessary.

15 Remuneration of the Mayor:

It was moved by Alderman Syrett and seconded by Councillor Lawrence "that during the consideration of this matter the Chair be occupied temporarily by the Deputy Mayor."

On being put, the motion was carried, and the Chair was then vacated by the Mayor in favour of the Deputy Mayor.

It was thereupon moved by Councillor Baines and seconded by Alderman Syrett "that the remuneration to be paid to the Mayor for the ensuing year be fixed at £450."

On being put, the motion was carried.

The Deputy Mayor then vacated the Chair in favour of the Mayor.

16 Reports of Committees:

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Communal Feeding** of the 28th October, 1943.

(*b*) **Special Committee re Housing** of the 3rd November, 1943.

17 Documents for Sealing:

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the under-mentioned documents:—

1. Contract with Mr. A. Ibbetson for construction of Civic Restaurant, Hampstead Garden Suburb.
2. Contract with Mr. E. G. Green for repairs at Nos. 6 and 8, Gurney Drive.

18 Accounts for Payment:

RESOLVED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council, and countersigned by the Town Clerk, directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned, amounting to £35,871 1s. 7d., made up as follows:—

Fund or Account.	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	28,723	6	2
Electricity Revenue	4,381	2	7
Consolidated Loans Fund	1	1	8
Superannuation Fund	436	19	5
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	15	9	3
A.R.P. Canteen	402	4	8
Communal Feeding	1,910	17	10
	£35,871	1	7

19 Food Control Committee—Membership of—Year ending 31st December, 1943:

The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Food had now approved the nomination of Mr. E. G. Hammond;

RESOLVED that Mr. Hammond be appointed as a Consumer Member of the Committee for the period ending 31st December, 1943.

20 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor " that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Major Steward, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

21 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 1st November, 1943.

(*b*) **Sub-Committee re Hire of a Car for use by the Mayor and the Town Clerk,** of the 2nd November, 1943.

Arising on the latter, the Town Clerk reported that the Medical Officer of Health had informed him that he did not anticipate any difficulty in arranging for the Civil Defence personnel to drive the car on their " off duty " days.

22 **Nethercourt Golf Course:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a letter dated 14th October, 1943, received from the W.D. Land Agent, London District, with reference to a proposal to requisition two holes of the above-mentioned golf course adjoining Frith Lane;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration with power to act, subject to report.

23 **London and Home Counties Electricity District Orders, 1925/32. Appointment or Election of Members of the Joint Authority:**

RECOMMENDED that the Mayor be authorised to exercise the voting power of the Council in connection with the above.

24 **Appointment and Constitution of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that Alderman Wells be elected a member of the under-mentioned Committees for the ensuing Municipal Year:—

Finance.
Public Libraries.
Legal and Parliamentary.

25 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Major Steward, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mayor.

29th November, 1943.

Education Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting)

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett, Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands, Tyndall and Wilmot; Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A., and Mr. Wooding Monk.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman, Councillors Blunden, Fitness and Lawrence.

26 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

27 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Wm. C. Langlands be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

28 **Chair:**

The Chair was then occupied by Councillor Langlands.

29 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

30 **Committees and Sub-Committees:**

The under-mentioned Committees and Sub-Committees were constituted for the ensuing year as follows:—

(*a*) Appointments Sub-Committee (Assistant Teachers).

The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.*
Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge.

(*b*) School Attendance Sub-Committee:

The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.*
Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge.
Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Miss L. Davey, M.A.
Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A.
Mr. H. Wooding Monk.

This is the Report of the Day Nurseries Sub-Committee referred to in paragraph 21 (a) of the Council Minutes of the 9th November, 1943. 9(a)

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

DAY NURSERIES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1st November, 1943.

PART II.

Present : Councillor Mrs. Legge (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P.), Councillors Bryson, Hugh Jones, Langlands, Merry and Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

Non-Members : Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

THE REGENTS NURSERY.

The Sub-Committee considered oral reports by the Town Clerk and Medical Officer of Health regarding the administration of this Nursery, and references were made to a meeting which had taken place on the 27th October, 1943, between the Chairman, the Town Clerk, the Medical Officer of Health, the Matron, the Deputy Matron and the Cook, at which certain matters were investigated.

The Matron, although requested to attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee, had notified the Town Clerk that she was unable to do so. The Deputy Matron and Cook attended and were interviewed by the Sub-Committee.

After full consideration the Sub-Committee were of the opinion that the existing administration was unsatisfactory and it was, therefore,

RESOLVED

(a) That the Matron be given forthwith one month's notice to terminate her engagement and informed that her further attendance at the Nursery would not be required, and

(b) That the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health be empowered to fill the vacancy subject to report.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

9(l) This is the Report of the Sub-Committee referred to in paragraph 21 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 9th November, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE RE HIRE OF A CAR FOR USE BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN CLERK.

2nd November, 1943.

PART II.

Present : The Mayor (Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P.) and Alderman Syrett.

1.-CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that the Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2.- HIRE OF CAR - 1943/44.

In accordance with the reference from the Council, the Sub-Committee reviewed the position which had arisen owing to the fact that no tenders had been received in response to the advertisement issued for the hire of a car for the year, 1943/44.

The Medical Officer of Health attended the meeting and it appeared that, in the early days of the War, a 27 Horse Power Saloon Vauxhall car had been presented to the Council for any use which the Council might wish to make of it, and that this had been kept in reserve for Civil Defence purposes in case of emergency. Owing to reduction of personnel it was no longer required for those purposes and the Sub-Committee, after inspecting the car, were satisfied that it was the right type of vehicle and that, provided the necessary personnel could be found to man the car when required, it should be used for the Mayor and the Town Clerk and would provide a solution to a very difficult problem. The Medical Officer undertook to see if any Civil Defence Ambulance personnel would be prepared to drive the car on their off days and report further.

Under the existing Contract the payment to be made by the Council is as follows :-

Aggregate Mileage.	Price.
(1) Up to six thousand miles.	£300.
(2) For each and every mile thereafter.	9d. a mile.

The mileage for the present year will amount to approximately 6,600 and the cost will therefore be approximately £322. 10. 0.

The Sub-Committee estimated that, if the car referred to by the Medical Officer were used as suggested by them, the expenditure would amount to approximately £400 during 1943/44 made up as follows:

	£.	s.	d.
Licence	33.	15.	-.
Insurance	25.	-.	-.
Petrol for 8,000 miles.	50.	-.	-.
Initial expenses.	50.	-.	-.
Wages, say £4.10s. p.w.	235.	-.	-.
Incidental expenses.	5.	-.	-.
	£398.	15.	-.

It was therefore

RECOMMENDED that an arrangement on the lines indicated above be agreed for the year 1943/44 in general principle, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to settle any necessary details.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

(*c*) School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.*
Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Councillor C. P. Grobel.
Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Councillor H. H. Wilmot.
Miss L. Davey, M.A.
Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A.

(*d*) Children's Care Committee.

Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.	The Mayor.
Councillor R. J. N. Norman ...	The Deputy Mayor.
Councillor Wm. C. Langlands	Chairman of the Education Committee.
Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. ...	Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee.
Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge	Member of the Education Committee.
Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A. ...	Member of the Education Committee.
Miss L. Davey, M.A.	Social Worker.
Mrs. S. Burgess	Social Worker.
Mr. H. Cowen	Teacher.
Miss E. M. Gillett	Teacher.
Mr. W. E. Thomas	Teacher.
Mr. W. Ward	Teacher.

(*e*) Juvenile Employment Committee.

Education Committee (7) ...	The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.). The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman). Chairman of the Education Committee (Councillor Wm. C. Langlands). Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee (Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.). Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge. Miss L. Davey, M.A. Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A.
County Council (2)	Mrs. K. E. Gardner. Mrs. H. B. Pegrum, M.A.
Employers (4)	Mr. C. Ibbetson. Mr. P. Spring. Mr. A. J. Pullinger. Mr. W. Williams.
Workers (4)	Mrs. H. E. Anson. Mr. G. N. Banyard. Mr. F. Milton. Miss K. Waters.
Social Organisations (2) ...	Mr. S. Burgess. Mr. F. Simpson.
Teachers (3)	Mr. H. Cowen. Mr. W. E. Thomas. Mr. W. Ward.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

(*f*) Post-War Reconstruction Sub-Committee.

The Mayor.
The Deputy Mayor.
Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge.
Councillor H. H. Wilmot.

31 **Representative Managers:**

RECOMMENDED that the following be appointed to serve as Representative Managers of the schools named during the ensuing year:—

(*a*) Non-provided Schools:

St. Mary's	Councillor G. F. Tyndall. Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A.
St. John's	Councillor J. G. Bryson. Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Christ Church	Councillor Wm. C. Langlands. Miss L. Davey, M.A.
Holy Trinity	Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. Councillor H. H. Wilmot.
Our Lady of Lourdes	The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.). Councillor C. P. Grobel.

(*b*) Joint Special School for Mentally Defective Children:

Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.

Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.

Miss L. Davey, M.A.

Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A.

32 **Representatives on other Bodies:**

RECOMMENDED that the following be appointed to serve as Representatives on the Bodies named during the ensuing year:—

(*a*) Joint Committee, Middlesex County Council:

The Chairman of the Education Committee.

(*b*) Finchley Joint Advisory Committee:

Education Committee	...	The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
		Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
		Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
		Miss L. Davey, M.A.
		Mrs. A. S. Miall, B.A.
		Mr. H. Wooding Monk.
Teachers (nominated by the Finchley teachers)	...	Mr. S. W. Escott.
		Miss E. M. Gillett.
		Mrs. J. M. Holmes.
		Miss G. M. Taylor.
		Mr. W. E. Thomas.
		(One vacancy).

(*c*) Finchley Children's Safety Committee:

Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
Miss L. Davey, M.A.

(*d*) Area Committee re Physical Training—Co-operation with Middlesex County Council:

The Chairman of the Education Committee.

(*e*) Association of Education Committees:

The Chairman of the Education Committee and the Director of Education (with authority to attend any meetings held during the year).

(*f*) Finchley Local Youth Committee:

Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.
Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Councillor H. H. Wilmot.
Mr. H. Wooding Monk.

33 **Meetings of the Education Committee and Sub-Committees:**

RESOLVED—

(1) that the day and time of meetings of the Education Committee be those fixed by the Council;

(2) that, until otherwise decided, the day and time of meetings of Committees and Sub-Committees be left in the hands of their respective Chairmen.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Grocott and Pateman, Councillors Fitness and Wilmot, and Mr. J. F. Hewitt.

Non-members: Aldermen Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Syrett and Wells, and Councillors Brooksbank, J.P., Blunden, Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands, Lawrence, Major Steward and Tyndall.

34 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

35 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Fitness be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

36 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Mr. J. S. Sunderland be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Valuation Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence, and Mr. A. E. Griffith.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pateman, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Syrett and Wells and Councillors Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Major Steward, Tyndall and Wilmot.

37 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

38 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

39 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Mr. A. E. Griffith be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Grocott and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., and Major Steward.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman, Syrett and Wells and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Langlands, Lawrence, Tyndall and Wilmot.

40 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

41 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Bryson be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

42 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Legge be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

43 **Salvage Sub-Committee:**

The above Sub-Committee was constituted for the ensuing year as follows:—

The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.*
Councillor Bryson.
,, Grobel.
,, Mrs. Legge.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Finance Committee's Report

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.), Fitness, Langlands, Major Steward and Wilmot.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pateman, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence and Tyndall.

44 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

45 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Major Steward be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Highways Committee's Report

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Pateman and Syrett and Councillors Fitness, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence and Tyndall.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Wells, and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Langlands, Major Steward and Wilmot.

46 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

47 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Tyndall be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

48 **Children's Safety Committee:**

RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Lawrence be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

D. A. A. MERRY,

Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Town Planning Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Langlands, Major Steward and Wilmot.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pateman, Syrett and Wells and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence and Tyndall.

49 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

50 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Briant be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,

Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Parks and Open Spaces Committee's Report

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence, Tyndall and Wilmot.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Syrett and Wells and Councillors Bryson, Fitness, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands and Major Steward.

51 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

52 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Lawrence be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

53 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Pateman be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

54 **Lettings Sub-Committee:**

The above Sub-Committee was constituted for the ensuing year as follows:—

The Mayor
The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.*
The Chairman of the Committee.
The Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

55 **Children's Safety Committee:**

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Committee be appointed to serve on the above Committee.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Public Libraries Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Grocott, Syrett and Wells and Councillors Blunden and the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Bryson, Fitness, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands, Lawrence, Major Steward, Tyndall and Wilmot.

56 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

57 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Legge be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Electricity Committee's Report

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Syrett and Councillors Bryson, Fitness, Langlands, Lawrence and Major Steward.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pateman and Wells and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Tyndall and Wilmot.

58 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

59 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Syrett be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

60 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Fitness be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Legal and Parliamentary Committee's Report.

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillors Grobel and Langlands.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Fitness, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Lawrence, Major Steward, Tyndall and Wilmot.

61 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

62 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Grobel be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

63 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Briant be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Housing Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Hugh Jones, LL.B., and Lawrence.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Syrett and Wells and Councillors Bryson, Fitness, Grobel, Langlands, Major Steward, Tyndall and Wilmot.

64 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

65 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

66 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Hugh Jones, LL.B., be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

General Purposes Committee's Report

(Special Meeting).

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett, and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence, Major Steward and Tyndall.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Pateman, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Wells and Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., and Wilmot.

67 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

68 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

69 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Syrett be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*contd.*)

70 **Sub-Committees:**

(*a*) **RECOMMENDED** that Standing Order No. 2(2) be suspended to enable the Sub-Committee to be appointed for the purpose of considering the reorganisation of the Borough Treasurer's Department to be increased to six members;

(*b*) The undermentioned Sub-Committees were constituted for the ensuing year as follows:—

Staff	The Mayor The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.* Alderman Syrett. Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. ,, Major Steward.
Re-organisation of Borough Treasurer's Department	The Mayor The Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.* Alderman Briant. ,, Syrett. Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. ,, Major Steward.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Communal Feeding Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting.)

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Grobel and Wilmot.

Non-members: Alderman Grocott, Pateman, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Wells and Councillors Bryson, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands, Lawrence, Major Steward and Tyndall.

71 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

72 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Syrett be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

73 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Grobel be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Post-War Reconstruction Committee's Report.

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Pateman, Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Syrett and Councillors Fitness, Grobel, Langlands, Lawrence and Wilmot.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott and Wells and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Major Steward and Tyndall.

74 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

75 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

76 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Grobel be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Report of Special Committee re Housing.

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Lawrence and Major Steward.

Non-members: Aldermen Grocott, Syrett and Wells and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands, Tyndall and Wilmot.

77 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

78 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

79 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Report of Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club Ltd. Sub-Committee

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillor Fitness.

80 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

81 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

82 **Constitution of Sub-Committee:**

RECOMMENDED that Councillor Lawrence be appointed by the Council as a Member of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Day Nurseries Sub-Committee's Report.

15th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., Langlands and Lawrence.

83 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

84 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Bryson be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

85 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Legge be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

D. A. A. MERRY,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

16th NOVEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., and Lawrence.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman and Syrett.

86 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Mayor.

87 **Appointment of Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B., be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

88 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

89 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the book submitted, be approved.

90 **Appointment of Sub-Committees:**

RESOLVED that the undermentioned sub-committees be constituted for the ensuing municipal year as follows:—

Fire Prevention: The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairman of the Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Canteen: The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairman of the Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge.

91 **Fire Prevention Sub-Committee's Report:**

The report of a meeting of the above Sub-Committee held on the 23rd October, 1943, as underprinted was submitted:—

"Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (in the Chair).

1. Business Premises.

(*a*) Fire Guard Duty.—The Fire Guard Officer reported that, arising out of the suggestion made at the last meeting of the Committee of slackness among personnel in certain Business Premises Schemes, a number of enquiries had been made and certain areas were being kept under constant review.

As regards a particular scheme where payment of subsistence allowance had been claimed on occasions when the duty had been performed by an unauthorised substitute, the Town Clerk reported that payments had been withheld in this case and would also be withheld in any similar case which might arise on the facts becoming known.

Instructions were given for a letter of warning to be sent in a particular case mentioned in the Town Clerk's Instruction Book where an unauthorised substitute had performed duties.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved and that the matter be left to the Officers to deal with subject to report in the event of any irregularity being disclosed.

(*b*) Existing Schemes.—The Fire Guard Officer reported that the general policy was now to create larger schemes with a view to reducing expense and saving manpower and that it was considered desirable to remove certain premises from business schemes and leave them to be dealt with by Street Fire Parties:

CIVIL DEFENCE (*contd.*)

RECOMMENDED (*i*) that this be agreed and that the Fire Guard Officer be instructed to revise the schemes accordingly, and

(*ii*) that the Regional Commissioners be informed of the action being taken.

(*c*) New Schemes.—The Fire Guard Officer presented the undermentioned Business Premises schemes which had been submitted for approval and stated that they had been in operation for several weeks and were satisfactory:

London Co-operative Society, Ltd., 844-852, High Road, N.12.	Single premises scheme.
A.1 & Dollis Dairies, Ltd., 1411, High Road, N.12.	,, ,, ,,
Lindsay Bros., Ltd., 923/925, High Road, N.12.	,, ,, ,,
United Dairies (London), Ltd., 2, Fredericks Place, N.12.	,, ,, ,,
France Harry & Co., Ltd., Brakespeare Garages, Ltd., 1051/1053, High Road, N.20.	Group Scheme.
Strand Publications, Hewson's Textile Factory, Ltd., McAlinden, 267/269, Ballards Lane, N.12.	,, ,,

RECOMMENDED that the schemes in question be approved and that the Fire Guard Officer inform the respective occupiers accordingly.

(*d*) Supervision.—The question of appointing Inspecting Officers to supervise the control of Business Premises schemes was considered, but it was decided that such appointments were not justified in Finchley and that the work could be done quite efficiently by the existing personnel.

Arising thereon the Fire Guard Officer submitted a draft form which, it was proposed should be used in all Districts to ensure uniformity in reporting offences under the Fire Guard Orders;

RECOMMENDED that such form be approved.

2. **Staff:**

(*a*) Deputy Fire Guard Officer.—A Fire Guard Officer having been appointed under the provisions of Home Security Circular No. 63/1943, it was decided to create the post of Deputy Fire Guard Officer in lieu of that of Fire Guard Staff Officer in accordance with the Circular and it was;

RECOMMENDED that Mr. E. W. Grimsdell, the Fire Guard Staff Officer, be so appointed.

(*b*) Fire Guard Training Officer.—It was reported that it was essential that a full-time instructor be appointed for Fire Guard Training and that such an appointment was authorised by London Region; further, that Mr. L. Herridge, the Civil Defence Instructor, had recently qualified as F.G.I.C.;

RECOMMENDED that Mr. Herridge be appointed Fire Guard Training Officer with effect as from the 1st November, 1943.

3. **Trailer Pump Crews—Waterproof Clothing:**

The Fire Guard Officer reported hereon;

RECOMMENDED (*a*) that authority be given for the purchase of waterproof clothing for three pump crews of five persons each at an approximate cost of £1 5s. 0d. a set, i.e. £18 15s. 0d., and

(*b*) that application be made to the Regional Commissioners for approval to such expenditure.

4. **Fire Guard Registration—17th October, 1943.**

The Town Clerk reported as to the number of persons who registered on the above occasion and instructions were given for enquiries to be made where there was reason to suppose that persons liable to register had failed to do so.

5. **Fire Guard Plan:**

The Fire Guard Officer stated that reports had been received from all Districts, which indicated generally that the plan was working efficiently. He intimated that the Sector Points for Street Parties had been arranged and were being used, but that the plan could not officially come into operation until it had been formally approved by London Region.

6. **Fire Guard Training Sketch:**

The Fire Guard Officer reported that the "D.1 Players" were presenting a Fire Guard Training Sketch at St Luke's Hall on the 19th November, 1943, and that it was proposed to invite the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., to attend;

RECOMMENDED that a contribution of £5 be made to meet the cost of the production and that application be made to the Regional Commissioners for approval to such expenditure.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman (pro tempore)."

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the report be adopted;

(*b*) that as regards paragraph 2(*a*) the salary attaching to the position of Deputy Fire Guard Officer be £325 per annum plus bonus with effect as from the 1st September, 1943; and

(*c*) that as regards paragraph 2(*b*) the salary attaching to the appointment of Fire Guard Training Officer be £300 per annum plus bonus and that the thanks of the Committee be accorded to the officer in question for the valuable work carried out by him in Fire Guard Training on behalf of a neighbouring authority.

92 **Civil Defence Instructor:**

The Town Clerk reported that consequent upon the proposal to appoint Mr. L. H. Herridge as Fire Guard Training Officer, he had approached the County Council in regard to a substitute and they had agreed to the appointment of Mr. C. Lilly;

RESOLVED that Mr. C. Lilly be appointed a Civil Defence Instructor with effect as from the 1st November, 1943, at a salary of £300 per annum plus bonus.

93 **Women's Voluntary Services:**

It was reported that Mrs. Turner, of 29, The Ridgeway, Finchley, had been appointed Deputy Centre Organiser for the Finchley Branch of the Women's Voluntary Services.

94 **Clearance of Lofts Order, 1942:**

The monthly report of the N.F.S. in regard to inspections in connection with the above was submitted.

95 **Wardens' Post No. 18:**

The Town Clerk reported upon negotiations which had taken place in regard to the provision of a new post and intimated that provisional approval had been obtained from the County Council to the construction of the necessary building and that negotiations were in hand in regard to obtaining other accommodation for training purposes;

RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Officers to deal with subject to report.

96 **C.D. Memorial Appeal:**

The Town Clerk reported that following a suggestion from the D.1 Players, an appeal was being launched by a Committee representing all the Finchley Civil Defence Services to raise a sum of £2,500 to endow two beds, one in the men's ward and the other in the women's ward, at the Finchley Memorial Hospital and a cot in the children's ward to commemorate the services of the Civil Defence Organisation in the Borough;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to the organising committee the best wishes of this Committee for the success of the effort.

97 **Civil Defence Personnel—Part Time Duty—Home Security Circular No. 178/1943. Relaxation of Fire Guard Duties at Business Premises—Home Security Circular No. 182/43:**

The above circulars were submitted and the Town Clerk intimated that, owing to Finchley being so near to the County of London, it was most unwise to apply the provisions of the Circulars to the Borough;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

98 **Static Water Tanks for Replenishing Stirrup Pump Buckets:**

London Region Circular No. 817 was submitted giving authority for an expenditure not exceeding £105 in connection with the provision of reconditioned steel drums with a capacity of 40/45 gallons for use in connection with the above. The matter was left in the hands of the officers and instructions were given for it to be reported to the Finance Committee.

99 **Shelter Provision:**

London Region Circular No. 822 was submitted in regard to the above.

100 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted copies of circulars which had been received from various Government Departments.

101 **New Report and Control Centre—Washing Accommodation:**

It was reported that approval had been obtained from the Middlesex County Council and the Regional Commissioners for an expenditure not exceeding £20 in connection with the above;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk take up further with the County Council the question of including a hot water supply and that same be provided in the meantime.

102 **Casualty Service—Staff Officer:**

It was reported that Mr. C. Jackson had been appointed to the above position with effect as from the 15th November, 1943.

103 **Uniforms—Surrender of Clothing Coupons:**

A letter dated 11th November, 1943, was submitted from the Town Clerk of Edmonton forwarding copy of a communication which his Authority had addressed to the Board of Trade in connection with the above and asking for the support of the Council. After hearing a report by the Town Clerk thereon, it was

RESOLVED that no action be taken in the matter.

104 **Despatch Rider—Motor Cycle:**

The Town Clerk reported upon correspondence which he had had with the County Council in regard to the allowance payable to the despatch rider in connection with the use of his motor cycle and intimated that Mr. Sanderson was at present out of pocket to the extent of £38;

RESOLVED—

(i) that in future all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in the matter be defrayed by the Council in lieu of the payment of the usual mileage allowance, which be retained by the Council, and that the question of reimbursing Mr. Sanderson the sum of £38 be referred to the Fire Prevention Sub-Committee for report; and

(ii) that further representations be made to the County Council to approve the payment of the sum of £38 above-mentioned.

105 **Rehousing:**

(*a*) Electricity Charges.—The Town Clerk reported upon correspondence which he had had with the Group Re-Housing Officer in regard to the above which, in most cases, were included in the weekly payment made by persons re-housed by the Council;

RESOLVED that wherever possible the direct liability for the payment of electricity charges be transferred to the householder and that the weekly payments in lieu of rent be adjusted accordingly.

(*b*) 20, Wentworth Park.—The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from the Group Re-Housing Officer in regard to the above premises and having regard to the views of the Senior Regional Officer referred to therein it was

RESOLVED that the premises in question be released.

106 **Ambulance Calls:**

Particulars of ambulance calls for the quarter ended 30th September, 1943, were submitted.

107 **Wages Statistics:**

Particulars of wages paid to whole time personnel for the 13 weeks ended 26th September, 1943, were submitted.

108 **Recovery of Billeting Costs:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the quarterly statement in regard to the above.

109 **Rescue Service:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that two members of the Rescue Service had frequently been absent from duty, owing to illness, during the past twelve months and he was in doubt as to their fitness for further duty;

RESOLVED that the two men in question be required to appear before the Medical Officer of Health for medical examination and, if his report is unsatisfactory, they be given notice.

110 **Fire Guard Plan—Sector Points:**

The Chief Warden reported that 67 Sector Points had been arranged and that in all but two cases no cost would fall upon the Council in the matter. It was pointed out that of these two one was used jointly with the wardens and had already been approved and that the remaining Point consisted of a ground floor room at the Woodside Club which was also available for training purposes on one night a week; he intimated that as regards the room at the Woodside Club, the rent required was 7/6d. a week inclusive of light, use of furniture, etc.;

RESOLVED that such payment be approved with effect as from the 1st May, 1943.

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

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Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
21st December, 1943.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on THURSDAY, the 30th DECEMBER, 1943, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 29th day of November, 1943.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:

(*a*) **Town Planning** of the 6th December, 1943.
(*b*) **Electricity** of the 7th December, 1943.
(*c*) **Public Libraries** of the 8th December, 1943.
(*d*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 9th December, 1943.
(*e*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 9th December, 1943.
(*f*) **Public Health** of the 9th December, 1943.
(*g*) **Education** of the 13th December, 1943.
(*h*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 14th December, 1943.
(*i*) **General Purposes** of the 15th December, 1943.
(*j*) **Finance** of the 16th December, 1943.
(*k*) **Special Committee re Housing** of the 20th December, 1943.

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider Reports of the following Committees:—

(a) **Electricity** of the 7th December, 1943.

(b) **Public Libraries** of the 8th December, 1943.

(c) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 9th December, 1943.

(d) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 9th December, 1943.

(e) **Public Health** of the 9th December, 1943.

(f) **Education** of the 13th December, 1943.

(g) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 14th December, 1943.

(h) **General Purposes** of the 15th December, 1943.

(7) To consider recommendations of the Council and Staff Joint Committee as contained in a report dated 21st December, 1943.

(8) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(9) To consider, if necessary, the raising of any temporary loan.

(10) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 29th day of NOVEMBER, 1943.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

A. N. H. Baines, C.C.
W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
C. P. Grobel.
J. Hugh Jones, LL.B.
Squadron Leader M. A. B. King-Hamilton.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.
H. H. Wilmot.

111 Prayers:

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

112 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on the 9th day of November, 1943, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

113 Apology for Absence:

It was reported that Alderman Grocott had expressed regret at his inability to be present at the meeting.

114 **Death of Mr. T. H. Hill:**

The Mayor reported, with deep regret, the death of Mr. T. H. Hill, which took place after a brief illness on the 18th November, 1943.

He recalled that Mr. Hill entered the service of the late Urban District Council in 1912, and held successively the positions of Rate Clerk, Cashier, Rate Collector and Valuation Officer, to which last-mentioned position he was appointed in 1927. He stated that Mr. Hill was, in addition, responsible for the carrying out of the work in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors for Finchley and that he had also occupied for some time past the wartime appointment of Re-Housing Officer.

The Mayor referred to other activities in which Mr. Hill had been keenly interested, and spoke in appreciative terms of the able manner in which he had at all times discharged his duties.

The members of the Council then stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that the Council, having heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. T. H. Hill, Valuation and Re-Housing Officer, tender to his widow and the members of the family their sincere sympathy with them in the sad loss which they have sustained.

115 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted:—

(*a*) **Education (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*b*) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*c*) **Valuation (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*d*) **Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*e*) **Finance (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*f*) **Highways (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*g*) **Town Planning (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*h*) **Parks and Open Spaces (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*i*) **Public Libraries (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*j*) **Electricity (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*k*) **Legal and Parliamentary** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*l*) **Housing (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*m*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*n*) **Communal Feeding (Special)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*o*) **Post-War Reconstruction** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*p*) **Special Committee re Housing** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*q*) **Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd. (Sub)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*r*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 15th November, 1943.
(*s*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 16th November, 1943.

116 **Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee (Holidays at Home):**

RESOLVED that the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on the above-mentioned Committee for the ensuing Municipal year:—

Councillor A. N. H. Baines, C.C.
,, W. C. Langlands.
,, P. Lawrence.
,, R. J. N. Norman.
,, Major H. W. Steward.
,, H. H. Wilmot.

117 Appointment of Representatives of the Council upon Various Bodies:

RESOLVED that the under-mentioned persons be appointed as the Council's representatives for the ensuing year on the Bodies set opposite to their respective names:—

Name of Body.	Representatives.
Finchley, Hornsey, Wood Green and Friern Barnet Joint Hospital Committee.	The Chairman of the Public Health Committee (Councillor J. G. Bryson). Alderman A. J. Briant. Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee.	The Chairman of the Town Planning Committee (Alderman A. J. Briant). Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P., with the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor as Deputies.
Whitley Works Committee (Employers' Side).	Councillor A. N. H. Baines, C.C., with Alderman C. S. Syrett as Deputy.

118 Finchley Food Control Committee:

The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Food, pursuant to Article 7 of the Food Control Committees (Constitution) Order, 1943, had approved the following persons for appointment to the Food Control Committee for the year 1944:—

Consumer Members	His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.). Alderman A. J. Briant. Councillor W. Blunden. ,, Mrs. F. A. Roberts. ,, Major H. W. Steward. Mr. Ronald Bartram. Mrs. J. Corbett. Mr. E. G. Hammond. Mr. A. Hurst. Mrs. H. Miller.
Trade Members	Mrs. F. M. Cornillie. Mr. W. C. Miller. Mr. S. H. Riches. Mr. A. Seymour. Mr. W. R. Smith.
Trade (Employee) Member ...	Mr. E. Worrall.

RESOLVED that the above-mentioned persons be appointed to serve on the Committee for the period in question.

119 Constitution of Committees—1943/44:

Councillor Baines intimated his desire to resign his membership of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee, and reference was made to a letter dated 11th November, 1943, from Councillor Blunden expressing his willingness to resign from that Committee in favour of Alderman Syrett and from the Parks and Open Spaces Committee in favour of Councillor Mrs. Roberts and stating that, in lieu thereof, he would like to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the resignation of Councillor Baines from the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee be accepted and that Alderman Pateman be elected in his stead;

(*b*) that Councillor Blunden's offer to resign his membership of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee and of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee be accepted;

(*c*) that Alderman Syrett be elected a member of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee and Councillor Mrs. Roberts a member of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee;

(*d*) that Councillor Blunden be elected a member of the Finance Committee; and

(*e*) that Councillor Baines be elected a member of the Co-Ordination of Wages Sub-Committee, with Alderman Syrett as his deputy.

120 **Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919. Delegation of Functions to Borough and District Councils:**

A letter dated 3rd November, 1943, was submitted from the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council enclosing two copies of a report on this subject by the General Purposes Committee which was submitted to the County Council recently, when the Committee's recommendation as to the desirability of the transfer of the County Council's functions under the above-mentioned Act to the County District Councils was unanimously adopted.

It was stated that the County Council took the view that the desired degree of administrative efficiency could not be attained by the transfer of rat destruction functions to some of the County District Councils whilst in other districts they continued to be exercised by the County Council, and that the only really satisfactory method for effecting such a transfer throughout the County would be by delegation with consent as provided for in Section 2 of the Act of 1919; further, that they therefore hoped that the Council would see fit to agree to do all that was necessary on their part to make the service a local one, as distinct from a County service, throughout the whole of Middlesex.

It was further reported—

(1) that the Director of Infestation Control of the Ministry of Food had written stating that he was informed that the Middlesex County Council were willing to grant delegated powers to the Council, and urging that they should accept such delegation for the following reasons:—

(*a*) It would assist the war effort.

(*b*) Decentralisation would facilitate recruitment of manpower and avoidance of unnecessary travel.

(*c*) Closer co-ordination of effort in tackling this difficult problem, i.e. infestation of private property and the contributory source in and from works and premises of Local and other Authorities and undertakings would facilitate simultaneous and effective action, more especially in the rural or semi-rural parts of the country.

(*d*) Financial cover for new duties, now available to Local Authorities, would enable them to reclaim from the Ministry of Food their irrecoverable expenses, i.e. such as they were unable to recover under the statute from third parties.

(2) that the Divisional Food Officer had expressed the hope that the Council would co-operate in the matter in order to ensure the success of the campaign; and

(3) that the Friern Barnet Council, who had also had the powers of delegation offered to them by the County Council, had accepted them, and had approached the Town Clerk with a view to assistance being afforded them in the matter of staff on terms to be agreed;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the Council agree, in principle, to accept a delegation of the powers in question, in accordance with the wishes of the County Council, and that the matter be referred to the Public Health Committee with power to settle any necessary details;

(*b*) that the Council agree, in principle, to assist the Friern Barnet Council, and that the matter be referred to the Public Health Committee for consideration and report.

121 Rating and Valuation Acts—Appeals to Quarter Sessions. Kenstead Hall, The Bishop's Avenue:

A letter dated 20th November, 1943, was submitted from the Clerk to the North Middlesex Assessment Committee stating that the Appeals (1) by Colonel Waite against the decision of the North Middlesex Assessment Committee given at their meeting on the 23rd July, 1943, determining the revised assessment of Kenstead Hall, part garages and front garden at £1,000 gross, £830 rateable value, and (2) of Mr. Rose against the decision of the Assessment Committee also given on the 23rd July, determining the revised value of part garages, back garden, gardener's and chauffeur's rooms and greenhouses at £88 gross, £70 rateable value, were heard by the Appeals Committee of the Middlesex Court of Quarter Sessions on the 18th November, 1943.

He added that, after hearing Mr. C. Gerald Eve and the owner, Mr. Rose, who were called as witnesses for the appellants, and Mr. Dulake of J. R. Eve & Son who was called as a witness for the Assessment Committee, the Court, without calling upon either Counsel to address them, decided to dismiss both Appeals and awarded costs to the Assessment Committee.

The Council noted with pleasure the success of the Assessment Committee and directed the Town Clerk to write to the Committee accordingly.

122 Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1—Proposed Canteen—Rear of 1105, High Road, N.20—The Hillside Engineering Co., Ltd. Plan No. 10776:

(*a*) The Town Clerk reported that the proposal in connection with the above had been duly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme and that no objections had been received. The Borough Surveyor intimated that the matter would be dealt with at the next meeting of the Town Planning Committee.

(*b*) The Borough Surveyor also reported that the consent of the Council was required in connection with this plan under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and that he saw no reason why such consent should be withheld;

RESOLVED that the consent of the Council as the Highway Authority be given to the proposal in question under the provisions of Section 2(1) of the Act subject, if applicable, to the condition mentioned in Minute No. 200 (*a*) (1936/37).

123 H.M.S. Tartar:

The Mayor reported on a visit which he had recently received from Lt. Commander R. J. St. J. Tyrwhitt, D.S.C., R.N., of H.M.S. Tartar, when he expressed his grateful thanks for all that had been done by the public of Finchley for the men of his ship.

124 Document for Sealing:

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the under-mentioned document:—

Discharge of Registered Charge or Vacating Receipt in respect of Mortagage No. 810 —H. W. Grange, 17, Finchley Park, N.12 (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts).

125 **Proposed Maternity and Child Welfare Committee:**

In accordance with notice, the Deputy Mayor moved as follows:—

"(1) that it being expedient that a Special Committee should be constituted by the Council for the purpose of dealing with all matters relating to Maternity and Child Welfare, the title of the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be altered to 'Public Health Committee';

(2) that the provision in the Standing Orders relating to the co-option of three members on the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be deleted;

(3) that a Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be constituted by the Council; that it consist of the members for the time being of the Public Health Committee, together with three co-opted members; that it be added to the list of 'other Committees' referred to in the Standing Orders, and that the powers and duties thereof be to consider and report from time to time to the Council on all matters concerning the discharge of the functions of the Council relating to Maternity and Child Welfare under the Public Health Act, 1936, or under any other Statute or Regulation in that behalf;

(4) that any consequential alterations be, and they are hereby, made in the Standing Orders of the Council to give effect to the foregoing;

(5) that, during the present Municipal Year, meetings of the Public Health Committee be held at 8 p.m. on the day fixed for meetings of the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and that the newly constituted Maternity and Child Welfare Committee meet on the same evening at 7.30 p.m."

The motion was seconded by Alderman Syrett, and on being put, was declared carried.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk intimated that last year the following Co-Opted Members were elected on the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee:—

Mrs. Reeves;
Mrs. Sladden;
One vacancy;

and that the Committee of the Church End Welfare Centre had submitted the name of the Secretary, Mrs. A. Gotch, for election as one of the Co-Opted Members for 1943/44;

RESOLVED that the question of the appointment of three Co-Opted Members to serve on the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be referred to that Committee for consideration.

126 **Accounts for Payment:**

RESOLVED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk, directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned, amounting to £37,947 16s. 2d., made up as follows:—

Fund or Account.	Amount. £	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	29,076	2	0
Electricity Revenue	7,856	15	10
Housing Revenue	964	18	4
Loan Interest	50	0	0
	£37,947	16	2

127 Council in Committee:

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Major Steward, and on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

128 Reports of Committees:

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, and that such Reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Sub-Committee re Appointment of Temporary Assistant Solicitor** of the 8th November, 1943.

(*b*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 16th November, 1943.

} Annexed.

129 Solicitors' Practising Certificates:

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the renewal of the Practising Certificates in respect of the Town Clerk, the Temporary Deputy Town Clerk and the Temporary Assistant Solicitor.

130 Valuation Officer:

The Town Clerk reported that, following upon the death of Mr. T. H. Hill, the Council would no doubt desire to give consideration to the question of the filling of the vacancy;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that, notwithstanding anything contained in the resolution passed by the Council on the 28th September, 1940, advertisements be issued inviting applications for the position in accordance with the scale approved by the Council, namely, £500 per annum rising, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £25 to a maximum of £800 per annum, plus cost of living bonus;

(2) that the General Purposes Committee be authorised to make the appointment, subject to report, and that the Committee be empowered to increase the commencing salary having regard to the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate; and

(3) that it be intimated in the advertisement that the successful candidate may also be required by the Council to undertake, without additional remuneration, the duties of Re-Housing Officer and the work in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors for the Finchley Parliamentary Division.

131 Meetings of Committees:

RECOMMENDED that meetings of undermentioned Committees be held as follows:—

(*a*) Day Nurseries Sub-Committee on the 9th December, 1943, at 7 p.m.

(*b*) Special Committee re Housing on the 20th December, 1943, at 8 p.m.

132 **Proposed Fire Station:**

The Town Clerk intimated that the Regional Commissioners did not propose to proceed with the scheme for the erection of a fire station on the site at East Finchley, and had submitted certain amended proposals;

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised to the proposed user of Nos. 252/4/6/8, Regents Park Road, for the purpose desired.

133 **Staff—O.H.M.S.:**

Lt. Col. Westlake made a statement in regard to his service with H.M. Forces;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be directed to communicate with the Electricity Commissioners urging that, in the circumstances, Lt. Col. Westlake may be released from his military duties at an early date.

134 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Syrett, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

D. A. Merry
Mayor.
30th December, 1943.

Town Planning Committee's Report.

6th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Alderman A. J. Briant (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Captain Franks and Wilmot.

135 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

136 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor H. H. Wilmot be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

137 **Deposited Plans:**

1.—

Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situate.	Owner.
10777	Reconstruction of section of factory and roofing over loading yard.	Friern Park, N.12.	Specialloids Ltd.
10779	Conversion of existing house into two self-contained flats.	62, Woodside Park Road, N.12.	Mr. W. E. H. Jones.
10781	Conversion into two self-contained flats.	6, Mountfield Road, N.3.	Messrs. E. J. & P. Bower.

This is the Report of the Sub-Committee referred to in paragraph 128 (a) of the Council Minutes of the 29th November, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE RE APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SOLICITOR.

8th November, 1943.

PART II.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor The Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P.), Alderman Syrett and Councillors Grobel and Major Steward.

1. CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that Councillor Major Steward be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SOLICITOR.

The Sub-Committee interviewed four candidates for the above position and it was

RESOLVED that Mr. R.W.T. Thorp, B.A., of Finchley, be appointed thereto on the terms mentioned in the advertisement, except that the requirement as to the passing of a medical examination be waived.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

35(B)

This is the Report of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee referred to in paragraph 128 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 29th November, 1943.

D.A.A. Merry

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

16th November, 1943.

PART II.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B. and Lawrence.

Non-Members: Aldermen Pateman and Syrett.

ST. MARY'S FIRST AID POST.

The Town Clerk reported upon a conference which had taken place between representatives of the Ministry of Health, the Regional Commissioners and the Board of Education in regard to accommodation for the children of St. Mary's School and intimated that, as a result, it was likely that the Council's proposals to erect temporary buildings to accommodate some of the children concerned would receive approval.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the above plans be approved and that consent be given to the conversions mentioned in 10779 and 10781 under the Planning Schemes.

2.—10783—Civic Restaurant, Lyttelton Road.—It was reported that the site indicated in the above plan had been requisitioned on behalf of the Ministry of Food for the erection of a Civic Restaurant;

RECOMMENDED that the plans for the building be considered further when the requisitioning period expires, and that in the meantime this Committee withhold their approval.

3.—10782—Alterations and extensions—923, High Road, N.12.—Messrs. Lindsay Bros., Ltd.—

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the plan be approved;

(*b*) that approval be granted for the period of the War and six months thereafter to the non-conforming user of both the existing building and the extension subject to there being nothing which in the opinion of the Council would be a nuisance to neighbouring residents or occupiers;

(*c*) that the applicants be required to remove the extension if and when called upon by the Council so to do; and

(*d*) that the applicants be required to enter into an agreement with the Council embodying (inter alia) the above terms in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk.

4.—961T—Garage—Rear of 308, Ballards Lane, N.12.—Mr. S. Finch.

RECOMMENDED that the plan be approved as a short-lived materials building for the period of the War and six months thereafter.

5.—10776—Canteen and Cloakroom, rear of 1105, High Road, N.20.—Hillside Engineering Co., Ltd.—The Committee were reminded that at the meeting of the Council held on the 25th October, 1943, the above application had been disapproved under the Byelaws but had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme, no objections having been received thereto.

After further discussion it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that consent to the erection of the above buildings be refused as such user would contravene the character zoning provisions of the scheme; and

(*b*) that the Town Clerk be instructed to seek Counsel's opinion on what action, if any, should be taken to protect the Council's position in respect of wartime industries being carried on in contravention of the character zoning of approved Schemes.

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Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situate.	Owner.
(*i*) 10778	Garage	55, Nethercourt Avenue, N.3.	Mr. A.H. Miller.
(*ii*) 10780	Conversion into 5 self-contained flats.	Glenaradale, Woodside Avenue, N.12.	Mr. W. E. H. Jones.

RESOLVED that consent be not given to the conversion proposed in Plan No. 10780 as such conversion would contravene the character zoning provisions of Scheme 1, and that as regards Plan No. 10778 consent be not given under the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888.

Arising out of Nos. 3 and 4 the Borough Surveyor reported that he would be submitting at the Council Meeting plans for consideration by the Council as the Highway Authority under the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935.

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TOWN PLANNING (*contd.*)

138 **Non-Conforming Use of Premises:**

1.—Notices of Appeal.—

(*a*) Scheme 1.—178, Regents Park Road, N.3 (Storage and Packing).

(*b*) Scheme 6—185, High Road, N.2 (Plant and Material Depot and Administrative Offices).

The Town Clerk reported that notification of appeals to the Ministry of Town and Country Planning against the Council's decision to refuse consent to the non-conforming user of the above premises had been received.

2.—Scheme 1.—

(*a*) Glencroft, Allandale Avenue, N.3.—It was reported that in accordance with the instructions contained in Minute No. 913(i) of 1942/43 the application from the United Synagogue for permission to use the above premises for meetings of Local Youth Organisations including classes of religious instruction, private dances and concerts, had been duly advertised and that a Notice of Objection had been received signed by 106 residents in the neighbourhood.

After full discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that consent be refused as the proposed user would contravene the character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

(*b*) Land at the Rear of East End Road and Sedgemere Avenue.

(i) An application for permission to leave on the above ground an 18ft. sailing craft and trailer was submitted, but arising thereon the Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported that the craft and trailer had now been removed;

RECOMMENDED that consent be not granted as such user would contravene the character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

(ii) The Town Clerk reported that with reference to Minute 1147 of 1942/43 and in connection with the steps taken to secure the removal of the oil drums from the above land, he had consulted Counsel on the matter and that acting on his advice and with the approval of the Chairman fresh Notices had been served in regard thereto;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved and that the Town Clerk be instructed to brief Counsel in the matter.

(*c*) Land in Hillcrest Gardens.—The Committee considered the reference from the Council at their meeting of the 27th September, 1943, regarding the advertisements that had appeared in the Press in respect of the sale of caravans on the above site. Arising thereon, the Borough Surveyor reported that two advertisements erected on the land had been removed;

RECOMMENDED that it be pointed out to the owners of the caravans that the above site is to be used for storage purposes only and that if they persist in advertising the sale of caravans from the site or have any dealings regarding the same on the site, the Council's consent to the use of the land for storage will be withdrawn.

3.—Scheme 6.—

(*a*) 22, Hendon Lane, N.3.—An application was submitted from Mr. L. Zimbler for permission to use part of the ground floor of the former Municipal Offices as a workshop for the repair of furniture.

(*b*) 4, Albert Mews, N.3.—An application was submitted from Messrs. Firth and Laughlin for permission to use the above premises as a builders' store and workshop.

(*c*) 3, Alexandra Grove, N.12.—The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported that an application had been received from the Secretary of the North Finchley and Woodside Park Hebrew Congregation for permission to use the ground floor of the above Premises as a Synagogue and class rooms for religious instruction, the upper part being used as the residence of the Minister or similar official; further, that a lease of the whole premises had been taken for a period of 3 years from the 24th May, 1943;

RECOMMENDED that consent to the above users be granted subject to:—

(i) there being nothing carried on or done on the property which in the opinion of the Council would be a nuisance to neighbouring residents or occupiers;

(ii) the period of consent in the case of (*a*) being limited to the duration of the War and six months thereafter, and in the case of (*c*) to a period of 3 years as from the 24th May, 1943; and

(iii) the applicants entering into agreements respectively with the Council embodying (inter alia) the above terms in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk.

139 Town and Country Planning Act, 1932. Minister of Town and Country Planning Act, 1943. Finchley Planning Schemes Nos. 6 and 9a:

The Town Clerk reported receipt of an Instrument further extending to the 30th November, 1944, the time within which the above Schemes shall be made.

140 Ministry of Town and Country Planning Circulars Nos. 5 and 6:

The above Circulars were submitted enclosing copies of memoranda on:—

(*a*) Survey and other work essential for the proper exercising of Planning Control during the War, and

(*b*) Use of technical staff.

141 North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee—Ministry of Town and Country Planning Circular No. 2:

The Town Clerk read a letter received from the above Committee requesting the Council's observations on paragraphs 6 and 7 of the above Circular, dealing with the setting up of Joint Planning Committees;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the Committee to the effect that without further evidence the Council see no reason for any alteration of the constitution or powers of the North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee.

142 Town and Country Planning Association—County of London Plan:

The Town Clerk reported upon a memorandum issued by the Executive of the above Association regarding the County of London Plan and requesting this Authority to consider a suggested line of action. After full discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that consideration thereof be deferred for the time being.

143 Temporary Buildings and Coffee Stalls—Licence Renewals:

The Borough Surveyor reported that the licences of approximately 200 temporary buildings and two coffee stalls would expire on the 31st December, 1943, and that under existing conditions it was impossible to inspect the various premises concerned and to circulate the usual list;

RECOMMENDED that the licences in question be renewed for periods equalling those granted in the several existing licences, all licences to expire on the 31st December of the appropriate year.

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TOWN PLANNING (*contd.*)

144 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

A. J. BRIANT,

Chairman.

Electricity Committee's Report.

7th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (Chairman), Councillor Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) and Councillor Bryson.

Non-member: Alderman Pateman.

145 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held on the 14th September and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

146 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

147 **General Manager and Engineer's Report:**

The General Manager and Engineer reported as follows:—

(*a*) Allotments.—That a piece of ground at the Electricity Works had been under cultivation during the War period, the work entailed having been undertaken by labourers on standby duty; that, owing to the necessity for reducing staff, the necessary labour was not now available and that he proposed, with the Committee's approval, to let the ground in plots to members of the Electricity Department's staff at the standard Wartime Allotments Association's rates;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(*b*) Mobile Rectifier Sub-Station.—That application had been made by the Emergency Services Organisation of the Ministry of Aircraft Production for the terms on which the 500 kw Mobile Rectifier Sub-Station could be loaned for use in an emergency, and that he had suggested, subject to the Council's approval, certain terms and conditions, the monetary component being an initial payment of £100, plus a rent of £5 a day;

RECOMMENDED that the Council agree to the sub-station being loaned for emergency purposes on the terms indicated above, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to prepare the necessary Agreement in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the General Manager and Engineer.

(*c*) Sale of Second-Hand Plant.—That the following redundant sub-station plant had been sold to F. S. Slater & Co., at the prices stated below:—

1 125 K.V.A. Transformer	£50
3 Ammeters and 2 Frequency Meters	£10
10 Reyrolle Circuit Breakers 6 Reyrolle Standards for Switches 12 300 amp. Busbar Sections 12 Bond Joints for Busbar Sections	£325

that, in addition, he had sold 1 1½ h.p. D.C. Motor to Bennetts Shoe Stores, East Finchley, for the sum of £10;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that Standing Order No. 13 be suspended, and that the action taken by the General Manager and Engineer be approved; and

(2) that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, in view of prevailing conditions, the Chairman of the Committee be empowered, during the present emergency, to authorise the acceptance of any offers received in connection with the sale of second-hand plant, etc., subject to report.

(*d*) Minimum Charge.—That the minimum charge was revised some time ago and in certain cases caused considerable hardship, particularly in the case of old age pensioners.

Arising thereon it was intimated that an announcement had that day been made that the Minister of Fuel and Power had decided to issue an amended Order and general direction whereby the sum of 25/- per annum fixed under the existing Order would be replaced by 10/- per annum with proportionate adjustments of the sums specified in the existing Order for periods of less than twelve months.

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to deal with certain cases, pending the coming into force of the new Order.

(*e*) Sale of Rubber Cable.—That, anticipating considerable wiring work and shortage of rubber cable, he was able to secure considerable stocks and that, in view of the falling off of work, and the considerable shortage of rubber cable in the country, a portion of the stock could be released; further, that he had received an offer of £469 1s. 8d. from the West Ham Corporation for certain quantities, the purchase price of which was £375 1s. 4d.;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No 13 be suspended and that the offer in question be accepted.

148 **Application of Surplus Revenue to Capital Expenditure:**

The Town Clerk reported that the consent of the Electricity Commissioners to an expenditure of £307 3s. 10d. being met out of surplus revenue in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1943, had been received, but that the Commissioners had intimated that their consent should have been obtained before liability for expenditure was incurred and that arrangements should be made for this course to be followed in future.

The observations of the Commissioners were noted by the Committee.

149 **Post-War Reconstruction:**

The Town Clerk reported that a circular letter dated 29th October, 1943, had been received from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association indicating the action which was being taken by the Association with a view to safeguarding the interests of Electricity Undertakers, and forwarding, for the information of the Council, copy of a question asked in the House of Commons by Alderman A. Critchley, M.P., and of the reply given by the Minister of Fuel and Power as follows:—

"ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY—RE-ORGANISATION.

Alderman A. Critchley, M.P., asked the Minister of Fuel and Power whether he will give an assurance that no scheme will be drafted for the reconstruction of the electricity industry without consulting the several bodies who represent the industry and whose interests would thereby be affected?

Major Lloyd George: I can assure my Hon. Friend that the Government will not put forward any proposals for re-organising the electricity supply industry without previous consultation with representative bodies of the industry."

ELECTRICITY (*contd.*)

150 **Rehousing—Electricity Charges:**

The Town Clerk drew the attention of the Committee to the following resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee upon the suggestion of the Minister of Health:—

"that wherever possible the direct liability for the payment of electricity charges be transferred to the householder and that the weekly payments in lieu of rent be adjusted accordingly."

RECOMMENDED that the whole matter be referred to the Chairman of the Committee, the Town Clerk, the General Manager and Engineer, and the Acting Re-housing Officer for investigation, and that they be authorised to communicate with the Ministry of Health thereon, if necessary.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

Public Libraries Committee's Report.

8th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Wells and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Squadron Leader King-Hamilton and Mrs. Roberts.

151 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on the 4th October, and of a Special meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

152 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Roberts be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

153 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

154 **Chief Librarian's Report:**

The Chief Librarian reported that:—

(*a*) Statistics.—The statistics for the month of October, 1943, were as follows:—

LIBRARY.	READERS.				BOOK ISSUES.	
	Adult.	Junior.	Total	(Total 1942).	Oct. 1943.	(Oct. 1942).
Church End	4069	800	4869	(4611)	18,352	(14,569)
North Finchley	6472	1012	7484	(8287)	18,718	(19,540)
East Finchley	5058	1222	6280	(5373)	18,570	(18,224)
TOTALS	15,599	3034	18,633	(18,271)	55,640	(52,333)

(*b*) Stock: Replacements and Withdrawals (October and November).—The total number of volumes withdrawn from stock was 690, of which 530 copies had been permanently withdrawn and 160 replaced by new copies.

(*c*) Staff.—The Ministry of Labour and National Service had informed him that of the five girls on the Staff who were in the 1924 class, four would be transferred to industry, the withdrawal being subject to prior substitution by part-timers; that certain part-time appointments had been made and that particulars thereof would be submitted to the General Purposes Committee at their next meeting.

In view of the staff difficulties thus created, the Committee considered the question of closing the Libraries at an earlier time than at present on certain days during the week, and it was

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the Libraries be closed at 6 p.m. until further notice; and

(ii) that notices be exhibited explaining the reason for such action.

(*d*) Talks to Children.—The following talks had been arranged at East Finchley Library:—

20th November: (Mr. C. W. Stokes) Canada (illustrated by two films in technicolour).

2nd December: (Chief Librarian) Bird Song (illustrated by records).

9th December: (Mr. Whitbread) The Making of a Local Newspaper.

23rd December: (Mr. H. Wooding Monk) Christmas Carols.

(*e*) The Public Library Service (Post War Reorganisation and Development).—The Library Association Council had asked for the observations of the Council on certain proposals hereon, a copy of which had been circulated to the members of the Committee. After full consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Association be informed that the Council can only see their way to support the proposals as mentioned below, viz.:—

(i) that the provision of adequate services by Library Authorities should be made compulsory; and

(ii) that the re-establishment of Schools of Librarianship attached to Universities be regarded as essential for the training of those whose studies have been interrupted by war service, and for the professional training of post-war entrants.

155 **Closing of Public Libraries—Christmas, 1943:**

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the Public Libraries be closed on Xmas Day, the following Sunday and on Boxing Day.

156 **Old Prints, Etc.:**

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Frank Madgett had offered to present the Corporation with two old notice bills relating to activities in the district and two old photographs of Whetstone, and had expressed his willingness to bear the cost of framing;

RECOMMENDED that the offer be accepted, and that a letter of appreciation of his action be forwarded to Mr. Madgett.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

Day Nurseries Sub-Committee's Report.

9th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

157 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

158 **Medical Officer's Report for the 19 Weeks ended 27th November, 1943:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

ATTENDANCES AT NURSERIES.

	1943 Moss Hall.	1943 Regents.	1943 Torrington. (8.11.43)	1942 Moss Hall.	1942 Regents. (20.7.43)	1942 Torrington.
Children under 2 years ...	1307	810	145	1784	1096	—
Children over 2 years ...	3484	3131	218	3618	1392	—
Total attendances ...	4791	3941	363	5402	2488	—
Average attendance per day	42.0	34.6	20.2	47.4	23.0	—
Total receipts ...	£258 10 0	£204 5 0	£19 16 0	£265 0 6	£136 3 0	—

159 **Torrington Nursery:**

(*a*) Play Ground.—The Medical Officer reported that it would be necessary to lay out a small play ground for the children at the above nursery and to construct a sand pit;

RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be asked to prepare an estimate for submission to the Minister of Health.

(*b*) Staff.—The Town Clerk reported the approval of the Ministry of Health to certain staff at the above nursery.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Report.

9th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts.

160 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being considered.

161 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor J. G. Bryson be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

162 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. Legge be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

163 **Membership of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee:**

The reference from the Council regarding the appointment of three co-opted members was considered and it was

RECOMMENDED that the following persons be elected co-opted members for the ensuing year:—

Mrs. Gotch.
Mrs. Reeves.
Mrs. Sladden.

164 **Sub-Committee re Accommodation for Maternity Cases:**

RECOMMENDED that the above Sub-Committee be re-appointed and that notwithstanding Standing Order No. 2(2) it be constituted as follows:—

Mayor
Deputy Mayor } *Ex-officio.*
Councillor Bryson.
,, Mrs. Legge.
,, Mrs. Roberts.
Mrs. Reeves.
Mrs. Sladden.

165 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

Arising out of items 83, 94 and 95, the Chairman referred to the General Notice of Interest he had given to the Town Clerk and did not vote or take part in the discussion thereon.

166 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 13 Weeks ended 27th November, 1943:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(*a*) Statistics.—

(*i*) ATTENDANCES AT WELFARE CENTRES.

	1943. North Finchley.	1943. East Finchley.	1943. Church End.	1942. North Finchley.	1942. East Finchley.	1942. Church End.
Children under 1 year ...	1115	1466	1518	1108	1163	1014
Children over 1 year	709	743	651	693	742	609
Total attendances	1824	2269	2169	1801	1905	1623
New babies	62	81	88	68	101	74
Seen by doctors	572	674	448	614	683	487

(*ii*) ATTENDANCES AT DAY NURSERY.

Total attendances	2155	2227
Average attendance per day	33.2	34.3
Total receipts	£77 0 0	£76 5 3

(*iii*) ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

	734	948

(*iv*) CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

	Mothers.	Children.
Number on register on 3rd September	27	27
Number added	2	2
Number removed	—	—
Number on register on 2nd December	29	29

(*b*) Care of Illegitimate Children—Ministry of Health Circular No. 2866.—That the above Circular had been received pointing out that the Minister of Health recommends that County Councils should call a conference of all Welfare Authorities in the County in order that a Joint Scheme might be prepared;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk request the County Council to call the conference referred to in the above Circular.

(*c*) Influenza.—That a letter had been received from the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health stating that he was asking the British Red Cross Society, the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Women's Voluntary Services to render any emergency help possible to families who were stricken with influenza.

(*d*) Health Centre—Boiler.—That the boiler at the above Centre had burst, that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Company and that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor was arranging for the boiler to be repaired as quickly as possible;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*e*) Second Report on Nurses Salaries Committee.—That the above report had been received and that the salaries of three Health Visitors in the Borough would be affected. The Committee decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, and

RECOMMENDED that the Report be adopted and that the action taken be approved.

167 **Domiciliary Services of Midwives:**

The letter from the Middlesex County Council was submitted agreeing to the number of midwives employed by the Council being increased to four and approving the appointment of Miss Stratton to fill the vacancy.

168 **Priorities for Expectant Mothers:**

With reference to Minute No. 908 of 1942/3 regarding the distribution of clothing coupons to expectant mothers the Town Clerk read correspondence relating thereto, including a letter from the Ministry of Health setting out the reasons for the change in procedure.

169 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the instruction given to the Medical Officer of Health as entered in his Instruction Book be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Public Health Committee's Report.

9th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

170 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being considered.

171 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

172 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

173 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 13 Weeks ended 27th November, 1943:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(*a*) Statistics.

Population June 1942—59,990.

	1943. N.	1943. E.	1943. W.	1943. Total.	1942.
(*i*) DEATHS.					
Number registered	22	31	45	98	81
Infants under 1 year	1	1	1	3	4
Infectious disease	—	—	—	—	1
(*ii*) BIRTHS.					
Number notified under the Public Health Act, 1936	49	80	81	210	214
(*iii*) INFECTIOUS DISEASE.					
Total cases notified	21	25	28	74	119
Scarlet Fever	15	10	19	44	59
Diphtheria	—	4	1	5	1
Erysipelas	2	—	2	4	7
Pneumonia	—	1	1	2	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	—	1	1
Malaria	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	—	4	—	4	29
Whooping Cough	4	5	5	14	16
(*iv*) TUBERCULOSIS.					
Pulmonary cases	4	3	10	17	22
Non-Pulmonary cases	2	—	—	2	1
(*v*) PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.					
Number in hospital on the 3rd September				18	8
Number admitted				35	61
Number discharged				38	44
Number in hospital on the 2nd December				15	25

(*b*) Houses without Proper Dustbins—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 75.—That the following houses were not provided with proper dustbins:—

14 and 19, Grange Avenue, N.12.
18, Stanhope Road, N.12.
82, Grove Road, N.12.
60, Leicester Road, N.2.
24, Bedford Road, N.2.

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that a notice be served upon the owners of these properties requiring a strong iron dustbin with suitable cover to be provided in each case; and

(ii) that failing compliance with such notices legal proceedings be taken under the above Act.

PUBLIC HEALTH (*contd.*)

(*c*) Statutory Nuisances—Public Health Act, 1936.—That the following premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance:—

6, Richmond Road, N.2.
35, Manor Park Road, N.2.
5 & 64, Brackenbury Road, N.2.
60, Leicester Road, N.2.
24, Bedford Road, N.2.
51, Manor Park Road, N.2.

RECOMMENDED that a Statutory Notice be served upon the respective owners of the above-mentioned properties requiring them to execute the works detailed by the Medical Officer within the time specified by such Notice.

(*d*) Defective Water Closet—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 45.—That the Water Closet provided at 58, Park Hall Road, N.2, was in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance but that it could, without reconstruction, be put into a satisfactory condition;

RECOMMENDED that notice be served on the owner requiring him to carry out the works indicated by the Medical Officer within the time specified in the Notice.

(*e*) Unsound Food.—That the following diseased and unsound meat and other miscellaneous foodstuffs had been dealt with since the last meeting of the Committee:—

41 lbs. beef.
5 stone fish.
723½ lbs. rabbits.
10 oz. bacon.
1 lobster.
96 lbs. tomatoes.
21 eggs.
3 lbs. butter.
26¼ lbs. margarine.
4½ lbs. cheese.
72 fish cakes.
20 lbs. soya flour.
34 lbs. semolina.
8 lbs. rice.
10¼ lbs. pearl barley.
31 lbs. sugar.
4½ lbs. oatmeal.
1 lb. blancmange powder.
7 lbs. egg substitute.
31 bottles of vinegar.
14 bottles of coffee extract.
1 jar of honey.
2 jars salad dressing.
1 jar pickles.
1 jar malt cocoa spread.

113—6 lb. tins Corned Beef.
14—12 oz. tins Corned Beef.
29—6 lb. tins Corned Mutton.
17—6 lb. tins pork luncheon meat.
21—2½ lb tins ,, ,, ,,
8—12 oz. tins ,, ,, ,,
3—4 lbs. tins brisket.
4 tins tongue.
10 tins stewed steak.
1 tin meat roll.
8 tins beef loaf.
4 tins savoury hot lunch.
14 tins soup.
143 tins vegetables.
17 tins salmon.
19 tins herrings.
16 tins pilchards.
4 tins mackerel.
3 tins sardines.
186 tins condensed milk.
1 tin Household milk.
21 tins fruit.
62 tins jam.
2 tins marmalade.
2 tins golden syrup.

Arising out of the above, the Town Clerk reported that Ministry of Health Circular No. 2886 had been received reporting certain changes in the arrangements for dealing with food found to be unfit for human consumption.

(*f*) Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936 to 1941—Licences.—That a number of applications for licences under the above Order had been received from dealers mentioned in the list circulated;

RECOMMENDED that the applications be granted for the year ending 31st December, 1944, subject to payment of the prescribed fees and, as regards those applications set out in paragraph (*a*) of the list, to the principal licences and the licences of the producers being in order.

(*g*) Food and Drugs Act, 1938—Section 57—Licences—Slaughterhouses.—That a number of applications for licences for the use and occupation of existing slaughterhouses had been received from the persons mentioned in the list circulated;

RECOMMENDED that subject to payment of the prescribed fees licences be granted to the applicants in question for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

(*h*) Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—Section 3—Licences—Slaughtermen.—That applications had been received from the undermentioned persons for the renewal of their licences to slaughter animals in slaughterhouses or knackers' yards:—

Name of Person.	Address.	Employer.
D. Foskett.	294, High Road, N.2.	S. Pulham & Sons, Ltd.
Charles O. Andrews.	7, Ballards Lane, N.3.	J. E. Semple.
Thomas Barnes Smith.	57, Devonshire Road, Mill Hill, N.W.7.	T. A. Vivers.

RECOMMENDED that the applications be granted for the year ending 31st December, 1944, subject to payment of a fee of 1/- in each case.

174 Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928:

Messrs. Standard Telephones & Cables, Ltd., 836, High Road, N.12.—The Petroleum Inspector reported that application had been received from the above firm for a licence to keep pertoleum spirit and/or mixture for the period ending 30th June, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the application be granted for the period ending 30th June, 1944, subject to the usual conditions prescribed by the Petroleum Officer being observed.

175 Finchley, Hornsey, Wood Green and Friern Barnet Joint Hospital Committee:

The Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1942/43 together with the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1943, of the above Committee were submitted.

176 Royal Sanitary Institute—London Sessional Meeting:

The Town Clerk read a letter received from the above Institute inviting representatives from this Council to attend a meeting on the 9th February, 1944, when a discussion on rodent infestation would be held;

RECOMMENDED that any member desiring to attend should communicate with the Medical Officer of Health and that any necessary expenses be paid in connection therewith.

177 Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Delegation of Functions to Borough and District Councils:

Arising out of the decision of the Council at its last meeting the Town Clerk referred to the above matter and the Medical Officer of Health gave some particulars of the expenditure which was likely to arise on the transfer of the County Council's functions to this Council;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that further action in the matter be deferred pending the decision by the County Council of the date when the delegation shall take effect; and

(*b*) that as regards the possibility of co-operation with Friern Barnet it be left to the officers concerned to discuss the matter with representatives of the Friern Barnet Council and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

178 Inter-District Drainage Charges:

The Borough Treasurer reported upon the adjustment of these charges to give effect to the recoupment of loan charges by the M.C.C. under the provisions of the East Middlesex Drainage Scheme. To avoid what amounted in the circumstances to a double charge he proposed to suggest to the Friern Barnet U.D.C. that the inter-district drainage rate of charge should be reduced by the equivalent rate poundage represented by the loan charges repaid to that Authority under the Scheme;

RECOMMENDED that the course suggested by the Borough Treasurer be approved.

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PUBLIC HEALTH (*contd.*)

179 **Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Report:**

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported as follows:—

(*a*) Sewage Analyses.—That samples of sewage effluent had been taken from the point of discharge to Strawberry Vale Brook on the 21st September and 23rd November, 1943, and that the analysis figures of the check samples were satisfactory.

(*b*) Salvage—Tonnage Sold.—

	August, 1943. T.	C.	Q.	August, 1942. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	60	11	—	74	13	1
Bones	—	10	2	2	2	—
Textiles	4	11	3	3	4	—
Bottles	8	7	2	6	12	—
Cullet	—	—	—	5	10	—
Tins	10	4	2	14	11	—
Gramophone Records	—	7	—	—	—	—
Rubber	—	—	—	1	18	—
Non-Ferrous metals	—	—	—	—	12	—
	34	12	1	109	2	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	547	18	11	575	8	6
Council's share of Nett Profits	120	17	8	55	17	11

	September, 1943. T.	C.	Q.	September, 1942. T.	C.	Q.
Books	—	19	1	—	—	—
Paper	56	15	3	69	9	—
Bones	—	16	3	1	8	—
Textiles	4	1	1	4	10	—
Bottles	6	11	1	6	18	—
Cullet	—	—	—	4	3	—
Tins	7	15	—	16	9	1
Non-Ferrous metals	1	3	3	—	—	—
Scrap Iron	—	—	—	3	4	—
	78	3	—	106	1	1

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	528	15	9	615	14	1
Council's share of Nett Profits	127	16	4	66	10	4

	October, 1943. T.	C.	Q.	October, 1942. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	60	6	2	65	15	2
Bones	—	13	3	—	10	2
Textiles	2	10	3	1	16	—
Bottles	9	3	2	6	15	—
Cullet	4	5	2	4	8	3
Tins	7	10	—	14	14	2
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	—	—	—	13	2
Scrap Iron	—	—	—	2	13	—
Rubber	—	—	—	3	10	—
	84	10	—	100	16	3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	437	18	6	535	16	1
Council's share of Nett Profit	86	18	6	107	14	8

(*c*) Pig Food Disposals.—

1943.	T.	C.	Q.
August	81	8	2
September	82	5	1
October	76	12	1

1942.	T.	C.	Q.
August	76	7	2
September	92	10	—
October	74	15	3

(*d*) Squires Lane Bath.—That the usual arrangements had been made for closing the above bath for boiler inspection and cleaning from 24th to 29th January, 1944, both dates inclusive;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the action taken be approved; and

(*b*) that the premises be re-decorated.

(*c*) Factory Act, 1937—Means of Escape in case of Fire.—

(*a*) The Angel Engineering Co., Ltd., Station Road, N.3.

(*b*) Messrs. Joyce & Co., Ltd., King Street, N.2.

(*c*) Messrs. Opperman Precision Eng., Ltd., 989, High Road, N.12.

(*d*) Messrs. Lindsay Bros., Ltd., 925, High Road, N.12.

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that in the case of (*a*) the certificate granted in accordance with Minute 507(*c*) of 1942/43 be amended owing to the increased fire risk on the above premises; and

(ii) that in the case of (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), as the above premises had been inspected in conjunction with an officer of the National Fire Service and the means of escape are reported to be satisfactory, a certificate under Section 34 of the above Act be issued to the companies concerned.

180 Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Medical Officer of Health, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

13th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett, Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A., and Mr. Wooding Monk.

181 Minutes:

The Minutes of a meeting held on 11th October, 1943, and of a special meeting held on 15th November, 1943, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

182 School Attendance Sub-Committee:

Reports of meetings of the above held on 18th October, 1943, and 22nd November, 1943, were submitted and adopted.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

183 **School Management and Works Sub-Committee:**

The report of a meeting of the above held on 6th December, 1943, was submitted.

Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:—

(*a*) CHAIRMAN.—That Councillor Langlands had been elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

(*b*) ACCOUNTS.—That accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

Note: Councillor Bryson did not vote or take part in discussion.

(*c*) LETTINGS.—

(i) That lettings, particulars of which are entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been approved.

(ii) That the Committee confirmed the action in declining an application for a Sunday letting and in suspending normal lettings during the period 23rd December, 1943, to 3rd January, 1944, inclusive.

(*d*) CLEANING ASSISTANCE.—That the Sub-Committee had approved six hours' additional cleaning assistance during the holiday week beginning 25th October, 1943, in respect of the use of the school for mid-day meals.

(*e*) REPAIRS AND REQUISITIONS.—That repairs and requisitions according to the list submitted had been approved.

(*f*) EXTENSION OF CONTRACT—MESSRS. E. J. ARNOLD & SON, LTD—BOOKS, STATIONERY AND APPARATUS.—That the above-named firm had submitted new contract prices for the period January to March, 1944, which are unchanged from those at present in force;

RECOMMENDED that these new contract prices be accepted.

(*g*) RE-ORGANISATION OF MANORSIDE AND MARTIN SCHOOLS.—That Miss Cooper and Miss Dennis had taken up duties as Headmistresses of Martin Infants' and Manorside Infants' Schools respectively on 11th October, 1943, and Miss A. V. P. Gillett, Headmistress of Manorside Junior School, on 1st November, 1943.

(*h*) ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AT ST. PAUL'S HALL.—That the arrangements made as from 3rd May, 1943, for the extended use of the rear hall at St. Paul's Hall ceased on 22nd October, 1943.

(*i*) PROVISION OF MEALS.—

(i) Kitchen Staff.—That changes in Kitchen Staff, particulars of which are entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been reported.

(ii) Board of Education Administrative Memorandum No. 483—Aids to Students and Charges for School Meals and Milk.—That the above Memorandum, dated 21st October, 1943, had been submitted. The Board consider, in view of the importance in present circumstances of encouraging mothers to engage in employment outside their homes, that it would be appropriate for Local Education Authorities, in administering their income scales, to ignore earnings derived from such employment if they do not exceed £1 a week, and, if they exceed £1 a week, to take account only of the excess;

RECOMMENDED that the practice urged in the above Memorandum be adopted as a war-time measure.

(iii) Returns to Board of Education of numbers of children receiving Meals and Milk.

—That the following figures taken from a return made to the Board of Education in October last had been submitted:—

No. of children in attendance on day selected for the return	3,921
No. of meals served	1,582
No. of children who received milk	3,347

(*j*) BOARD OF EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET NO. 119—"SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS."—That the above pamphlet had been submitted;

RECOMMENDED that, so far as schools are concerned, the matter be referred to the Joint Advisory Committee for consideration and report.

(*k*) EVENING PLAY CENTRES.—That approval had been received from H.M. Inspector to the continuance of the Play Centres at Manorside and Martin Schools until 31st March, 1944.

(*l*) SUMMERSIDE SCHOOL—LICENCE FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS.—That the County Council had renewed the above licence until 13th November, 1944.

(*m*) WINTER SCHOOL HOURS.—That, with the approval of the Chairman, school hours from 15th November, 1943, to 11th February, 1944, had been fixed as follows:—

Morning: 9.30—12 noon.

Afternoon:	Seniors and Juniors ...	1.45—4 p.m.
	Infants	1.45—3.45 p.m.
	Our Lady of Lourdes ...	1.30—3.45 p.m.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*n*) MARTIN INFANTS' SCHOOL—STAFF.—That a vacancy for an assistant mistress existed at the above school, and that it would be advisable to make a permanent appointment.

RECOMMENDED that an advertisement be issued inviting applications to fill a post on the permanent teaching staff.

(*o*) MISS E. M. SHEARMAN—CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL.—That Miss Shearman had given notice to retire on 31st December, 1943. Miss Shearman has completed 27 years in the service of the Managers;

RECOMMENDED that a letter under the seal of the Council be sent to Miss E. M. Shearman expressing appreciation of her long and valuable service in Finchley.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

184 **Emergency Recruitment and Training of Teachers:**

A letter, dated 16th November, 1943, and a Memorandum from the Board of Education on a scheme for the Emergency Recruitment and Training of Teachers were submitted. The Chairman reported on a meeting, attended by himself and the Director of Education, of representatives of Local Education Authorities, teachers and Training Colleges organised by the Board of Education, and gave an outline of the scheme the Board are initiating. Local Education Authorities are asked (1) to note down accommodation, suitable for emergency training centres, that may be made available after the war, and (2) to assist in the selection of suitable teachers to be seconded to staff the training centres.

The Director of Education was asked to make enquiries and report on these two points at the next meeting of the Committee.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

185 **Electrical Trades Union:**

A resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Finchley Branch of the Electrical Trades Union on the subject of the projected Education Bill was submitted and noted.

186 **Workers' Educational Association:**

The Finchley Branch of the Workers' Educational Association, in conjunction with the Finchley Teachers' Association and the Finchley Co-operative Party, propose to hold an Educational Conference in the near future on the proposed Education Bill, and, in a letter dated 27th November, 1943, which was submitted, invited the Committee to send a representative to a first meeting to be held on Thursday, 16th December next.

Councillor Mrs. Legge agreed to attend this meeting and to report to the Committee.

187 **Married Women Teachers—Employment on Permanent Staff:**

The Committee gave further consideration to this matter, and to a memorandum (previously circulated) prepared by the Director of Education;

RECOMMENDED that whilst it is desirable that consideration be given to the present policy regarding the appointment of married women to the permanent teaching establishment, such consideration be deferred until the return of normal conditions when the requirements of the post-war establishment can be better ascertained.

188 **Educational Reconstruction—White Paper:**

The Town Clerk referred to a report of a meeting of a deputation from the Association of Municipal Corporations with the President of the Board of Education on 25th October, 1943, which he had recently received, and drew the Committee's attention particularly to a statement by the President in which he indicated that he contemplated reserving to the Education Authority, which so far as Finchley is concerned, would be the Middlesex County Council, the levying of the rate in order to smooth out existing financial inequalities. The Town Clerk pointed out that if effect were given to this policy the administrative change alone might well produce a substantial increase in the Finchley education rate, quite apart from any increase that would take place in due course in the implementation of the proposed reforms.

The Borough Treasurer reported that the present rate for Elementary Education in Finchley is 1s. 5d. in the £, as compared with 2s. 4d. in the £ for the area administered by the County Council, and that as far as he could ascertain and after making allowance for the Education Grant, the effect of the Board's proposals might well bring the rate for the whole County, upon the County Council becoming the Education Authority for the whole area, up to the figure of 2s. 4d. before any reforms are instituted.

The Committee noted the position with much concern and decided to refer the whole question to the Finance Committee, and in the meantime asked the Borough Treasurer to get into touch with Treasurers of other Authorities in a position similar to Finchley with a view to any concerted action that may be possible;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

189 **Registration of Boys and Girls Order, 1941:**

It was reported that, with the approval of the Chairman of the Education Committee and the Chairman of the Juvenile Employment Committee, and with the consent of the Ministry of Labour, arrangements were being made to carry out the Registrations as from January next at the Juvenile Employment Bureau. On the first occasion some small expenditure amounting to approximately £2 will be incurred;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Parks and Open Spaces Committee's Report

14th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilmot.

Non-member: Alderman Wells.

190 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on the 7th September, and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

191 **Sports Facilities:**

It was reported that two applications had been received for cricket pitches next season;

RECOMMENDED that they be referred to the Lettings Sub-Committee to deal with, together with any further applications for sports facilities which may be received.

192 **Lyttelton Playing Fields:**

The Town Clerk reported that, arising out of the decision come to at the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee to reduce the charge made to the 61st A.A. Cadets for the use of a football pitch last season from £10 to £7 10s., in view of the fact that, owing to a misunderstanding, they did not have the use of the pitch allocated to them, they had now asked that the Council would, in the circumstances, accept the sum of £5 in settlement of the matter;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

193 **Avenue House:**

It was reported that the question of making the best use of Avenue House Grounds after the War with a view to their being established as a "cultural centre" to serve the needs of the Borough had been referred by the Council to the Committee for consideration;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Post War Development Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

194 **Woodhouse Open Space:**

A letter dated 13th December, 1943, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee stating that, in accordance with the resolution of the Council the Committee were negotiating for a circus to be held on the above Open Space in August next and an Amusement Fair in June or July.

195 **Brook Farm:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that since his last report, the following football pitches had been let at Brook Farm:—

Pitch No.	Name of Club.	Charge for Pitch.	Additional Charges.		Remarks.
1.	St. Giles Cross Mission.	£8	D.A. £2 M.O. £1 10 0		
4.	Nairdega F.C.	£4	D.A. £1 M.O. 15/-		Alternate weeks.
4.	Edgware Cutlery Manufacturers Ltd.	£4	D.A. £1 M.O. 15/-		Alternate weeks.

D.A.—Dressing Accommodation.
M.O.—Marking Out Pitch.

196 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report

15th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge and Tyndall.

Non-members: Aldermen Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Wells.

197 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Committee held on the 24th August; of an ordinary meeting held on the 15th September, and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

198 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

199 **The Alexandra Park Trustees:**

A copy of the audited Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th April last was submitted.

200 **Land—Rear of Hertford Lodge:**

The Town Clerk reported that, with the consent of the Chairman of the Committee, he was arranging for the small piece of lawn at the side of the new Control Room to be used for allotment purposes;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

201 **Accident—Tally Ho! Corner—Police Protection:**

Reference was made to a letter received from Mr. G. H. Beckett drawing attention to an accident sustained by him recently when he was knocked down by a gang of youths whilst waiting at the bus stop by the Grand Hall, North Finchley, and urging the Council to approach the Police Authorities with a view to an Officer being posted at the point in question;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be directed to take action accordingly.

202 **Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee:**

It was reported that the following had been appointed by the Finchley Council of Social Service as members of the above Committee for the year 1943/44:—

Mrs. Beaumont,
138, Woodhouse Road, N.12.

Mr. S. Burgess,
40, Lankaster Gardens, N.2.

Mrs. Harris,
48, Manor View, N.3.

Mr. H. Lewis,
88, Bedford Road, N.2.

Mrs. Redhouse,
6, Lambert Road, N.12.

Capt. Simpson,
8, Alexandra Grove, N.12.

203 **War Charities Act, 1940:**

An application was submitted from the Finchley Civil Defence Memorial Appeal Committee to be exempted from registration under the above Act;

RECOMMENDED that such application be granted.

Arising on the above, the Town Clerk was instructed to inform the Police Authorities that the Charity had been so exempted by the Council.

204 **Parliament (Elections and Meeting) Act, 1943:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a letter dated 30th November, 1943, received from the Registration Officer giving an informal notification of the procedure which he had decided to adopt under the above-mentioned Act.

205 **Closing of Municipal Offices and Public Libraries—Christmas Vacation:**

The Committee decided that the Municipal Offices be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and that the Chief Officers be authorised to grant an additional day's leave to the staff either on Christmas Eve or on the 28th December at their discretion.

It was also agreed that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Public Libraries Committee, the Public Libraries should be closed on Christmas Day, the following day and on Boxing Day;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

206 **Shops (Hours of Closing Act), 1928:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a letter dated 29th November, 1943, received from the Home Office stating that the Secretary of State did not propose this year to exercise his power to suspend the operation of the provisions of the above-mentioned Act (as amended by Defence Regulation 60AB) during the few days immediately prior to Christmas.

He stated that it was pointed out, however, that Local Authorities had power to suspend the general closing hours subject to certain limitations.

The Town Clerk added that he had approached the Chamber of Commerce, who had stated that they did not think that it was desired by the Traders that any action should be taken in the matter. In the circumstances, it was decided that it would be unnecessary to submit any recommendation to the Council.

207 **Woodhouse Open Space:**

It was reported that the Joint Entertainments Committee were negotiating for a circus to be held in August and an Amusement Fair in June or July next on the above open space;

RECOMMENDED that the consent of the Council be granted to the proposal under the Byelaws.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*contd.*)

208 **Educational Reconstruction:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a report of a Deputation from the Association of Municipal Corporations which had recently waited upon the President of the Board of Education when the above matter was discussed, and he drew particular attention to paragraph 14 therein which raised an important principle, viz., equalisation of rating, as it seemed to him to be quite wrong that a principle of such wide implications should be raised in regard to a particular service.

The Committee noted with concern the proposals of the Board and decided that the report should be brought to the notice of the Finance Committee, and that a copy thereof should be forwarded to each Member of the Council. They also instructed the Town Clerk to approach the local Member of Parliament on the matter;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

209 **Inter-Departmental Committee on Rent Control:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter received from the Urban District Councils Association stating that the Minister of Health had appointed an Inter-Departmental Committee to review the question of rent control, including the working of the Rent Restrictions Act and to advise whether any, and if so, what, changes were necessary; that the Committee desired to obtain evidence from all interested parties and had asked the Association to furnish a written statement of any observations they might desire to offer on the subject; further, that the Law and Parliamentary Committee of the Executive Council would be glad to have any observations the Council desired to offer on the matter;

RECOMMENDED that it be left to the Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of the Legal and Parliamentary Committee and the Town Clerk to furnish such observations as may be considered desirable.

210 **Cost of Living Index Number:**

In accordance with the Committee's instructions, the Borough Treasurer submitted the following statistics from the Index Number Table published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	55	55	53	53	53	53	56	55	55	69	69	73
1943	99	99	99	98	99	98	100	99	98	99	99	

He intimated that the rise of 44 points since the beginning of September, 1939, was equivalent to about 28 per cent.

211 **Council Employees—Accidents:**

The Borough Surveyor submitted details of a number of accidents which had occurred to employees since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee.

212 **Avenue House—Dangerous Chimney Stack:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the large chimney breasts at Avenue House was becoming dangerous and, in his opinion, should be pulled down and rebuilt at least from roof level. He added that it was difficult to gauge exactly the work involved, but that he estimated the cost at about £60;

RECOMMENDED that the expenditure in question be approved, and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

213 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

16th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillors Blunden, Fitness and Langlands.

214 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last ordinary Meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

215 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor Wilmot be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

216 **Holidays at Home—Summer, 1944:**

The decision of the Council at their meeting held on the 25th October, 1943, to contribute a sum not exceeding £1,200 towards the expenses of the Joint Entertainments Committee in respect of the above was noted for consideration in connection with the preparation of the Estimates.

217 **Audit of Accounts—Year ended 31st March, 1943:**

It was reported that in accordance with formal notice received from the District Auditor, the audit of the accounts for the above period was commenced on the 9th December, 1943.

218 **Supply of Coal:**

The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed by Messrs. Gray Bros. that the basic price of Northumberland Graded Coals had been increased by the Ministry of Fuel and Power by 5d. per ton as from the 4th October, 1943.

219 **Fire Insurance Premium Rates:**

The Town Clerk submitted the following resolution which had been passed by the Urban District Council of Merton and Morden, upon which the views of the Council were invited:—

> "That in view of the additional fire fighting facilities provided at the public expense this Council is of the opinion that the cost of insurance of residential property and household effects should be very considerably reduced, and in the absence of any proposal from Insurance Companies to make substantial reductions in premiums that the Government should be asked to provide a compulsory National Insurance Scheme; that copies of this resolution be sent to the local Member of Parliament, the Urban District Councils' Association, the Association of Municipal Corporations and all local Authorities in the Greater London District."

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that this Council cannot see their way to support the action being taken in the matter.

220 **Insurance Claims—Damage to Council Property:**

The Town Clerk reported upon correspondence which he had had with the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., in regard to a charge for Depot and Establishment costs included in a recent claim arising out of damage to a vehicle, the repairs to which were carried out by a contractor. After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that, without prejudice to the general principal, the charge, viz., 2s. 11d., be waived in the case in question; and

(2) that the Officers report fully on the general question at the next meeting of the Committee.

FINANCE (*contd.*)

221 **Supplemental Estimates:**

(i) The Committee considered Supplemental Estimates in respect of the following items of expenditure:—

Committee.	Item.	
(*a*) Civil Defence (Emergency) ...	Static Water Tanks for Street Fire Parties ...	£105 *
(*b*) do.	Uniforms — Fire Guard Sector Captains ...	£333 *
(*c*) General Purposes	Avenue House—Repairs to Chimney Stack ...	£ 60
(*d*) Public Health and Education	Health Visitors and School Nurses — Increases in Salaries	£ 47
(*e*) Education	Provision of School Meals, Additional Expenditure	£500
(*f*) do.	Additional War Allowance Teachers' Salaries ...	£440

*These items rank for 75 per cent. grant.

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that Supplemental Estimates be approved in respect of the expenditure in question; and

(2) that the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee be asked to take up with the Regional Commissioners the question as to the necessity for the provision of the uniforms for Fire Guard Sector Captains and as to the possibility, in any event, of items (*a*) and (*b*) ranking for full reimbursement.

(ii) In accordance with instructions, the Borough Treasurer reported that, excluding the items referred to in (i) above, Supplemental Estimates to a total of £4,779 18s. 7d. had been approved during the present financial year.

222 **Civil Defence Dispatch Rider—Motor Cycle:**

The reference from the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee contained in Minute No. 104 was reported and consideration thereof deferred pending the result of further negotiations with the County Council.

223 **Statement of Bank Balances—15th December, 1943:**

The following Statement was submitted:—

Fund or Account.	Dr.	Cr.	Net Balance.
General Rate Fund Revenue		148,361 11 9	
Education Revenue		16,889 15 —	
Electricity Revenue	10,076 2 6		
Housing Revenue		17,358 18 5	
General Rate Fund Capital	5,285 6 5		
Education Capital		1,216 4 5	
Electricity Capital	46,734 13 8	8,204 18 2	
Consolidated Loans Fund		3,417 6 7	
Superannuation Fund		119 5 6	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	10,342 1 3	2,938 8 10	
Salaries		205 7 10	
Advance	1,151 — 1	6,728 10 7	
Suspense		6,296 11 —	
Loan Interest		1,550 3 9	
A.R.P. Canteen			
Communal Feeding			
Wages			
	£73,589 3 11	£213,287 1 10	£139,697 17 11

224 Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

(*a*) The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of existing Mortgages was 167 representing a sum of £44,177 outstanding.

(*b*) A statement of arrears as at 30th September, 1943, was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that this be referred to the Chairman of the Committee and the Borough Treasurer for attention, subject, where necessary, to report.

225 Superannuation Fund Investments:

The Borough Treasurer reported that in accordance with the general authority of the Council in September last, a further sum of £2,000 had been invested, on account of the above Fund, in London, Midland and Scottish 4 per cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock at £105¾.

226 Unexercised Loan Sanctions—Electricity Undertaking:

The Borough Treasurer reported that in accordance with Minute No. 1124 (1942/3) application had been made to the Electricity Commissioners for cancellation of the unexercised balances of certain loan sanctions but that a reply had been received to the effect that the Commissioners did not desire to cancel any such sanctions at the present time. In the circumstances it was

RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in the matter for the time being.

227 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(*a*) Interim Order on Treasurer.—In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council an Interim Order on the Treasurer, amounting to £52,140 11s. 11d., made up as follows, was approved by the Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue ...	32,617	8	11
Electricity Revenue ...	6,954	1	8
Superannuation Fund ...	2,752	6	6
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund ...	15	9	3
Loan Interest ...	6,778	15	8
A.R.P. Canteen ...	616	—	10
Communal Feeding ...	2,406	9	1
	£52,140	11	11

(*b*) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three Members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £64,732 18s. 9d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue ...	55,880	6	9
Electricity Revenue ...	8,852	12	0
Total ...	£64,732	18	9

FINANCE (*contd.*).

228 **General Rate:**

(*a*) Rate Collection—1st October to 30th November.—The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1942-43. £	1942-43. %				1943-44. £	1943-44. %
18,462	6.52	Arrears			8,137	3.06
262,790	92.87	Half-year's Rate			255,845	96.12
1,715	0.61	Additional Assessments			2,188	0.82
282,967	100.00	Total Collectible			266,170	100.00
102,703	36.29	Collected:—	£			
		Oct. 1943 ..	76,796		*132,182	49.66
		Nov. 1943 ...	55,386			
£180,264	63.71	Amount outstanding ...			£133,988	50.34
					£	£
		*Current				130,408
		Arrears: Half-year to 30.9.43 ...			660	
		Previous Rates			1,114	1,774
						£132,182

(*b*) Irrecoverable Amounts.—The Borough Treasurer reported upon the following statement of irrecoverable amounts as at 30th September, 1943:—

	£	s.	d.
Empty	7,641	12	3
Revision of Assessment	615	2	11
Absconded	192	13	9
Deceased—No Estate	12	8	4
Bankrupt—No Assets	28	14	6
Otherwise not collectible	84	1	2
Remitted	271	15	4
	£8,846	8	3

RECOMMENDED that such sums be written off as irrecoverable.

(*c*) Poverty Excusals.—The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of applications for excusal on the ground of poverty;

RECOMMENDED that payment be excused in the 21 cases submitted to the Committee, amounting to £237 4s. 3d.

229 **Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Act, 1943:**

The Borough Treasurer reported upon the effect of the above Act and intimated that the Council's Insurers, the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., had decided to extend the indemnity under the current policies until the 31st March, 1944, without further premium, pending the gaining of experience in the working of the new Act.

230 **Income Tax (Employment) Act, 1943:**

The Borough Treasurer reported upon the effect of the above Act, which provided for the payment of Income Tax by all weekly wage earners and salaried staff up to £600 per annum on a "pay as you earn" basis and intimated that, as regards the weekly wage earners, a difficulty arose owing to the amount of records to be completed between the end of the pay week and the pay-day and that this might necessitate an alteration in the pay week.

The Borough Treasurer was instructed to report further on the matter in due course.

231 **Annual Cost of Administrative and Technical Staff:**

In accordance with instructions, the Borough Treasurer submitted a comparative statement in respect of the above covering the period 1st July, 1936, to 1st December, 1943.

232 **Education Reconstruction:**

The Town Clerk reported briefly upon the proposals contained in the new Education Bill and drew attention to the fact that having regard to the comparatively low educational rate for the Borough, the proposals were likely to increase the Education Rate from its present figure of 1/5d. in the £ to approximately 2/4d. in the £. He pointed out that this was to some extent due to the fact that many children in the Borough were educated at private schools, the whole cost of which was borne by their parents. He intimated that joint action with other Middlesex Authorities was contemplated and that there was a possibility of joining with other Part III Authorities in the southern part of the country.

The Committee viewed with great concern the fact that the proposals contained in the Bill were such as would throw a heavy burden upon the Council and involve an increase of approximately 1/- in the £ in the rate for education, and authorised the Officers to take all necessary action to protect as far as possible the position of the ratepayers in the matter;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,
Chairman.

Report of Special Committee re Housing.

20th DECEMBER, 1943.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Lawrence and Mrs. Legge.

233 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of Meetings of the Committee held on the 3rd and 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

234 **Housing Accommodation for Families Inadequately Housed:**

(*a*) The Town Clerk reported that the approval of the Senior Regional Officer had been obtained to the requisitioning of two houses for Civil Defence re-housing purposes and two for families inadequately housed and that another was still under consideration; further, that approval had been obtained to the transfer of ten premises, formerly held for re-housing purposes, for use under Ministry of Health Circular No. 2845.

The Borough Surveyor was instructed to proceed immediately with the execution of the necessary repairs to such houses, and the Town Clerk was instructed to requisition those premises approved and not already requisitioned;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the action taken be approved; and

(2) that a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Lawrence, be appointed with power to select persons to occupy such premises and to fix the weekly payments in respect thereof, subject to report.

(*b*) The Committee considered lists of premises, both furnished and unfurnished, together with a report of the Town Clerk upon replies received from the owners arising out of instructions given at previous meetings, and the decisions in regard thereto are entered in the Instruction Book.

(*c*) The Town Clerk reported that in thirteen cases the owners of certain properties could not be traced and, failing further enquiries being successful, he was instructed to consult the Ministry of Health with a view to the requisitioning of such of the premises as are suitable for re-housing purposes.

(*d*) The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Committee twenty-nine properties which had previously been vacant had now been occupied as a direct result of the action taken by the Committee.

235 **Uncompleted Flats—Beaufort Park and Moss Hall Court:**

The Committee considered further the question of steps being taken to complete the above premises, where possible, for letting and the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor were instructed to consult the Ministry of Health in regard to the matter and report at next meeting.

R. J. N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
18th January 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 24th day of JANUARY, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 30th day of December, 1943.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th January, 1944.
(*b*) **Highways** of the 5th January, 1944.
(*c*) **Education (Special)** of the 6th January, 1944.
(*d*) **Education** of the 10th January, 1944.
(*e*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 11th January, 1944.
(*f*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 12th January, 1944.
(*g*) **Finance** of the 13th January, 1944.
(*h*) **Legal and Parliamentary** of the 17th January, 1944

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

HOUSING (*contd.*)

(*b*) The Committee considered lists of premises, both furnished and unfurnished, together with a report of the Town Clerk upon replies received from the owners arising out of instructions

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider Reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th January, 1944.

(*b*) **Highways** of the 5th January, 1944.

(*c*) **Education (Special)** of the 6th January, 1944.

(*d*) **Education** of the 10th January, 1944.

(7) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(8) To consider, if necessary, the raising of any temporary loan.

(9) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Thursday, the 30th day of DECEMBER, 1943.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Capt. L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
H. H. Wilmot.

236 **Prayers:**

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, who was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, Councillor The Rev. Brooksbank opened the proceedings with prayer.

237 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Council, held on the 29th day of November, 1943, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

238 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Baines and Tyndall.

239 **Mayor's Troops Comforts Fund:**

The Mayor presented to Mrs. E. G. Hammond, Hon. Divisional Secretary, British Red Cross Society (Finchley and Friern Barnet Division) a cheque for £100 as a donation from the above Fund, to be applied to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund.

The gift was gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Hammond.

240 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Town Planning** of the 6th December, 1943.

(*b*) **Electricity** of the 7th December, 1943.

(*c*) **Public Libraries** of the 8th December, 1943.

(*d*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 9th December, 1943.

(*e*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 9th December, 1943.

(*f*) **Public Health** of the 9th December, 1943.

(*g*) **Education** of the 13th December, 1943, with the exception of paragraph 188 (Educational Reconstruction—White Paper), which be considered at the conclusion of the business in public session, in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Report on the matter.

(*h*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 14th December, 1943.

(*i*) **General Purposes** of the 15th December, 1943, with the exception of paragraph 208 (Educational Reconstruction), which be considered at the conclusion of the business in public session, in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Report on the matter.

(*j*) **Finance** of the 16th December, 1943, with the exception of paragraph 232 (Educational Reconstruction), which be considered at the conclusion of the business in public session, in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Report on the matter.

(*k*) **Special Committee re Housing** of the 20th December, 1943.

241 **Councillor Squadron Leader M. A. B. King-Hamilton—Leave of Absence:**

The Town Clerk reported that, in June last, the Council granted leave of absence to Councillor Squadron Leader King-Hamilton for a further period of six months, and that his position remained unaltered;

RESOLVED that Councillor Squadron Leader King-Hamilton's reason for his failure to attend meetings of the Council as previously indicated be formally approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 63(1) of the Local Government Act, 1933, and that leave of absence be granted to him for a further period of six months.

242 **Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919:**

A letter dated 10th December, 1943, was submitted from the Ministry of Food, stating that it was noted that the Council had decided to accept delegation from the County Council of powers conferred by the above-mentioned Act, and that they would be glad to know, in due course, the actual date from which delegation was to take effect.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk reported that he was waiting to hear from the County Council on the matter.

243 Licensing Acts:

Notice was submitted from Mrs. E. E. Phillips of her intention to apply to the Justices for permission to transfer to William Mark Vinicombe of Wash Pyne, Farnborough Park Estate, Farnborough, the licence to sell beer, wines and spirits, by retail, to be consumed off the premises situate at 160, High Road, N.2;

RESOLVED that no action be taken in the matter.

244 Constituent Municipal Undertakings in Greater London Area:

A letter dated 20th December, 1943, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the above, stating that it was now necessary to proceed with the preliminary arrangements for the election of members to the Municipal section of the Employers' Side of the No. 10 District Council, and that he would be glad to be informed whether the Council desired to nominate any person for election to fill the vacancies which would arise at the end of the present session; further, that the Annual Meeting of Constituent Undertakings would be held towards the end of March next, and that he would be glad to know the number of representatives appointed to attend the meeting;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council do not desire to nominate any person for election to fill the vacancies created by the retirements referred to; and

(*b*) that the Chairman of the Electricity Committee, the Town Clerk and the General Manager and Engineer be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting.

245 Rating and Valuation Acts:

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that authority be given to the Chairman of the Valuation Committee and the Town Clerk to make proposals in respect of properties subject to alteration of assessment prior to the 31st December, 1943, subject to report; and

(*b*) that the meeting of the Valuation Committee which would ordinarily take place on the 4th January, 1944, be cancelled.

246 Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920—1934:

A letter dated 23rd December, 1943, was submitted from the Ministry of Fuel and Power, forwarding new Special Prescriptions for testing the gas supplied by the Tottenham and District Gas Company, which superseded from the 1st January, 1944, the Prescriptions now in force for the Undertakers.

247 Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935:

The Borough Surveyor reported that the consent of the Council as the Highway Authority was required in respect of the following applications, and that there would appear to be no reason why such consent should be withheld:—

Plan. No.		
10782	Alterations and Extensions, 923, High Road, N.12.	Messrs. Lindsay Bros., Ltd.
961T	Garage, rear of 308, Ballards Lane, N.12.	Mr. S. Finch.
—	Tool and bicycle shed, 149, Abbots Gardens, N.2.	Mr. J. G. Bryson.

RESOLVED that the consent of the Council as the Highway Authority be given to the proposals in question under the provisions of Section 2(1) of the Act subject, if applicable, to the condition mentioned in Minute No. 200(*a*) (1936/37).

Arising on the last-mentioned application, Councillor Bryson declared that he had an interest therein, and in consequence thereof he did not vote or take any part in the discussion relating thereto.

248 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the under-mentioned documents:—

1. Licence (in duplicate) to Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd., to keep petroleum spirit and/or mixture at 836, High Road, N.12.
2. Agreement with Lindsay Bros., Ltd., in respect of the user of 923, High Road, N.12 —Alterations and extensions—Finchley Planning Scheme No. 6.
3. Agreement with Mr. L. Zimbler in respect of the user of part of the ground floor of 22, Hendon Lane, N.3, as a workshop for the repair of furniture—Finchley Planning Scheme No. 6.
4. Agreement with Messrs. Firth and Laughlin in respect of the user of 4, Albert Mews, N.3, as a builder's store and workshop—Finchley Planning Scheme No. 6.
5. Agreement with the North Finchley and Woodside Park Hebrew Congregation in respect of the user of 3, Alexandra Grove, N.12, as a Synagogue and classrooms for religious instruction—Finchley Planning Scheme No. 6.
6. Licences for the use and occupation of Slaughter Houses mentioned in the report of the Public Health Committee of the 9th December, 1943.
7. Discharge of Registered Charge or Vacating Receipt (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of mortgage No. 838—Mr. C. Denny, 18, Vines Avenue, N.3.

*8. Order prohibiting the use of land at the rear of premises in East End Road and Sedgemere Avenue for the storage of empty oil drums.

*See report of Council in Committee.

249 **Educational Reconstruction:**

Paragraphs 188 of the Education Committee's Report of the 13th December, 208 of the General Purposes Committee's Report of the 15th December, and 232 of the Finance Committee's Report of the 16th December, 1943, were considered.

The Town Clerk intimated that since the meeting of the Finance Committee the new Education Bill had been published, and he reported on the provisions thereof dealing with the administrative side of Education as follows:—

"Under clause 6 the only Education Authorities in future will be County Councils and County Borough Councils. Part III Authorities such as Finchley (i.e. Authorities dealing solely with elementary education) will disappear. Provision, however is made in the First Schedule of the Bill for the delegation of functions by County Councils to what is termed 'Divisional Executives,' and the County Councils are to be required to prepare schemes for partitioning their areas into such divisions as may be conducive to efficient and convenient administration and for constituting bodies of persons called 'Divisional Executives' for the purpose of exercising on behalf of the County Councils, in such of the divisions as may be specified in the schemes, such functions relating to primary and secondary education as may be specified.

The Council of any Borough or Urban District which either (a) had a population according to the last census of not less than 60,000 or (b) on the 31st March, 1939, had a school roll for its public elementary schools of not less than 7,000 may, if they wish, give to the local Education Authority (i.e. the County Council) not later than six months after the 1st April, 1945, notice that the Council claim that the borough or district shall be excepted from any scheme of divisional administration made by the local Education Authority, and in that event the Council of such borough or district (called an 'excepted district') shall as soon as possible thereafter make, after consultation with the County Council, a scheme of divisional administration for the borough or district which is to provide for the exercise by the Council of that borough or district of the functions delegated.

Every scheme of divisional administration is to—

(a) provide, except in the case of a scheme for an excepted district, for the constitution of every body which is to be a divisional executive for the purposes of the scheme;

(*b*) define the functions which the several divisional executives specified therein, or in the case of a scheme for an excepted district the divisional executive, are thereby authorised to exercise on behalf of the local education authority;

(*c*) specify any conditions subject to which any divisional executives are so authorised;

(*d*) make such provision as may be expedient for empowering such executives to appoint Committees and Sub-Committees and as to matters to be referred to them;

(*e*) define the relationship between any such executive Committee, or Sub-Committee, and the local Education Authority and Committees and Sub-Committees thereof;

(*f*) make provision for the submission to the local Education Authority, by every divisional executive thereby authorised to exercise functions, of estimates and accounts of expenditure intended to be incurred or incurred by the executive on behalf of the Authority, and for the approval by the Authority of such estimates and accounts;

(*g*) provide for such other matters as appear to the local Education Authority or Council by whom the scheme is made to be expedient, or as the Minister may require;

Provided that no such scheme shall authorise any divisional executive to borrow money or to raise a rate.

If the proposals in the Bill are adopted without amendment, Finchley will not have the right even to claim to be a divisional administration area, or as it is called in the Bill, an 'excepted district,' as in the last census (i.e. 1931) the population of the district was 58,964 and our school population on the 31st March, 1939, was below the figure of 7,000, and the County Council will therefore become the authority for preparing any scheme under the new Bill affecting the borough.

Bearing in mind what is said in the reports of the Education, General Purposes and Finance Committees on the financial aspect of this problem, Finchley appears to be losing everything and gaining nothing so far as administration and finance are concerned under the new Bill."

The Chairman of the Committee then made a statement on the position, during the course of which leave was granted to him under the Standing Orders to speak for more than five minutes;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the whole matter be referred to the Education Committee for consideration, with power to take any necessary action;

(*b*) that the Chairman of the Education Committee, the Town Clerk and the Director of Education be authorised to take such steps as they may deem desirable, pending the meeting of the Education Committee, to protect the interests of the Council; and

(*c*) that a Special Meeting of the Education Committee be held on Thursday, the 6th January, 1944, at 7 p.m., to discuss the matter and that the meeting of the Housing Committee which would ordinarily be held on that evening be cancelled.

250 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Major Steward, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

251 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED—that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Electricity** of the 7th December, 1943.

(*b*) **Public Libraries** of the 8th December, 1943.

(*c*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 9th December, 1943.

(*d*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 9th December, 1943.

(*e*) **Public Health** of the 9th December, 1943.

Arising out of paragraph 2 (Carrimore Six Wheelers, Ltd.), the Town Clerk intimated that there was nothing further to report on the matter at the moment.

(*f*) **Education** of the 13th December, 1943.

Arising out of paragraph 3(iv) (School Management and Works Sub-Committee—Expansion under Board of Education Circular 1629), the Town Clerk reported that the negotiations referred to had been pursued and the following terms provisionally agreed with the owner:—

> That the land in Britannia Road, Whetstone, be leased to the Council at a rental of £10 per annum for a period of three years or for the period of the duration of hostilities with Germany and one year thereafter, whichever shall be the longer, and that the Council be entitled to determine the lease by giving six months' notice to the landlord at any time;

RECOMMENDED that, subject to the approval of the Board of Education—

(*a*) the above terms be accepted; and

(*b*) the necessary lease be entered into.

Arising out of paragraph 6 (Mr. J. H. Fussell—Temporary Assistant Education Officer), the Mayor referred to the impending departure of Mr. Fussell and extended congratulations to him on his new appointment.

(*g*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 14th December, 1943.

(*h*) **General Purposes** of the 15th December, 1943, with the exception of paragraph 1(*h*) (Valuation Officer—Appointment of) which be considered in conjunction with the report of the Council and Staff Joint Committee of the 21st December, 1943.

252 **Council and Staff Joint Committee:**

A report of this Committee dated 21st December, 1943, was submitted and considered in conjunction, as regards paragraph 6, (Appointment of Valuation Officer) with paragraph 1(*h*) of the General Purposes Committee's Report of the 15th December, 1943.

It was moved by Councillor Major Steward, seconded by Councillor Wilmot, "that paragraph 1(*h*) of the General Purposes Committee's Report of the 15th December, 1943, be referred to the Committee for report as to the number of proposals which were dealt with during the past 12 months."

On being put, the motion was lost;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that paragraph 1(*h*) of the General Purposes Committee's Report of the 15th December, 1943, be adopted; and

(*b*) that the report of the Council and Staff Joint Committee be adopted with the exception of paragraph 6 (Appointment of Valuation Officer).

This is the Report of the Electricity Committee referred to in paragraph 251(a) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

7th December, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S. Syrett (Chairman), Councillor Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillor Bryson.

Non-Member: Alderman Pateman.

1.- WAR-TIME ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO GENERATING STATIONS.-

The Town Clerk reported, for the information of the Committee, that although there would be no formal Agreement such as was previously contemplated, it had now been agreed that if the owner of any non-selected station, which was for the time being operated by agreement in accordance with directions given or approved by the Board, was prevented, by reason of any representation by the Board, from reinstating the Station should it suffer war damage, the Board would not seek to use the fact that the station had not been reinstated as a reason for avoiding their legal obligations under the Agreement.

2.- CHANGE-OVER - FINCHLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.-

The General Manager and Engineer reported that the Finchley Memorial Hospital were anxious to secure alternating current supplies for the operation of X-ray and other equipment; that the change-over of the Hospital would not be undertaken compulsorily until after the War when the Council would be liable to meet the whole of the cost of converting or replacing the existing D.C. equipment for alternating current, and that the cost of this was estimated at present at £366;

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the Hospital Authorities be informed that the Council are prepared to make A.C. supplies available to the Finchley Memorial Hospital at points to be fixed by the Council, provided that

(a) the Hospital Authorities accept full responsibilities for the carrying out of all necessary work within the Hospital to enable all supplies to be taken at Alternating Current;

(b) the Council's responsibilities in respect of the change-over are discharged by the payment of the sum of £183, being 50% of the agreed estimate for carrying out the work in the Hospital;

(2) that the action of the Committee in authorising the General Manager and Engineer to proceed with the work so soon as the Hospital Authorities formally agree to the proposal be approved.

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Arising on the above, the General Manager and Engineer intimated that the Council would be involved in capital co in respect of mains amounting to £750.

3.- STAFF AND EMPLOYEES.-

The Committee considered and made recommendations to General Purposes Committee on a number of matters relating members of the Staff and Employees, particulars of which w appear in the report of that Committee.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

This is the Report of the Public Libraries Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (b) of the Council Minut of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th December, 1943.

Part II.

Present : Councillor Mrs. M.E. Legge (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor, (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman Wells and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Squadron Leader King-Hamilton and Mrs. Roberts.

POST WAR DEVELOPMENT.-

The Committee considered a report received from the Post War Reconstruction Sub-Committee in regard to post war development of the library service in Finchley, and it was decided to obtain the views of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, with regard to a proposed site in the Hampstead Garden Suburb, and to deal further with the matter at the next meeting.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

This is the Report of the Sub-Committee referred to in the Part II Report of the Public Libraries Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

REPORT OF THE POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

19th October, 1943.

Present : Councillors Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts.

1. CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mrs. Legge was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

The Sub-Committee had before them a report by the Chief Librarian in regard to post war development of the library service in the Borough, a copy of which is circulated herewith. Arising thereon the Town Clerk submitted for the information of the Sub-Committee, the recommendations which the appropriate sub-committee of the General Purposes Committee were making in regard to the use of Avenue House after the War. The question of again using Avenue House for library purposes was considered and the Sub-Committee were of opinion that the building was not suitable for the purpose nor was the site a satisfactory one. They, therefore,

RECOMMENDED that the use of Avenue House for library purposes be not considered further.

Arising out of the report of the Chief Librarian:

(a) Church End Library.

The Sub-Committee were of opinion that the suggestions contained therein as to the accommodation required should be adopted and they then considered the question of a site. After considering all suitable sites within easy reach of Finchley Central Station it was

RECOMMENDED that the erection of a new library, on the lines suggested by the Chief Librarian, be approved in principle, and that steps be taken

(1) to purchase the site of Arcadia, Regents Park Road, or, alternatively

(2) to obtain a long lease of the site of the former Municipal Offices, Hendon Lane.

(b) Hampstead Garden Suburb.

The Sub-Committee were of opinion that a small branch library should be provided in the area of the Hampstead Garden Suburb and that a building of the type suggested by the Chief Librarian was the minimum requirement. They, therefore,

RECOMMENDED that steps be taken to acquire a site for the purpose and that this be of a size which will permit an extension of the building should this be necessary in the future.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

3rd December, 1943.

Sir or Madam,

A Meeting of the PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE will be held at AVENUE HOUSE, EAST END ROAD, FINCHLEY, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 8th DECEMBER, 1943 at 7.30 p.m. to consider :-

(1) Minutes;
(2) Appointment of Vice Chairman;
(3) Requisitions;
(4) Report of Post War Reconstruction Sub-Committee;
(5) Reports of the under-mentioned Officers:-

(a) Chief Librarian.
(b) Town Clerk

(6) Any other business.

R.M. FRANKLIN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. Private and Confidential.

Old Prints Etc.

Mr. Frank Madgett has offered to the Corporation two old notice bills relating to activities in the district and two old photographs of Whetstone. He also wishes to bear the cost of framing.

No doubt the Committee would wish to express appreciation of his kindness.

R.M. FRANKLIN,

Town Clerk.

This is the Report of the Day Nurseries Sub-Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (c) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

DAY NURSERIES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9th DECEMBER, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

STAFF.

The Medical Officer of Health reported the following:-

(a) Resignations.

Name.	Position.	Date of Resignation.
Miss K. Blight.	Probationer.	30. 7.43.
Miss R. Pullen.	Nursery Nurse.	20. 9.43.
Mrs. Robinson.	Nursery Assistant.	22.10.43.
Miss M. Karpf.	Nursery Nurse.	31.10.43.
Miss Holt.	Deputy Matron.	4.12.43.
Miss Jones.	Deputy Matron.	Early in New Year.

(b) Appointments.

Name.	Position.	Salary.	Date of commencement of duties.
Miss V. Merfeld.	Nursery Nurse.	£135	20. 9.43.
Miss M. Box.	Nursery Nurse.	£150	1.11.43.
Miss P. Taylor.	Probationer.	£52	6. 9.43.
Miss E. Knight.	Probationer.	£52	6. 9.43.
Miss D. Wightman.	Probationer.	£52	4.10.43.
Miss E. Rosenbaum.	Probationer.	£52	4.10.43.
Mrs. Victor.	Probationer.	£52	1.11.43.
Miss Gray.	Probationer.	£52	1.11.43.
Miss D. Johnson.	Probationer.	£52	8.11.43.
Miss Downham.	Nursery Nurse.	£135	1.12.43.

RESOLVED (i) that the above appointments be approved; and

(ii) that owing to the fact that Miss Jones has been acting as Matron since 1st November, 1943, she be paid 10s. a week extra whilst acting in that capacity.

(c) Salaries.

RESOLVED that the following increases in salaries of Nursery Nurses be granted as from the 1st January, 1944:-

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Present salary.	Proposed Salary.
Miss I. Thomson.	21.10.41.	£145	£150
Miss D. Hilham.	23. 3.42	£145	£150
Miss N. Rowe.	20. 7.42	£145	£150
Miss N. Savory.	17. 5.43	£135	£150

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

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This is the Report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9th DECEMBER, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts.

HOME HELPS.

The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Stoker, a whole-time Home Help, left the Council's service on the 8th October, 1943, and that her place had been taken by Mrs. Gleeson of 5, Richmond Road, N. 2 who commenced duties on the 18th October, 1943 at a wage of £3 a week; further, that the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,
Chairman.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9th DECEMBER, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

1. OPEN AIR POOL.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported that it would be advisable to replace the beaches at the open air pool with paving and that the cost thereof would not exceed £450;

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor put the necessary works in hand and that in doing so the possibility of replacing the hedge with suitable trees or shrubs be investigated.

2. CARRIMORE SIX WHEELERS LTD.

The Borough Surveyor reported a dispute with this Company in connection with the expense of certain works required to be done in respect of sewers at the Company's premises;

RECOMMENDED that it be left to the Chairman, the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to deal with, and that a report thereon be made at the next Council Meeting, if necessary.

3. POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

A report of this Sub-Committee, dated 15th September, 1943, as set out below, was submitted and considered:-

"Present: The Mayor (Councillor The Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P.) and Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts.

I. CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that Councillor J. Gordon Bryson be appointed Chairman.

II. PROPERTIES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Development proposals in connection with the above properties were submitted by the Chief Officers and the Sub-Committee were of the opinion that the following might be incorporated in any Post War Reconstruction Scheme adopted by the Council:-

1. Disinfecting and Cleansing Station:

Remove to a more convenient site (e.g. adjacent to Mortuary) and rebuild.

2. Infant Welfare Centre. Provide a Centre in the Hampstead Garden Suburb.

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3. M.C.C. Maternity Hospital.

Enquire into the position regarding the possibility of this hospital being built in Finchley.

4. Torrington Park Day Nursery.

Enquire of the Ministry of Health as to whether they can give any indication of their Post War policy with regard to Day Nurseries as, in the event of this service being discontinued, it was deemed to be desirable that the above property should if possible be acquired for use by the Council in connection with one or other of the Public Health Services.

5. Open Air Pools.

(a) Improve the Dressing Accommodation.
(b) Construct a separate Diving Pool adjacent to the Main Pool.

6. Squires Lane Baths.

Construct a gymnasium on the vacant land adjacent to the Baths.

RECOMMENDED that the above proposals be submitted to the Post War Reconstruction Committee.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman."

RECOMMENDED (a) that the above report be approved; and

(b) that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Sub-Committee, the proposals outlined therein be submitted to the Post-War Reconstruction Committee.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

This is the Report of the Public Health Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (e) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

This, together with the following two pages, is the report of the Education Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (f) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

13th December, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. W.L.Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N.Norman),
Alderman Syrett, Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A. and Mr. Wooding Monk.

School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above held on 18th October, 1943, was submitted. Arising therefrom it was reported as follows:-

Special Schools. That Rowland John Bowen, aged 9½ years, attending Summerside Junior School, is suffering from asthma and recommended admission to an Open Air School.

RECOMMENDED: that the Finchley Education Authority accept responsibility for the education and maintenance of Rowland John Bowen at the St. Catherine's Home, Ventnor, as from 19th October, 1943, at a fee approved by the Board of Education, the parent to contribute 10/- per week towards the child's maintenance.

F. J. GROCOTT,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED: that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above held on 22nd November, 1943, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:-

Special Schools.

(i) That Edna Porter, aged 6 years, attending Manorside Infants' School was found to be suffering from a trigger thumb, and recommended admission to the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital's Branch at Stanmore for treatment.

RECOMMENDED: that the Finchley Education Authority accept responsibility for the cost of maintenance of the above-named child at the Stanmore Hospital, at a fee of 50/- per week, the parent to contribute the Army Allowance of 8/6 per week.

(ii) That Stanley Moorwood, aged 13 years, attending Alder Senior School had an injury affecting the use of a finger.

RECOMMENDED: that the Finchley Education Authority accept responsibility for the treatment of the above-named boy at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, at a fee approved by the Board of Education, contributions by the parent through the Hospital Savings Association to be accepted and credited.

M. E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED: that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

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3. School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above held on 6th December, 1943, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:-

(a) Provision of Meals.

(i) Martin Kitchen. That the number of meals supplied from the Martin Kitchen had increased considerably, and it was desirable to make some small adjustment in the staffing arrangements.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the wages of the Cook-in-charge be increased from £3 to £3.5.0. per week, plus mid-day meal, as from 1st January, 1944.

(2) that Mrs. Lane, Kitchen Helper, be appointed Vegetable Cook, at a wage of £2.7.6. per week, plus mid-day meal, as from 1st January, 1944.

(ii) Martin Kitchen - Assistant Cook. That, with the approval of the Chairman, Mrs. Burford, Kitchen Helper, had been promoted Assistant Cook in place of Mrs. Appleby, resigned, at a wage of £2.10.0. per week, plus mid-day meal, as from 21st October, 1943.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

(iii) Charges for Meals. That the cost of food per meal was slightly over 5½d.

RECOMMENDED: that as from 4th January, 1944, the prices of meals be increased as follows:-

Senior and Junior children	6d. per meal.
Infant children	5d. per meal.
Teaching staff ~~and Helpers~~	9d. per meal.

(iv) Expansion under Board of Education Circular 1629. That in connection with the above, the provision of a kitchen at Summerside School and a kitchen and dining hut on a piece of land near St. John's School was approved at the June meeting of the Committee, subject to report with regard to negotiations for the use of the land near St. John's School.

It was further reported that this provision would cover an increase of some 400 meals a day, and it was thought that, for the present, this would meet the likely expansion in numbers to a total of some 50% of children in attendance. It was estimated that the total net annual cost of providing 400 additional meals per day would be in the neighbourhood of £1,300 upon which grants would be paid at the rate of 70%, leaving £390 to be met out of the rates. Capital costs of kitchens, dining hut and equipment are met fully by the Board of Education.

It was hoped that the work at Summerside School would soon be put in hand, and negotiations with the owner of the land near St. John's completed.

(v) Increase in expenditure on Provision of Meals. That the average daily number of meals supplied had increased. The Committee agreed to ask the Finance Committee to approve a supplemental estimate of £500 to cover the increased expenditure

(b) Our Lady of Lourdes School - Repairs and Improvements to Playground. That a letter, dated 1st October, 1943, had been submitted from the Managers of Our Lady of Lourdes School asking the Authority to contribute towards the cost of repairs (approximately £132) and improvements (£7.10.0) to the playground. The Director of Education reported that the Authority had no power to contribute towards the cost of repairs, but could do so with regard to the improvements.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the Managers of Our Lady of Lourdes School be informed that the Authority have no power to contribute towards the cost of repairs to the playground.

(2) that the Authority pay the cost (£7.10.0) of the improvements to the playground.

(c) Teachers' Salaries.

RECOMMENDED: that authority be given to pay teachers' salaries for December before the schools close on 22nd December, 1943.

(d) St. Mary's School - Alternative Accommodation. That, with the approval of the Chairman, a scheme for the accommodation of St. Mary's School children in huts at the two proposed sites (Nether Street and Hertford Lodge) had been submitted to the Board of Education in letters dated 8th September and 16th November, 1943. The proposed scheme provides for the accommodation of West Finchley children up to the age of approximately 8½ years (some 140) at the Nether Street site, and for the remainder (approximately 340) at the Hertford Lodge site. The Air Raid Precautions Authority and the London Civil Defence Region had approved the proposal in principle, so far as they were concerned, on the general basis of accommodation of the school in huts at a cost not exceeding £6,250.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

(e) Staff.

(i) Mrs. B. McGlynn - Martin Junior School.

(ii) Mrs. W. Burns - Manorside Senior School. That applications had been received from Mrs. McGlynn and Mrs. Burns for appointment to the Authority's full-time temporary staff. Mrs. McGlynn and Mrs. Burns have fulfilled the necessary conditions for such appointment.

RECOMMENDED: that Mrs. B. McGlynn and Mrs. W. Burns be appointed temporary teachers in the full-time service of the Authority, as from 1st January, 1944, in accordance with the terms of Minute 1074 (m) of May 1941.

(iii) Miss O. Barnard - Martin Junior School. That, in a letter dated 19th November, 1943, Miss Barnard had tendered her resignation from the Authority's permanent staff as from 4th December, 1943, the date of her marriage, and had asked to be appointed to the Authority's temporary staff.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that Miss Barnard's resignation be accepted as from 4th December, 1943.

(2) that, as from 13th December, 1943, Miss Barnard be appointed to the Authority's full-time temporary staff in accordance with the terms of Minute 1074(m) of May 1941.

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(iv) Absences. That absences of teachers for domestic reasons had been reported, and the Sub-Committee, after careful consideration of each case, agreed to recommend full salary in respect of the whole or part of the periods of absence. Details are entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED: that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

4. War Allowance for Teachers - Board of Education Administrative Memorandum No. 494.

(1) The above Memorandum, dated 2nd December, 1943, which was submitted, intimates that the Burnham Committees remitted to Lord Soulbury, as Arbitrator, the question of war allowance for teachers and that Lord Soulbury had made his award as follows:-

"(a) For teachers under 21 years of age the war allowance shall be:-

Men	£32 per annum.
Women	£26 per annum.

(b) For teachers of 21 years of age and over the war allowance shall be:-

Men	£52 per annum.
Women	£42 per annum.

These allowances shall be in substitution for the existing war allowances and shall apply as from 1st January, 1944."

The Board are prepared to recognise for grant purposes the expenditure of Authorities on applying the Award.

(2) A letter from the Authorities Panel, Burnham Committee, recommending the adoption of the Award was submitted.

The Director of Education reported that the additional cost this year would be approximately £400, and for a full year approximately £1,550.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) that the Award be accepted in full.

(ii) that the Finance Committee be asked to approve a supplemental estimate for the current year of £400.

War Allowance for Occasional Teachers - Board of Education letter.

A letter, dated 7th December, 1943, from the Board of Education was submitted, stating that the Board will recognise for grant as from 1st January, 1944, the following war allowance for occasional teachers paid at daily rates:-

(a) For Teachers under 21 years of age:

Men	3/- per day.
Women	2/6 per day.

(b) For Teachers of 21 years of age and over:

Men	5/- per day.
Women	4/- per day.

The Director of Education reported that the additional cost this year would be approximately £40, and for a full year approximately £120.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) that as from 1st January, 1944, occasional teachers be paid war allowance in accordance with the above scale.

(ii) that the Finance Committee be asked to approve a supplemental estimate for the current year of £40.

Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the County of Middlesex - Scheme for Grading of School Caretakers.

A letter from the Hon. Secretary of the above Council was submitted stating that the Council propose to proceed with the preparation of a scheme and asking for the Authority's observations on the draft scheme. The Education Committee at their October meeting had recommended that a conference of representatives of the Executive Committee of the Joint Industrial Council and of the Education Authorities in Middlesex should be convened to consider the whole question.

The Director of Education reported that the Middlesex Education Committee were shortly calling a meeting of representatives of Authorities in the County to consider the action to be taken in view of the letter referred to above. The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the matter until the result of this meeting was known, and appointed the Chairman and the Director of Education to represent the Committee.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

Mr. J.H.Fussell - Temporary Assistant Education Officer.

The Director of Education reported that Mr. Fussell had been appointed Director of Education, Borough of Tipton, and had submitted his resignation as Temporary Assistant Education Officer.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that advertisements be issued inviting applications to fill the post on the same terms and conditions as were contained in the advertisement issued in January 1942.

Second Report of Nurses Salaries Committee (Rushcliffe Report).

The Committee considered the above Report in respect of the personnel employed in the School Medical Service, and it was agreed to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the scale of salaries and conditions of service as set out be adopted in so far as the Education Authority are concerned with them.

Supply Teaching Appointments.

RECOMMENDED: that the list submitted to the Committee of the supply teaching appointments made during the period 23rd August to 22nd October, 1943, be approved.

Staff Absences.

A list of members of the staff absent since the last meeting of the Committee was submitted, and it was reported (1) that, in accordance with authority given, Mrs. Pearson had been granted leave of absence for three days, without payment of salary, during the period of her husband's call-up and later leave from the Forces, (2) that Mrs. Bickell and Mrs. Eastwood had been absent owing to the illness of their children, and (3) that the other periods of absence listed were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED: that Mrs. Bickell and Mrs. Eastwood be paid full salary for the first three days of absence, and that in those cases which were within the terms of the Authority's regulations full salary be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

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This is the Report of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (g) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

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Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

14th December, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P. and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilmot.

Non-Member: Alderman Wells.

POST WAR DEVELOPMENT.-

The Committee considered a report received from the Post War Reconstruction Sub-Committee and decided to deal further with the matter at the next meeting;

RESOLVED

(a) that the Post War Development Sub-Committee be constituted for the ensuing year as follows :-

The Mayor)
The Deputy Mayor) Ex-officio.
The Chairman of the Committee.
The Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

(b) that the Sub-Committee be asked to consider certain additional points raised by the Committee.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

This, together with the following three pages, is the report of the General Purposes Committee referred to in paragraph 251 (h) of the Council Minutes of the 30th December, 1943.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

15th December, 1943.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge and Tyndall.

Non-Members: Aldermen Pike, O.B.E., J.P. and Wells.

1.- STAFF.-

(a) Military Service - General Manager and Engineer.- It was reported that, in furtherance of the personal statement made by the General Manager and Engineer at the last meeting of the Council, a further report had been submitted by him at the last meeting of the Electricity Committee and that arising thereon the Committee decided to suggest to this Committee that, so soon as Mr. Westlake had been released from his military duties (which it was expected would take place shortly) a protest be forwarded by the Council to the Secretary of State for War dealing with the whole position;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(b) Absence through illness.- The names of those members of the Staff who had been absent, through illness, since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee were submitted, together with the necessary medical certificates.

(c) Temporary Assistant Caretaker - Avenue House.- The Town Clerk intimated that at the ordinary meeting of the Council in September last he reported that Mr. H. McCarthy, Temporary Assistant Caretaker at Avenue House had had a recurrence of his recent illness; that McCarthy had been on half pay since the 20th September, 1943 and that, under the Regulations, this would cease on the 13th October, 1943; further that the Council decided to refer the case to the Committee for consideration with power to act and that it was subsequently arranged, with the approval of the former Chairman of the Committee, that half pay should be resumed as from the 13th October, 1943;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved and that payment of half pay be continued until the end of January next.

(d) Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939.- The Committee considered further the case of J.C. Dunn, Caretaker of the Northside School who was posted as "missing at sea" on the 3rd March, 1943 and of D.J. Shea, Junior Clerk in the Valuation Department who was reported as "missing in Batavia" early in 1942.

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had agreed that supplementation of pay to each of these men should be continued for a further period of 13 weeks from the 27th September, 1943;

RECOMMENDED that this be again extended for a period of 13 weeks from the 27th December, 1943.

(e) Town Clerk's Department.-

(i) Appointment of Temporary Assistant Solicitor.- It was reported that Mr. R.W.T. Thorp commenced his duties on the 10th December, 1943.

(ii) Temporary Clerk.- The Town Clerk reported that Miss L. Flight, a Temporary Clerk in the Department had resigned her position as from the 16th December next, consequent upon her approaching marriage, and that he was proposing to re-appoint her on a part-time basis as from the 28th December on the usual terms and also to engage a further part-time temporary Clerk;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(f) Electricity Department.- It was reported that at the last meeting of the Electricity Committee the General Manager and Engineer had reported as follows :-

(i) Registration for Employment Order.- that he had received notification from the Ministry of Labour and National Service that, following the recent survey of the staff of the Department by the District Manpower Office, the following members of the clerical staff were to be withdrawn from the Council's Service :-

Miss E.M. Chamlet.
Miss B. Thomas.
Miss I.M. Timmis.
Miss J. Atkinson.

(ii) Illness.-

(1) that Mr. F. Cooper, an electrical wireman, who had been in the Department's service for nearly 30 years, had had to enter hospital for a serious operation; that Mr. Cooper was 61 years of age and that he would like to suggest that he be granted full pay during his period of absence to a maximum of three months instead of the customary four weeks' full pay and nine weeks' half pay; that if Mr. Cooper had not returned at the end of the three months he would report again on the matter; further that the Committee had decided to recommend to the Committee accordingly;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(2) that Mr.J.A. Quigley, a lorry driver in the Department's employment was, under the authority of the National Service Officer, transferred to the Highways Department from the 11th August, 1943; that Mr. Quigley had recently been absent, through illness, and that by arrangement with the Highways Department the Electricity Department had paid Mr. Quigley his wages during his period of illness, namely from the 21st October to the 18th November; further, that the Committee had decided to recommend to the Committee that the action taken be approved;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(iii) Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939.- that Mr. J.E. Echalier had received the permission of the National Service Officer to take up duties with Callenders' Cable and Construction Co.Ltd. and had commenced service with them on the 15th November, 1943.

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(iv) Increase in War Bonus - N.J.I.C. Schedule Rates.- that the Schedule Workers in the Industry governed by the N.J.I.C. had received an additional ½d. an hour on their War Bonus from the 1st October 1943; that the previous bonus of 4½d. an hour, therefore, became 5d. an hour, equivalent to 19/7d. a week of 47 hours, and that the approximate financial effect of the increase was £440 per annum.

(v) National Service Acts.-

(1) that Mr. J.E. White underwent a medical examination for the Forces on the 1st October and was placed in Grade 3 and that it was likely therefore that his services would be retained by the Department.

(2) that Mr. J.R. Polson, a maintenance wireman, who had been transferred to other war work by the National Service Officer, had informed him that he had now been called for service with the forces as from the 18th November.

(3) that Mr. F.E. Walker had been called for service with the forces from the 30th November, 1943.

(vi) Temporary Staff.-

(1) that Miss K. Wightman, a temporary clerk, was married on the 20th November and that permission had been granted to her to take one week's leave of absence, without pay, from the 19th November last;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(2) that Mrs. J.M. Sinclair (nee Miss J.M. Blow), a clerk in the Department, transferred from full-time to part-time employment from the 8th October, 1943.

(g) Public Libraries Department.- The Chief Librarian reported as follows :-

(i) that the Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee authorised one week's compassionate leave from the 15th November to Mrs. Mcdonnel on the death of her son during a military exercise;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(ii) that the following part-time appointments had been made :-

Name.	Date of appointment.	Replacing.
s.C.M. Wavell	11th October, 1943	Miss J. Cook (called up on 11th Sept.)
Mrs. A.M. Cooke	15th November, 1943	
Mrs. B.M. Porter	18th October, 1943	Miss P.E. Hughes (called up on 18th October).
Mrs. E. Fuller	11th October, 1943	
Mrs. M. Negus	13th December, 1943	Miss Webb (to be called up on 1st January, 1944).
rs. M. Osbourn	13th December, 1943	
Mrs. P. Harvey	13th December, 1943	Miss S.M. Manning (to be called up on 28th December).
Mrs. I.M. Manning	13th December, 1943	

(h) Valuation Officer - Appointment of.- In connection with the above, the Committee considered certain points which were raised at the last meeting of the Council;

RECOMMENDED

(i) that the successful candidate rank as a Chief Officer; and

(ii) that, if necessary, he be required to undertake, without additional remuneration, the work in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors for the Finchley Parliamentary Division and also the duties of Rehousing Officer, so far as they relate to the rehousing of persons who have been rendered homeless owing to enemy action and of evacuees - all other housing matters to be dealt with in future, by the Borough Surveyor.

(i) Public Health Department.-

(1) It was reported that at the last meeting of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee the Second report of the Nurses Salaries Committee received from the Ministry of Health was submitted and that arising thereon, the Medical Officer of Health intimated that the three Health Visitors would be affected; further, that the Committee decided to recommend that the report be adopted and had referred the matter to this Committee to deal with.

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 15th December from the Director of Education stating that the Education Committee had had the above Report under consideration at their last meeting in so far as it affected personnel employed in the School Medical Service and that it was agreed to recommend to the Committee that the scale of salaries and conditions of service as set out be adopted in so far as the Education Authority were concerned with them;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the necessary increases in salary to be granted to the three Health Visitors and that the matter be reported to the Finance Committee.

(2) Home Helps.- It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. Stoker, a whole-time Home Help, left the service of the Council on the 8th October and that Mrs. Gleason had been appointed in her stead at a wage of £3. 0. 0. a week with effect as from the 18th October.

(3) The Medical Officer of Health reported that, with the approval of the former Chairman of the Committee and the former Chairman of the Public Health and Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, Dr. Asher had undertaken to act as a Clinical Assistant on Saturday mornings at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, for which she would receive a fee of £1.11. 6. a session, but that she was prepared to refund such fee to the Council;

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised to Dr. Asher acting as above and that the question of the refundment of the fees be referred to the Town Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health for investigation and report.

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(j) Education Department - Temporary Assistant Educati Officer.-

The Committee considered a reference from the Educatio Committee hereon;

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the action of the Committee in giving authority for advertisements to be issued forthwith inviting applications for the appointment of a Temporary Assistant Educat Officer (male or female) who shall be a Gra uate of a British University at a salary of £500 per annum rising by annual increments £25 to £550 per annum, plus cost of living bonus, be approved;

(2) that the appointment be a war-time one only subject to satisfactory service and to the Staff Regulations of the Council;

(3) that the appointment be subject to medical examination by the Council's Medical Officer of Health; to one calendar month's notice in writing on either side and to the provisions of the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts or the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937;

(4) that this Committee be authorised to make the appointment, subject to report;

(5) that authority be given for application to be made for the deferment from military service of the person appointed, if such a course should be necessary.

(k) Finance Department.- The Borough Treasurer reports as follows :-

(i) that Mr. A. Johnson, Temporary Internal Audit whose deferment expired on the 20th September last was called up for service in the Royal Air Force on Octob 11th.

(ii) that Miss B. Gould, Temporary Electricity Rem Clerk, had been transferred to a post in War Industry and left the service of the Corporation on September 29th.

(iii) that Mrs. H. Bibby, part-time Temporary Assist had given notice for domestic reasons to terminate her appointment on the 18th December and that Miss J.A. Smith, 17, Wickliffe Avenue, N. 3. had been appointed fill the vacancy on similar terms subject to one month probation.

(iv) that Corporal Tickner, who whilst serving in 168 (City of London) Cavalry Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C was taken prisoner in Crete in 1941, had been repatri that during his time as a prisoner of war he had, thr the good offices of the Red Cross, been able to prepa and sit for Part I of the Final Examination of the Ins tute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants and that was glad to report that Corporal Tickner's name appear in the list of successful candidates; that his positi in the Department was that of Internal Auditor.

(l) Borough Surveyor's Department.- The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. H. Patrick, clerk in the Department had resigned her appointment as from the 17th December, 1943, in order to join her husband who is employed in a mine in Yorkshire; that Miss M. Rickard, shorthand-typist in the War Damage Section of the Department had been called for service with the London County Council, Public Health Department, Nursing Service, as from the end of January, 1944, and that Miss M. Dietterle, Clerk in the Accounts Section of the Department had passed successfully a medical examination and was likely to be called for service with the W.R.N.S. at an early date;

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make the necessary replacements.

(m) Superannuation - Refunds and Transfer Values.- The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of refunds made and transfer values paid in respect of certain members of the staff.

2.- COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.-

(a) Absence through illness.- The Borough Surveyor reported that C.E. Anderson, Street Orderly, who was suffering from Gastric trouble had exhausted his sick allowance and that he had been in the service of the Council for 18 years; further that R.L. Farebrother, Street Orderly, who was suffering from Laryngectomy (operation), had also exhausted his sick allowance and that he had been in the service of the Council for 10 years;

RECOMMENDED that each of these employees be granted half pay, less National Health Insurance benefit until the January Council meeting (unless they resume work earlier); that authority be given for payment to be made immediately, to date from the week they last received their sick allowances, namely, 23rd November, 1943 and 1st December, 1943, respectively.

(b) Christmas Holiday.- The Committee decided that all employees of the Council be allowed to leave work at mid-day on Christmas Eve, subject to the exigencies of the service permitting, on the understanding that any employee required to work on the afternoon of that day be given equivalent time off by arrangement with the Chief Officer concerned, and that no additional rate of pay be allowed to such employee;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

3.- PARLIAMENT (ELECTIONS AND MEETING) ACT, 1943.-

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to the additional important statutory duties which would devolve upon him consequent upon the passing of the above Act;

RECOMMENDED that, notwithstanding anything contained in his Agreement with the Council, he be allowed to retain any fees which may be received by him.

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4.- POST WAR DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.-

A report of the Post War Development Sub-Committee was submitted and after discussion it was decided to refer same to the Sub-Committee for further consideration;

RECOMMENDED

(a) that Standing Order No. 2(2) be suspended to enable the Post War Development Sub-Committee to be increased to six members;

(b) that the Sub-Committee be constituted for the ensuing year as follows :-

The Mayor)
The Deputy Mayor) Ex-officio.
The Chairman of the Committee.
The Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
Alderman Pike and
Councillor Langlands.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

FINCHLEY COUNCIL AND STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

21st December, 1943.

PART II.

Present:

Council Representatives.	Staff Representatives.
Alderman A.J.Briant	Mr. S.V.French,
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry J.P.)	Mr. J.Gray, M.B.E.,
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman)	Mr. P.T.Harrison,
Councillor Mrs. Roberts.	Mr. T.C.Judge,
	Mr. L. Smith,
	Mr. W.A.Stokes.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

RESOLVED that Alderman A.J.Briant be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

RESOLVED that Mr. P.T.Harrison be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SECRETARY:

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be appointed Honorary Secretary of the Committee for the ensuing year.

4. MINUTES:

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. WAR ESTABLISHMENT:

The Honorary Secretary reported that, at the meeting of the Council in September, 1943, the following Recommendation of this Committee, which had been adopted by the Council in March, 1943, was referred to the Committee for further consideration, in view of a report made by the Chief Officers to the General Purposes Committee on the matter:-

"That the Council give consideration to the setting up of a War Establishment, combining both permanent and temporary staff; that each Chief Officer be required to submit such an Establishment divided as to the respective sections of each Department, and that this Establishment be reviewed in January of each year."

The Committee were of opinion that it would be in the interest of the Council to review, at a given date in each year, the number of staff in each Department.

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It was therefore

RECOMMENDED that each Chief Officer be requested to s
to the General Purposes Committee particulars o
existing staff (permanent and temporary) not o
service, as at the 1st January in each year, as
compared with the peace-time establishment.

6. APPOINTMENT OF VALUATION OFFICER:

It was reported that at the Annual Meeting of the Finch
Branch of N.A.L.G.O. attention had been drawn to the fact th
above vacancy was being advertised as a permanent appointment
notwithstanding the resolution of the Council of the 28th Sep
1940, and that the meeting was of opinion that the interests
members of the Staff in the Forces who might be candidates fo
vacancy should be safeguarded and had asked that the matter b
considered by this Committee.

The Council Side of the Committee were of opinion that t
only members of the permanent staff who might have wished to
for the position were not sufficiently experienced for consid
ation in connection with the filling of the vacancy, and that
Council, therefore, were not departing from the spirit of the
Resolution of September, 1940.

It was suggested on behalf of the Staff Side that having
regard to the reduced amount of valuation work to be carried
war-time the position might with advantage be met by arrangin
an adjoining Authority for their Valuation Officer to carry o
this Council's valuation work and appointing a temporary Re-h
Officer whose salary would, no doubt, be re-imbursed by the
Ministry of Health. It was urged that the adoption of such
course would not only have the effect of safe-guarding the po
of members of the Staff on war service but would ensure a muc
wider field of applications when, at the end of the war, the
Council advertised for the permanent appointment.

After further discussion, the Committee were in agreement
with this suggestion, and it was

RECOMMENDED that the proposal be adopted by the
Council.

A. J. BRIANT, Chairman.

P. T. HARRISON, Vice-Cha

This is the Report of the Co
and Staff Joint Committee ref
to in paragraph 252 of the Co
Minutes of the 30th December,

25.

Mayor

Arising out of such paragraph, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Joint Committee be informed that the Council regret that they are unable to agree to the recommendation of the Committee for the reasons given in the Instruction Book.

253 **Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1—Liddiard Lubricants, Ltd.—Land, rear of premises at junction of East End Road and Sedgemere Avenue, N.3:**

The Town Clerk reported that no appeal had been lodged against the notice served on behalf of the Council of their proposal to prohibit the use of this land for the storage of empty oil drums, and it was accordingly

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Council, being the responsible authority under Section 13 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, and in accordance with the powers granted by sub-section 1(*c*) of the said section hereby prohibit the use of land at the rear of premises at the junction of East End Road and Sedgemere Avenue, N.3, shown pink on Drawing No. 13335 now submitted for the storage of empty oil drums, such user being in contravention of the character zoning provisions of Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1 affecting the said land;

(2) that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the above Order, which be added to the list of documents for sealing; and

(3) that the Town Clerk be instructed to take any necessary action in the matter and to institute any legal proceedings in the event of failure to comply with such prohibition.

254 **Staff:**

(*a*) General Manager and Engineer.—A letter dated 21st December, 1943, was submitted from the Electricity Commissioners, stating that in regard to Lt. Col. Westlake they had now been notified by the Director of Recruitment and Mobilisation of the War Office that "indefinite release from military service" had been approved.

(*b*) Flt.-Lt. C. H. Hawkins.—The Town Clerk reported that Flt.-Lt. Hawkins, a member of the staff of the Borough Treasurer's Department, had recently been wounded in action, and it was

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be directed to convey to him the best wishes of the Council for a speedy and complete recovery.

255 **Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the County of Middlesex. War Wage Increase:**

A letter dated 21st December, 1943, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the above, forwarding copy of the following resolutions passed by the Provincial Council at their last meeting:—

"THAT in lieu of the present war wage increase of 17/6d. per week for adult male employees, and 75 per cent. thereof for adult female employees, there shall be a war wage of 19/6d. per week for adult male employees, and 75 per cent. thereof for adult female employees, such increase to be operative and payable on the pay day in the week commencing Monday, the 3rd January, 1944, and such war wage to be reckoned in calculating overtime.

"THAT in the case of those Provincial Councils whose Schedules prescribe hourly rates, the increase shall be translated as amounting to 5d. per hour for men and 3¾d. per hour for women for a 47 hour week."

Arising thereon, the Borough Surveyor reported that the approximate cost to the Council for the remainder of the present financial year consequent upon the adoption of the further war wage increase would be £300 and in a full year approximately £1,200, one-third of which was recoverable;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee with a view to the submission of a supplemental estimate for the sum of £300.

256 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction, as entered in the Instruction Book, be approved.

257 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Syrett, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

D A A Merry

Mayor.

24th January, 1944.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

4th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett and Councillors Grobel, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-member: Councillor Blunden.

258 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

259 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the Requisitions, as contained in the Books submitted, be approved.

260 **Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman C. S. Syrett be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal year.

261 **Heavy Rescue Vehicles:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 21st December, 1943, from the County Air Raid Precautions Officer intimating that the existing heavy rescue vehicles were being replaced by new vehicles and drawing attention to certain conditions attaching thereto in respect of care and maintenance.

262 **Repair of War Damaged Houses:**

A circular letter was submitted from the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health forwarding particulars of a scheme which had been prepared for mutual aid among Local Authorities in Sub-Group 6C in connection with the carrying out of immediate first aid repairs to houses in the event of a recurrence of heavy air raids.

263 Clearance of Lofts Order, 1942:

The Report of the National Fire Service of the number of inspections made under the above Order during November, 1943, was submitted.

264 Use of Private Cars for Civil Defence Duty:

The Town Clerk submitted an application received from the Deputy Post Warden of Wardens' Post No. 18 for authority to use his car in connection with his Civil Defence duties and, after hearing a report by the Chief Warden thereon, it was

RESOLVED that such application be granted and that the applicant be allowed not more than 1 gallon of petrol a month for the purpose in question.

265 Civil Defence Canteens:

The following report of the Canteen Sub-Committee held on the 7th December, 1943, was submitted:—

"Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Councillors J. Hugh Jones and Mrs. M. E. Legge and Alderman C. S. Syrett (by special invitation).

1. Chairman:

Councillor J. Hugh Jones was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2. Canteen Trading Accounts:

The trading account for the quarter ended 30th September, 1943 (circulated) was submitted, together with estimated trading accounts for the months of October and November, 1943 (circulated).

The September account revealed a position similar to that shown in the June account but, as a result of the alterations authorised by the Civil Defence Committee, viz., the closing down of the Northside and St. Mary's Canteens and increasing of prices at the other two, the accounts for October and November, during which months the new arrangements had operated, showed a reduction in the amount chargeable to the County Council.

It was pointed out that the charge for wages had been increased by nearly 30 per cent. during the past two months in respect of the appointment of substitutes for members of the staff away due to sickness and it was decided to raise with the County Council the question of authority being given for staff to be paid on a daily basis.

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that every possible saving had been effected and he could not see any further means of reducing the overhead costs and increasing income at Avenue House and Central Depot and the Sub-Committee acknowledged that while the position of these canteens was unsatisfactory from a financial point of view, the sum included in the accounts as 'charge to the Middlesex County Council' was unavoidable, having regard to the fact that the overhead costs now remained constant, that the turnover was continually falling owing to reduced personnel, and that licences granted by the Food Control Committee strictly limited the type of persons enabled to use the canteens.

The Sub-Committee were of opinion that the whole matter should be discussed with the County Council and they authorised the Chairman and Alderman Syrett, together with the Officers concerned, to arrange accordingly;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the action taken be approved; and

(2) that the Trading Account for the quarter ended 30th September, 1943, be adopted.

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman."

RESOLVED that such report be adopted.

266 Fire Prevention:

(*a*) Fire Guard (Business and Government Premises) Order, 1943.—London Region Circular No. 289 was submitted in regard to the inspection of Fire Prevention arrangements approved by the Ministry of War Transport and the matter was referred to the Fire Guard Officer for attention.

CIVIL DEFENCE (*contd.*)

(*b*) Expenditure.—The Committee considered the reference from the Finance Committee in regard to (i) static water tanks for street fire parties, and (ii) uniforms for Fire Guard Section Captains; and the Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Regional Commissioners on the lines suggested by the Finance Committee.

Arising out of the supply of the static water tanks, the Chief Warden reported that the estimated cost of delivering the tanks to various points within the Borough was £12;

RESOLVED that authority be given for this expenditure to be incurred.

(*c*) Wheelbarrow Pumps.—A communication was submitted from the Regional Commissioners in regard to the allocation of 4 wheel-barrow pumps to the Borough and setting out the conditions attaching to the issue and other arrangements which should be made in regard to the provision of static water tanks to provide the necessary water supply.

The Chief Warden intimated that the conditions in question could be fulfilled if the pumps were accepted but that it would probably not be necessary to make any fresh arrangements for static water tanks as a sufficient water supply was available in each area concerned.

The Committee were of opinion that so far as the pumps were concerned the expenditure involved should not merely be subject to grant but should be fully reimbursed by the Regional Commissioners, and they were not prepared to accept the tanks unless the whole of the cost in connection therewith were reimbursed;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk communicate to this effect with the Department concerned.

267 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted copies of circulars which had been received from various Government Departments.

268 **Re-Housing:**

(*a*) Requisitioned Premises.—Applications were submitted for the release of the under-mentioned premises:—

(i) 8, The Bishop's Avenue.
(ii) 72, Ossulton Way.
(iii) 64, Windermere Avenue.

As regards (i), it was reported that the applicant was a prospective purchaser who would not immediately require possession but asked for an undertaking that the premises would be vacated immediately upon the cessation of hostilities.

As regards (ii), it was reported that the Regional Commissioners recommended that the application be granted.

After due consideration, it was

RESOLVED—

(1) that No. 72, Ossulton Way be released; and

(2) that No. 64, Windermere Avenue, and No. 8, The Bishop's Avenue, be not released, and that as regards the latter the applicant be informed that in any event the Committee are not in a position to give the undertaking desired.

(*b*) (i) Half-way Houses.—The Acting Re-housing Officer reported that "Wayside," The Bishop's Avenue, and No. 52, Norrice Lea, were now fully equipped as half-way houses and could accommodate 22 and 20 persons respectively.

(ii) Glenaradale, Woodside Avenue.—The Committee considered a reference from the Town Planning Committee as to the possibility of the above premises being used for Civil Defence purposes and it was reported that the property appeared to be suitable for use as a half-way house and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to report as to the cost of any necessary repairs.

269 **Wages Statistics:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted statistics as to wages for the 13 weeks ended 26th December, 1943.

270 **Civil Defence Expenditure:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted for the information of the Committee a statement of the financial position of the Corporation in connection with the administration of War Emergency Services.

271 **Chief Wardens' Training Course:**

The Town Clerk reported that the Inspector General had asked whether the Chief Warden might attend one of the two courses which were being arranged in the near future for Chief Wardens;

RESOLVED that the Chief Warden be authorised to attend the course from the 24th to 29th January, 1944, and that his expenses in connection therewith be charged to Civil Defence.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

Highways Committee's Report

5th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Capt. Franks, Grobel and Lawrence.

272 **Chairman:**

RESOLVED that, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee owing to illness, the Chair be occupied by the Mayor.

273 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on the 6th October, and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

274 **Appointment of Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Alderman Pateman be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

HIGHWAYS (*contd.*)

275 London Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents—Safety Training Exhibition:

(*a*) Arising out of the decision at last meeting to arrange, if possible, for a local display of safety training exhibits for children early in 1944, the Town Clerk reported that he had now heard from the Society that the whole of their Cine equipment and films was on tour in the Midlands and Northern districts, and that it was much regretted that they would not be able to make any further bookings for the London area.

(*b*) The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Blunden had forwarded to him a circular letter dated 29th October, 1943, received from the Society stating that, at a recent meeting, a resolution from the County Borough of Croydon was considered suggesting that statistics relating to road accidents in the Metropolitan Police Area should be analysed, each month, in a standard form (a copy of which was enclosed) so that uniform consideration might be given to such figures by local Committees. He added that it was intimated that, if local Authorities could similarly analyse their accident statistics, a clearer picture might be obtained of the road accident position, and the conditions and circumstances contributing to such accidents in the Metropolitan Area, and that the hope was expressed that the Council might find the form useful for analysing accidents in the Borough;

RESOLVED that the Society be informed that the Council will be pleased to arrange for statistics to be prepared in the form suggested, and that the Borough Surveyor arrange accordingly.

(*c*) A copy of Road Accident Bulletin No. 17, giving details of road accident statistics from September, 1937, to August, 1943, published by the Society, was submitted.

276 Temporary Repairs—Norrice Lea and Linden Lea:

It was reported that, at the meeting of the Council in October last, reference was made by Councillor Captain Franks to the ineffectual manner in which the above works had been carried out and that the matter had been referred to the Committee for investigation.

Arising thereon, the Borough Surveyor reported fully on the matter and intimated that, in his opinion, the Contractors had made as good a job as was possible having regard to the limited extent of the specification; further, that the attention of the Contractors had been drawn to certain minor points which were receiving their attention.

277 Road Rollers:

A circular letter dated 1st December, 1943, was submitted from the Association of Municipal Corporations stating that it had now been suggested that the following terms should form the basis of compensation in respect of road rollers which had been or might be acquired by the Ministry of War Transport.

1. Rollers will be requisitioned *and* acquired.
2. The basis of compensation shall be the price of a similar new machine at 1st September, 1939, but if this price is not readily ascertainable, the original purchase price shall be taken instead.
3. The depreciation for both diesel and petrol rollers shall be at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum on the diminishing value from the date of purchase by the Local Authority concerned. Special consideration to be given to any cases where at the time of acquisition it is shown that the Roller has been completely overhauled within 12 months of the date of acquisition, and alternatively, where in the opinion of the Chief Inspector of Electrical and Mechanical Equipment the Roller is in such good condition that it does not require to be overhauled by the makers.
4. As conditions immediately post war cannot at present be determined, no firm promise of production can be made, but the Ministry of War Transport and the Ministry of Works fully realise the importance of carrying out essential road work as soon as possible and will represent this to the Board of Trade when priorities of manufacture are being considered.

RECOMMENDED that the Association be informed that the Council are prepared to approve of the terms above set forth, subject to their applying only to future acquisitions by the Ministry.

278 Post War Reconstruction—Layout and Construction of Roads:

A circular letter dated 28th October, 1943, was submitted from the Ministry of War Transport enclosing a revised Memorandum on the above subject. It was stated that the Minister trusted that Highway Authorities would, whenever practicable, adopt the revised recommendations in their plans for the post-war period, and that the recommendations should also be followed, so far as circumstances permitted, in any construction or improvement which might be carried out during the war.

The Town Clerk reported that the Memorandum in question had been forwarded to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

279 Post War Fire Service:

The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Fire Brigades Union a Memorandum hereon which embodied certain proposals of the Fire Brigades Union relevant to the nature of the post war fire service, upon which the observations of the Council were desired.

He stated that the Union's Executive took the view that it would be undesirable to perpetuate the National Fire Service after the War, but at the same time, they held that the nature of the problems of fire protection and extinction were such as to demand a larger territorial basis unit for organisation than obtained under the Fire Brigades Act, 1938, and that they felt that the Government's promise that the Fire Brigades, which were nationalised in 1941, would be returned to local control after the war, could best be implemented by the establishment of joint Committees of local authorities—representation on such Committees to be on the basis of rateable value of the Authorities represented, financial responsibility being allocated by a standard rate over the whole area, aided by Government grant;

RECOMMENDED that the Union be informed—

(1) that the Council are not in agreement with the proposals outlined above;

(2) that the Council's Fire Brigade was administered efficiently and economically prior to its being taken over by the Government, and that the Council expect it to be returned to them after the War in accordance with the Government's pledge; and

(3) that the Act of 1938 gives full power for inter-district arrangements in connection with fire protection to be made by Local Authorities.

280 Classified and Trunk Roads—Cost of Street Cleansing:

The Town Clerk reported that a circular letter dated 16th September, 1943, had been issued by the Urban District Councils Association stating that negotiations had been in progress in regard to the difficult questions which arise in relation to street cleansing in determining the proportion of cost which should be accepted in urban districts as being related to street cleansing for highway maintenance purposes with a view to the adoption of as simple a formula as was possible; further, that it was pointed out that, as the result of the negotiations, agreement had been reached between the County Councils Association on the one hand and the Urban District Council's Association and the Association of Municipal Corporations on the other, and that the terms of settlement were as follows:—

> "The highway authority to pay towards the cost of street cleansing in urban areas (excluding the cost of snow clearing and gulley cleansing), 50 per cent. of the first £150 per mile of expenditure, 40 per cent. of the next £100 per mile and 30 per cent. of anything over £250 per mile.
>
> The cost of snow clearing and gulley cleansing is properly chargeable to the highway maintenance account and is therefore a matter for the highway authority rather than the local authority."

The Town Clerk added that the Association recommended their members to make arrangements with the County Council for the matter to be dealt with on the foregoing lines even in cases in which the terms might be less favourable than those now in operation.

HIGHWAYS (*contd.*)

The Borough Surveyor reported that, if the suggestion contained in the circular letter referred to were adopted, it would mean the transfer to the Council's Highways estimate of a sum of approximately £1,600 per annum which was now met by the County Council, and that he understood that the Middlesex County Council did not propose to make any alteration in the present procedure.

In the circumstances, it was

RECOMMENDED that this Council do not accept the terms provisionally agreed between the Associations and the Ministry.

281 **Post Office Wayleaves:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approved an application received from the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to erect a telegraph pole on the west side of Gordon Road, opposite to Elm Park Road, approximately 65 yards south of the existing pole outside the premises known as "Furnes" and "Brookside";

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

282 **Retaining Wall—Mutton Brook South of Norrice Lea:**

Arising out of Minute No. 1158 (October, 1942), the Borough Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor had written stating that this work had now been completed and that the Council's contribution towards the cost thereof would amount to a sum of £140, being approximately £18 in excess of that estimated;

RECOMMENDED that the expenditure be approved.

Arising hereon, the Committee decided to send a supplemental estimate for £140 to the Finance Committee for approval.

283 **Diesel Road Roller:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that following receipt of a letter dated the 27th October, 1943, from Aveling-Barford, Ltd., he had placed an order with that firm for one Diesel Road Roller, similar to the machine which the Council disposed of to the War Office some time ago and that it would be supplied when normal deliveries could be made at the price ruling at the time of despatch, but if the price exceeded that now current, namely £669, the order could be cancelled;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that Standing Order No. 13 be suspended and that the action taken by the Borough Surveyor be approved;

(*b*) that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary Contract.

Arising hereon instructions were given for the matter to be reported to the Finance Committee.

284 **Tenders for Haulage 1944/45:**

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for advertisements to be issued inviting tenders in respect of the above.

D. A. A. MERRY,

Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Education Committee's Report

(Special Meeting)

6th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett; Councillors Grobel, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot;

Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A., and Mr. Wooding Monk.

Non-members: Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Capt. Franks and Lawrence.

285 **Educational Reconstruction—Education Bill:**

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to consider (1) reports of the Education, General Purposes and Finance Committees and of the Town Clerk, which were referred to the Education Committee by the Council at their December meeting, and (2) any other matter arising from the Bill.

The reports had dealt with the serious financial burden that would be placed upon the Borough by the changes in local administration, and with the loss of status that would follow upon the adoption of the proposed plan whereby the County Council, as the Education Authority, would be responsible for the scheme of divisional administration in all parts of their area, save where existing Part III. Authorities were, under the Bill, to be "excepted" districts.

The Chairman briefly explained the new proposals, and intimated that they had been considered at a Conference of Middlesex Part III. Authorities held on 4th January, 1944. It had been decided to prepare certain amendments to the Bill, and to consider other points raised by members of the Conference, including the advisability of easing the financial burden that would arise in some areas from an equalisation of rates. It had been agreed further to engage Parliamentary agents to draft such amendments as might be agreed upon.

After full discussion, during which fears were expressed as to the danger to the present structure of local Government by the extension of the principles of administration embodied in the Education Bill, it was

RESOLVED—

(1) that the Reports of the Education, General Purposes and Finance Committees be adopted.

(2) that authority be given to the Chairman of the Education Committee and the officers to take such steps as may be necessary to protect the interests of the Council.

(3) that authority be given to pay the Council's share of expenses involved in the employment of parliamentary agents.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

10th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Councillors Bryson and Wilmot; Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A., and Mr. Wooding Monk.

286 **Apology for Absence:**

An apology for absence was received from Alderman C. S. Syrett.

287 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 13th December, 1943, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

288 **School Attendance for quarter ended 31st December, 1943, and comparison with last year:**

In connection with school attendance, the following figures were submitted and noted:—

Year.	Average number on Books.	Average attendance.	Percentage.
1943	4,329	3,594	83.0
1942	4,277	3,630	84.8

289 **Lettings:**

The Committee dealt with certain applications, details of which are entered in the Minute Book.

290 **Cleaning Assistance:**

The Committee considered an application from the Headmistress of Northside Junior School, for additional cleaning assistance, in respect of increased accommodation now in use, and agreed to

RECOMMEND that the present hours of cleaning assistance, namely 30, be increased to 36.

291 **Repairs—Christ Church School:**

A letter, dated 7th January, 1944, was submitted from the Managers of the above school asking the Committee to agree to bear a proportion of the cost of repairs to Anthracite Stoves;

RECOMMENDED that the Committee bear 5/6ths of the total cost of £9 15s. 7d., namely, £8 3s., of repairs to Anthracite Stoves.

292 **Extension of Contract—Messrs. Leighton, Baldwin, Cox & Co., Ltd.,—Needlework Materials:**

The above-named firm have submitted terms for the period 1st January to 31st March, 1944, inclusive. With the exception of a small increase in the cost of two items, the prices remain constant;

RECOMMENDED that these terms be accepted.

293 **Supply of Materials, etc., for the Year 1944-45:**

It was reported that arrangements for (1) supply of cleaning materials, (2) window cleaning, and (3) contracts for the supply of school materials end on the 31st March, 1944;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) Cleaning Materials.—That the present arrangements whereby cleaning materials are obtained from three local firms supplying the Elementary Schools in the Borough be continued for another year, ending 31st March, 1945.

(2) Window Cleaning.—That the present arrangements with the North Middlesex Window Cleaning Company be continued for another year, ending 31st March, 1945.

(3) Books, Stationery and Apparatus, Needlework Materials.—That the contracts with Messrs. E. J. Arnold & Son, Ltd., for Books, Stationery and Apparatus, and Messrs. Leighton, Baldwin, Cox & Co., Ltd., for Needlework Materials, be extended for one year, ending 31st March, 1945, the Chairman to approve prices and any variation in these during the year, subject to report.

294 **Education Bill:**

The Chairman recalled that the Committee had already discussed the administrative proposals of the Bill and their financial effect upon the Borough. He drew the Committee's attention to the general educational provisions, and after some discussion, it was agreed that the provisions should be warmly welcomed as marking a most progressive step in English education.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

11th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Fitness (Chairman), Mr. J. S. Sunderland (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Grocott, Councillor Wilmot and Messrs. Hewitt and Rolfe.

295 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

296 **Permanent Allotments—Brook Farm:**

(*a*) Plot E.14.—An application was submitted from the tenant of the above plot for permission to cultivate the allotment rent free from the 13th August, 1943, the date of the commencement of his tenancy, until the 25th March, 1944, owing to its poor condition. After hearing a report from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, it was

RECOMMENDED that no reduction be made in the rent.

(*b*) Plot L.1.—With reference to Minute No. 662 of 1942/43 the Town Clerk reported that the removal of the Greenhouse from the above allotment had now been effected and that the boundary line of the property had been reinstated to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor and that the plot was being offered to another applicant.

ALLOTMENTS (*contd.*)

297 War-Time Allotments—Beaufort Drive—Access to the Plots:

With reference to Minute No. 836(*a*) of 1942/43, when the above matter was referred to the Parks and Open Spaces Committee, the Town Clerk reported that the outcome of this reference was that a gate had been constructed in the fence on the Brookland Rise frontage of the Open Space land and that the gate had been fitted with a lock to which keys would be issued to applicants on payment of a deposit of 2/6d.; further, that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Brookside Allotment Association requesting that this deposit should be reduced to 1/- and that the fencing should be continued around the whole of the plots, and that the Chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee had requested the Allotments and Food Production Committee to deal with such letter;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that notwithstanding the resolution of the Council under Minute No. 1027(*g*), keys be offered to the plotholders concerned on payment of a deposit of 1/-; and

(*b*) that a reply be forwarded to the Brookside Allotment Association that the Council regret they have no timber available for the erection of fencing around allotments.

298 Arrears in Rent:

Particulars of unpaid accounts in respect of rents of a number of war-time plots were submitted and the Town Clerk intimated that the tenants of these plots had been warned that the plots would be re-let should the rents remain unpaid by a given date, now past.

In view of the fact that there were still a number of persons desiring plots in the vicinity of these allotments the Committee instructed the Town Clerk to give seven days' notice to these tenants to determine their tenancies;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

299 Incorporation of Allotment Societies:

The Town Clerk reported that the members of one of the Permanent Allotment Associations were considering forming themselves into a corporate Society and that in this event they would be requesting the Council to grant a lease to the new Society of the land cultivated by them;

RECOMMENDED that the Officers concerned ascertain the actual area of the land which would be required by the Association and the rental value thereof for allotment purposes; that enquiries be made of other Allotment Associations who might wish to adopt a similar course and that the matter be reported upon further at the next meeting.

300 "Food for Victory" Committee:

The Chairman submitted a request from the above Committee for a grant to be made to them to cover the cost of their Spring Campaign;

RECOMMENDED that reasonable expenditure incurred by the above Committee in connection with their Spring Campaign, not exceeding £10, be reimbursed subject to the production to the Borough Treasurer of supporting vouchers.

301 Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in their Instruction Books, be approved.

W. C. FITNESS,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report

(Special Meeting).

12th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-members: Alderman Wells and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

302 **Appointment of Valuation Officer:**

The Committee interviewed eight selected candidates for the above position and, in accordance with the authority delegated to them by the Council, appointed Mr. Ivan Fooks, F.A.I., Chief Valuation Officer to the Barnes Corporation, on the terms mentioned in the advertisement.

Mr. Fooks will commence his duties on the 14th February, 1944.

It was decided to ask the Valuation Committee for their views on the subject of a car allowance being granted to Mr. Fooks, and a further report will be made to the Council on the matter at a later date.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

13th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor H. H. Wilmot (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair, the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett and Councillors Blunden and Mrs. Roberts.

303 **Diesel Road Roller:**

The recommendations of the Highways Committee in regard to the placing of an order for a Diesel Road Roller were reported and noted.

304 **Supplemental Estimates:**

(*a*) The Committee considered supplemental estimates in respect of the following items of expenditure:—

Committee.	Item.	Amount. £
Highways ... ... Public Health ... Parks and Open Spaces ...	Additional War Wage Increase. Council Employees.	300 (1/3rd of this amount is recoverable).
Highways	Contribution towards cost of construction of Retaining Wall—Mutton Brook, south of Norrice Lea.	140

Done

FINANCE (*contd.*)

RECOMMENDED that supplemental estimates be approved in respect of the expenditure in question.

(*b*) In accordance with instructions the Borough Treasurer reported that, excluding the items referred to in (*a*) above, supplemental estimates to a total of £6,264 18s. 7d. (including £4,168 18s. 7d. for salaries and wages wartime increases) had been approved during the present financial year.

305 **Insurance Claims—Damage to Council Property:**

In accordance with the instructions given at the last meeting of the Committee the Borough Treasurer reported in regard to the question of establishment and depot charges in connection with the above where the repairs were carried out by a contractor. After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that, as a general principle, establishment and depot charges be not included in the claim on the Insurance Company where repairs are carried out entirely by a contractor and that, wherever possible, the Company settle the account direct with the Contractor;

(ii) that the Borough Treasurer discuss with the Company the question of the desirability of the policy being endorsed to provide for the payment of establishment and depot costs should these be justified in any particular case.

306 **Civil Defence Expenditure:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement of the financial position of the Corporation in connection with the administration of war emergency services.

307 **Income Tax (Employments) Act, 1943:**

The Borough Treasurer reported further in regard to the arrangements made in connection with the new system for the deduction of tax from wages under the above Act and reported that it appeared essential, in order to obtain the necessary time to carry out the additional work between the end of the pay week and the pay day, to alter the pay week by one day and that this would have the effect of retaining another day's pay in hand;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for such arrangement to be made if possible and that the Chairman of the Committee, together with the Officers concerned, be authorised to meet the Workpeople's Side of the Whitley Works Committee for the purpose of explaining the position.

308 **Rate Collection—1st October—31st December:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement: —

	1942-43.		1943-44.	
	£	%	£	%
Arrears	18,462	6.52	8,137	3.06
Half-year's Rate	262,790	92.87	255,845	96.12
Additional Assessments	1,731	0.61	2,195	0.82
Total Amount Collectible	282,983	100.00	266,177	100.00
Amount Collected— 1st Oct.—31st Dec.	179,889	63.57	*187,461	70.43
Amount outstanding ...	£103,094	36.43	£78,716	29.57

*Current Rate 184,877
Arrears 2,584

309 Statement of Bank Balances:

The following statement was submitted:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		126,195 10 —	
Education Revenue		17,950 — —	
Electricity Revenue	7,944 9 7		
Housing Revenue		18,644 — 4	
General Rate Fund Capital	5,273 17 11		
Education Capital		1,216 4 5	
Electricity Capital		8,204 18 2	
Consolidated Loans Fund	43,513 13 8		
Superannuation Fund		2,580 8 11	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		155 5 8	
Salaries		2,824 10 7	
Advance	5,851 12 5		
Suspense		226 15 7	
Loan Interest		40 18 9	
A.R.P. Canteen	1,606 15 9		
Communal Feeding		6,208 11 3	
Wages		1,627 16 6	
	£64,190 9 4	£185,875 — 2	£121,684 10 10

310 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(*a*) Interim Order on Treasurer.—In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council, an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £39,605 16s. 8d., made up as follows, was approved by the Committee:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	32,123 17 8
Electricity Revenue	4,332 6 7
General Rate Fund Capital	104 — —
Superannuation Fund	396 16 4
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	15 9 3
A.R.P. Canteen	340 3 11
Communal Feeding	2,293 2 11
	£39,605 16 8

(*b*) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £75,300 12s. 10d.:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	65,970 2 0
Electricity Revenue	8,689 10 8
Loan Interest	641 0 2
	£75,300 12 10

H. H. WILMOT,

Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Legal and Parliamentary Committee's Report.

17th JANUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor C. P. Grobel (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

311 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of Meetings of the Committee held on the 9th November, 1940, 17th November, 1941, 9th November, 1942, and 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

312 **Middlesex County Council Bill, 1944:**

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the provisions of the above Bill which, he stated, consolidated 16 local Acts relating to the County Council and drew attention to certain parts of the Bill which affected the Corporation. He intimated that the County Council had inserted in the Bill objectionable words in regard to the East Middlesex Sewerage Scheme which had also been inserted in the County Council's Bill in 1938 which dealt with the East Middlesex Sewerage Scheme and which had ultimately been withdrawn after objection by the Council and other interested authorities.

He also reported that the Executive Committee of the Middlesex Borough and District Councils Association had been considering the Bill in its various stages during the past three months and were of the opinion that the new additions with regard to the sewerage provisions affected the position of local authorities seriously and having regard to the very many other points which might arise in connection with other parts of the Bill had decided to engage Messrs. Lees & Co., Parliamentary Agents, to advise them on the Bill generally and had further recommended each local authority to bear its proper proportion of the expense so incurred. He further stated that, following upon a meeting with Messrs. Lees & Co., amendments had been submitted to the County Council dealing particularly with the sewerage points with a view to getting them withdrawn so as to avoid petitioning in the First House. The County Council, however, had not seen their way to accept any of the suggestions and, in the circumstances, the Executive Committee of the Association recommended all local authorities in the County to petition against the Bill and that those within the area of the East Middlesex Sewerage Scheme should submit a joint petition and those in the West Middlesex area take similar action.

The Town Clerk also mentioned that there were several other drafting amendments which appeared necessary, but that if the County Council were prepared to withdraw the objectionable points in the Sewerage part of the Bill, these further amendments might be left over for further discussion and so avoid a contest in the First House.

He also drew attention to the fact that the Bill contained 465 Clauses and it had involved a great deal of work identifying the new clauses of the Bill with the Sections of the old Acts in order to clear up difficulties and he expressed the view that it was quite unnecessary for the Bill to have been promoted at the present time when local authorities in the County were so short of staff and their energies could be much better occupied upon the war effort.

After careful consideration it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that a Petition be lodged against the Middlesex County Council Bill jointly with other local authorities in the County and that Counsel be briefed to appear in connection therewith on behalf of the Council;

(*b*) that the Council agree to bear their proportion of the cost of engaging Messrs. Lees and Co. in connection with the preliminary work of the Executive Committee of the Middlesex Borough and District Councils Association and also in connection with any further opposition to the Bill; and

(*c*) that the Chairman of the Committee and the Town Clerk be authorised to settle any matters on behalf of the Council, subject to report.

CYRIL P. GROBEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
22nd February, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th day of January, 1944.

(2) To consider tenders for:—
- (*a*) General Haulage, comprising
  - (i) Horse Haulage;
  - (ii) Motor Haulage.
- (*b*) Haulage of materials to and from railway stations.

(3) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—
- (*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st February, 1944.
- (*b*) **Town Planning** of the 7th February, 1944.
- (*c*) **Electricity** of the 8th February, 1944.
- (*d*) **Public Libraries** of the 9th February, 1944.
- (*e*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 10th February, 1944.
- (*f*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 10th February, 1944.
- (*g*) **Public Health** of the 10th February, 1944.
- (*h*) **Education** of the 14th February, 1944.
- (*i*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 15th February, 1944.

(j) **General Purposes** of the 16th February, 1944.
(k) **Finance** of the 17th February, 1944.
(l) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 21st February, 1944.
(m) **Housing (Special)** of the 21st February, 1944.
(n) **Highways (Special)** of the 21st February, 1944.
(o) **Communal Feeding** of the 22nd February, 1944.

(4) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(5) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(6) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(7) To receive and consider the Reports of the following Committees:—
(a) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st February, 1944.
(b) **Electricity** of the 8th February, 1944.
(c) **Public Libraries** of the 9th February, 1944.
(d) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 10th February, 1944.
(e) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 10th February, 1944.
(f) **Education** of the 14th February, 1944.
(g) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 15th February, 1944.
(h) **General Purposes** of the 16th February, 1944.
(i) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 18th February, 1944.
(j) **Communal Feeding** of the 22nd February, 1944.

(8) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(9) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 24th day of JANUARY, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

A. N. H. Baines, C.C.
W. Blunden.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
Capt. L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt. Col. J. Hugh Jones.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.
H. H. Wilmot.

313 **Prayers:**

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting and opened the proceedings with prayer.

314 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Council held on the 30th day of December, 1943, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

315 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Alderman Briant and Councillors The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness and Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

316 **Honours List:**

Reference was made by the Mayor to the honour which had recently been conferred on Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, by H.M. The King, by the award of the M.B.E. (Civil Division);

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Langlands, that the very sincere congratulations of the Council be conveyed to her.

317 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th January, 1944.

(*b*) **Highways** of the 5th January, 1944.

(*c*) **Education (Special)** of the 6th January, 1944.

(*d*) **Education** of the 10th January, 1944.

Arising on the report, the Chairman of the Committee referred to the proposals which had been made to the Board of Education in regard to the question of the provision of temporary accommodation for the children of St. Mary's School. He stated that a letter dated 20th January, 1944, had been received from the Board stating that they had given careful consideration to the matter but that, as the Council were aware, the present acute shortage of labour and materials made for considerable slowness in the erection of huts, and that they would suggest that, bearing in mind the possibility of a change in the situation, the Council should defer the proposals until it was possible to forecast the trend of events more accurately.

The Chairman added that he wished to register a strong protest against the attitude adopted by the Board at the present juncture. The Council were in accord with the views of the Chairman, and it was

RESOLVED that authority be given for such action to be taken in the matter as may be deemed necessary including, if thought desirable, an approach to the local Member of Parliament with a view to a question being raised in the House of Commons.

(*e*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 11th January, 1944.

(*f*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 12th January, 1944.

(*g*) **Finance** of the 13th January, 1944.

(*h*) **Legal and Parliamentary** of the 17th January, 1944.

318 **Death of Mr. G. Dominy:**

Reference was made by the Mayor to the death of Mr. G. Dominy, the Council's representative on the Board of Directors of the Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd., which took place on the 15th January, 1944;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the Town Clerk be directed to communicate with Mrs. Dominy, expressing the Council's deepest sympathy with her in her sad loss; and

(*b*) that the question of the filling of the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Golf Club be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

319 Special Meetings of Certain Committees:

RESOLVED that special meetings of the under-mentioned Committees be held on the 21st February, 1944, at the times indicated below for the purpose of considering their estimates for the forthcoming financial year:—

Allotments and Food Production	7.30 p.m.
Housing	7.45 p.m.
Highways	8 p.m.

320 The Royal Sanitary Institute:

A circular letter dated 3rd January, 1944, was submitted from the Secretary of the above Institute, giving notice of a number of meetings to be held at the Institute in March, 1944, at which representatives of the Council were invited to attend.

321 District Joint Committee of Local Authorities and Chief Electrical Engineers (Electricity Supply Industry). Area No. 10—Greater London:

A letter dated 23rd December, 1943, was submitted from the Secretary of the above, stating that the District Joint Committee at their last meeting had had under consideration the question of the reconstitution of the Employers' Side for the year 1944.

He pointed out that the six employer members were first elected by constituent authorities by a direct vote of representatives and that since the war no fresh election had taken place, the members continuing to function; that it was considered, however, that the time had now arrived when an election should be held, and that he would be glad to know, therefore, whether the Council, as a constituent member, desired to nominate a representative for election.

He added that perhaps the Council would at the same time indicate the name of the person to whom the power of voting in the election was delegated;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the question of the nomination of a representative for election be referred to the Chairman of the Electricity Committee to deal with; and

(*b*) that the power of voting in the election be delegated to the Chairman of the Electricity Committee.

322 Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919. Delegation of Functions to Borough and District Councils:

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 15th January, 1944, from the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council hereon;

RESOLVED that it be referred to the Council in Committee for consideration.

323 Collection of House and Trade Refuse and Salvage:

The following statement was made by the Chairman of the Public Health Committee hereon:—

"The collection of house refuse is usually a little difficult at this time of the year because of the time lost during the Christmas holidays, and the increased amount of ash from fires. The Contractors, however, are experiencing additional difficulty owing to the calling-up of employees engaged in the work, and the recent prevalent sickness which has found its proportion of victims amongst the Contractors' already depleted staff.

Unfortunately the local employment exchange does not find it possible to supply any substitute labour suitable for this arduous work, to replace either men called up or those sick.

The Ministry of Health have been approached on the matter and it is anticipated that they will be able to assist by diverting labour to the work and if their promises of assistance materialise, this, together with other measures being taken by the Contractors, should remedy the position in the near future and enable the Contractors to get straight with their rounds again.

If these facts were made known to the residents in the Borough they would no doubt feel able to exercise a little patience during a difficult situation."

324 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

1. Letter of appreciation of services rendered by Miss E. M. Shearman, Assistant Mistress, Christ Church School.
2. Contract with Aveling Barford, Ltd., for the supply of a Diesel Road Roller.
3. Petition against the Middlesex County Council Bill.
4. Discharge of Registered Charge or Vacating Receipt (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of Mortgage No. 941—Mr. F. Horn, 12, Howard Walk, N.2.
5. Agreement with Mr. Ivan Fooks with regard to his services as Valuation Officer.

325 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Langlands, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

326 **Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919. Delegation of Functions to Borough and District Councils:**

The letter dated 15th January, 1944, received from the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council hereon was considered;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that delegation of the County Council's powers and duties under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, be accepted by the Council with effect from the 1st April, 1944;

(2) that the Council agree to act as from the 1st February, 1944, to the 31st March, 1944, on behalf of the County Council as the statutory authority for the Borough under the said Act, on the understanding that they will do so free of all cost to themselves, except as respects their statutory liability as occupiers of property;

(3) that Mr. J. Yates, Deputy Senior Sanitary Inspector, be appointed Rodent Destruction Officer as from the 1st February, 1944, and that he be paid a salary of £25 per annum;

(4) that Mr. Norman Dunton, of Finchley, be appointed Rodent Destroyer at a commencing wage of £4 10s. a week as from the 1st February, 1944, and that the appointment be a temporary one in the first instance;

(5) that for the disinfestation of private dwellings a flat rate of 2/6d. and, in the case of business premises the actual cost of labour and materials, be charged;

(6) that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to purchase equipment and stores at a cost not exceeding £50;

(7) that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to make the necessary financial arrangements.

327 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th January, 1944.

(*b*) **Highways** of the 5th January, 1944.
Arising out of paragraph 2 (Council Employees), the Town Clerk reported on the case, and it was

RECOMMENDED that a temporary grant of 15s. a week be made to the widow pending consideration of the matter by the General Purposes Committee.

(*c*) **Education (Special)** of the 6th January, 1944.

(*d*) **Education** of the 10th January, 1944.

328 **Temporary Assistant Caretaker—Avenue House—H. McCarthy:**

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. McCarthy had recently undergone an operation and was well on the way to recovery, but that it would be some time before he was likely to be fit for duty;

RECOMMENDED that, if necessary, payment of half-pay be continued until the 31st March, 1944.

329 **Staff—Flt. Lt. C. H. Hawkins:**

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 18th January, 1944, received from Flt. Lt. Hawkins, thanking the Council for their good wishes in connection with his recent injuries.

330 **Council Employees—Sickness:**

(*a*) Ganger C. E. Anderson.

(*b*) Street Orderly R. L. Farebrother.

(*c*) Foreman Waterman P. J. Creek.

The Borough Surveyor reported hereon;

RECOMMENDED that as regards Anderson and Farebrother, payment of half-pay be continued until the February Council Meeting, and that as regards Creek, half pay be continued from the date of the last payment until the February Council Meeting, as suggested by the Borough Surveyor.

331 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Syrett, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mayor.
28th February, 1944.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

1st FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman, and Councillors Captain Franks, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-member: Councillor Blunden.

332 Chair:

Owing to the absence of the Chairman at the commencement of the meeting, the chair was occupied temporarily by the Mayor.

333 Minutes:

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Requisitions:

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the book submitted, be approved.

334 Chair:

At this juncture, the chair was occupied by the Chairman of the Committee.

335 Rates of Pay for Officers in the Warden, Report and Control and Fire Guard Services:

Home Security Circular No. 5/1944 was submitted setting out revised rates of pay for certain Civil Defence personnel which took effect as from the first pay day after the 1st November, 1943. Arising thereon, London Region Circular No. 842 was submitted indicating that in the London area the officers concerned in the Wardens' Service and Senior Fire Guards should be classed as in Grade I for the new scale of salaries and Local Authorities were invited to submit proposals for the classification of Head Fire Guard Posts into Grades I and II;

RESOLVED—

(i) that the Regional Commissioners be asked to approve the classification of Head Fire Guards in the Borough under Grade I; and

(ii) that application be made to the Middlesex County Council for authority for the establishment of a post of Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Officer-in-Charge of the Report Centre, to be filled from the women personnel of the existing establishment.

336 Cost of Living Bonus for Local Authorities' Civil Defence Staff:

Home Security Circular No. 6/1944 was submitted in regard to the above setting out a revised cost of living bonus which was payable as from the 1st November, 1943, subject to the Local Authority paying not less by way of cost of living bonus to members of its staff generally;

RESOLVED that authority be given for the application of the new bonus to the extent possible.

337 Civil Defence Flag:

A letter dated 4th January, 1944, was submitted from the Group Controller (Operations) intimating that the County Council was issuing to each Local Authority within the Group an official Civil Defence flag.

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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

This is the report of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee referred to in paragraph 327 (a) of the Council Minutes of the 24th January, 1944. 93(a)

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

4th January, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett and Councillors Grobel, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.
Non-Member : Councillor Blunden.

1. RE-HOUSING STAFF:

(a) It was reported that Miss P.Hughes had been appointed to a vacancy in the Re-housing Office at a salary of 30/- a week as from the 3rd January, 1944.

(b) It was reported that the Ministry of Health had approved increases in salaries to certain members of the staff as indicated below which would be reimbursed:-

Name.	Position.	Present Salary.	Increment.	Date.
R.A.Strong	Rent Collector	£4. 9. 6. p.w.	8/-	1.10.43
H.Darke	Outdoor Asst.	£1.10. 0. 3 days.	7/6	1.10.43
Mrs.Knowles	Records Clerk	£3.14. 0. p.w.	10/-	1.10.43

2. KINGSWOOD MEDICAL REST CENTRE:

The Medical Officer reported that the British Red Cross were experiencing difficulty in staffing the above and that the County Council had suggested the appointment of a qualified Matron, a cook and a second nursing auxiliary - one having already been appointed.

In this connection, he intimated that the County Council were agreeable to Miss Willoughby, at present serving with the mobile unit, being appointed as Matron to live in at a salary of £140 per annum as from the 10th January, 1944 and to the appointment of a cook at £3. a week;

RESOLVED that Miss Willoughby be so appointed and that the Medical Officer be authorised to take the necessary steps for the appointment of a cook and a second nursing auxiliary. 5

[illegible] submitted showing the works included in the five year plan which still remained to be carried out, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

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Arising thereon, the Medical Officer also reported that Director of Public Assistance for the County Council was agre to 10 beds in the sick bay being used for Finchley cases subj to payment of 28/- a week in each case but that there was no authority for the Corporation to incur any expense in the mat

Instructions were given for the Officers to investigate whole question in conjunction with the Chairman and to report further thereon at a later meeting.

3. CANTEENS:

The Communal Feeding Officer reported upon an interview he had had with the Food Executive Officer in regard to an ov usage of milk and fish at one of the canteens and intimated t the matter was being considered by the Food Control Committee following evening;

RESOLVED that the whole matter be left in the hands of Canteen Sub-Committee with power to act subject report.

4. WARDENS' SERVICE:

The Chief Warden reported that owing to reduction in per it had been found necessary to transfer a lady warden to anot District but that the warden in question had refused to obey order to transfer; further, that she had since been given the opportunity to submit her resignation but had not done so;

RESOLVED that the services of the warden in question dispensed with.

J. HUGH JONES

Chairman.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

5th January, 1944.

PART II.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), and Councillors Captain Franks, Grobel and Lawrence.

1.- POST WAR DEVELOPMENT.-

A report of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the above matter dated 19th October, 1943, as under-printed, was submitted and considered :-

"Present: The Mayor (Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillor Tyndall.

1.- CHAIRMAN.-

RESOLVED that Councillor Tyndall be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2.- POST WAR DEVELOPMENT.-

In accordance with the reference from the full Committee the Sub-Committee considered carefully the above matter.

Arising thereon, reference was made by the Borough Surveyor to the Five Year Programme of capital works (comprising road improvements, surface water sewerage works, and improvements to street lighting throughout the Borough) which was prepared in 1938 and which, to a large extent, had had to be curtailed owing to the war. This programme was reviewed by the Sub-Committee who were unanimously of the opinion that, as far as possible, same should be carried out during the immediate post war years.

It was therefore

RECOMMENDED accordingly.

In addition to the above, the Sub-Committee felt that a Scheme for the improvement of East End Road, by Deansway, might, with advantage, be included in the Programme before-mentioned.

G. F. TYNDALL,

Chairman."

For the information of the Committee, a statement was submitted showing the works included in the five year plan which still remained to be carried out, a copy of which is annexed hereto.

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RECOMMENDED

(a) that the report be adopted so far as the Committee is concerned and placed before the Post War Reconstruction Committee for consideration; and

(b) that a scheme for the widening of Bow Lane by Fallowhurst, be also included in the programme of works.

2.- COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.-

The Borough Surveyor reported, with regret, the death of Mr. A.T. Biddle, skilled handyman, which took place on the 27th December, 1943.

He stated that the deceased was an excellent employee of the Corporation, his service dating from the 9th October, 1

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that a gratuity of a sum not exceeding six months' pay of the deceased be granted to his widow under the provisions of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908 and that the amount be disbursed at the rate of 15/- a week until the date of the ordinary meeting of the Council in June, 1944, when the amount of the weekly payment be reviewed, and that the gratuity cease to be payable on the death of the widow, if at that time the full amount of the gratuity has not been paid to her.

3.- STAFF - O.H.M.S.-

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G.L. Atkinson, Assistant Roads Superintendent, had been called up for service with the Forces as from the 10th January, 1944.

D. A. A. MERRY,

Chairman (pro tempore).

This is the report of the Highways Committee referred to in paragraph 327 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 24th January, 1944.

D A A Merry.

Mayor

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Special Meeting.

6th January 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N.Norman),
Alderman Syrett, Councillors Grobel, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A. and Mr. Wooding Monk.

Non-members: Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Capt. Franks and Lawrence.

Educational Reconstruction - Education Bill.

(1) Conference of Part III Authorities.

The Chairman reported that he had attended that afternoon a meeting of a drafting Sub-Committee set up by the Conference of Middlesex Part III Authorities (referred to in Part I of this report) to prepare amendments to the Bill.

The Chairman read a list of amendments which had been agreed upon and which would be submitted to the Conference shortly. The most important of these seeks to replace the population figure of 60,000 at the last census by the Registrar General's estimate for 1938 as the population basis for an 'excepted' area. The majority of the remaining amendments, which were designed to strengthen the position of 'excepted' areas, were of interest to the Council only if this were accepted, and Finchley became, thereby, an 'excepted' area.

Reference was also made to the sharp increase in the education rate that would follow upon the Borough passing under the County Education Authority, and to a memorandum by the Borough Treasurer indicating how the immediate burden might be eased.

RESOLVED:

(1) that the Chairman be authorised to support the amendments in the interests of the Council and of 'excepted' areas generally.

(2) that he be authorised to support an amendment whereby a Part III Authority, not an 'excepted' area, be empowered to join with a neighbouring 'excepted' area for educational purposes.

(3) that the Conference of Part III Authorities be asked to submit an amendment to secure an easing of the immediate financial burden that would fall upon some areas through the equalisation of rates, and, in the event of the non-acceptance of this suggestion, authority be given to the Chairman and Officers to take the matter up with other Part III Authorities so affected with a view to joint action.

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(2) Medical Inspection and Treatment.

The School Medical Officer reported on the provisions of Bill with regard to the above, and pointed out that children attendance at an independent (i.e. private) school would only included by agreement with the proprietor of the school in the arrangements for medical inspection and treatment. The Comm felt that the arrangements should be on the same footing as fo children attending schools maintained by the Local Education Authority.

The Chairman undertook to raise the matter at the Confere

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

This is the report of the Education Commit (Special Meeting) referred to in paragraph the Council Minutes of the 24th January, 1

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

10th January, 1944.

Part II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
Councillors Bryson and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A. and Mr. Wooding Monk.

1. Emergency Recruitment and Training of Teachers.

The Director of Education recalled that, at the last meeting of the Committee, it was reported that the Board of Education had asked the help of the Authority in the Emergency Scheme for the training of teachers. Information was sought with regard to the availability of suitable buildings, and of members of the teaching staff who might act as instructors.

The Director of Education reported on the matter, and was instructed to inform the Board of Education that the Committee had no suggestions to make so far as suitable buildings were concerned. With regard to teachers, the Committee were prepared to support any application made by Mr. W. Ward, Headmaster of Manorside Senior School, for service under the Scheme. It was understood that Mr. Ward would normally have retired in August 1944.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

2. Children and Young Persons Act, 1933.

The Director of Education reported that three children of Mrs. Doris Welsher, whose ages ranged from 8 months to 8½ years, had been brought before the Highgate Juvenile Court on the ground that the mother had neglected them in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering.

The mother had been charged with the offence at the Highgate Petty Sessional Court and bound over for six months.

The Highgate Juvenile Court had decided that the children should not be returned to the mother but should be committed to the care of the Local Authority as a "Fit Person".

It was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the School Attendance Sub-Committee, with power to act.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

3. Staff.

(a) Mrs. K. Shewey (née Coleman) - Our Lady of Lourdes School. It was reported that the above assistant mistress had resigned from the permanent staff on the 22nd December, 1943, on account of her marriage and was re-appointed as a temporary teacher on the 23rd December, 1943. Leave of absence was granted by the Managers from January 4th - 7th, 1944 (four days), her husband being on leave from the Forces. In conformity with the general decision of the Committee, this would be without payment of salary.

RECOMMENDED: that the Authority raise no objection to the appointment by the Managers of Our Lady of Lourdes School of Mrs. K. Shewey, as temporary teacher in full-time service, the appointment to date from 23rd December, 1943, and to be in accordance with the terms of Minute 1074(m) of May 1941.

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(b) Mrs. E.A.Connelly - Holy Trinity School - leave of absence.
was reported that the Managers of Holy Trinity School had gr
leave of absence to Mrs. E.A.Connelly, for personal reasons,
six months, as from 1st March, 1944.

RECOMMENDED: that the action of the Managers be confirmed, the absence in question to be without payment of salary.

4. Staff Absences.

A list of members of the staff absent since the last meet
the Committee was submitted, and it was reported that these
were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED: that, with the exception of one case dealt with at the last meeting of the Committee, salaries be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

This is the report of the Education Committee
to in paragraph 327 (d) of the Council Minutes
the 24th January, 1944.

Mayor.

338 **Rescue Service:**

(a) Depot.—
The Town Clerk intimated that the Regional Casualty Services Officer had inspected the Rescue Service Depot on the 11th January, 1944, and had submitted a very satisfactory report.

(b) Light Rescue Vehicles.—
A letter dated 29th January, 1944, was submitted from the County A.R.P. Officer intimating that four new light rescue vehicles were shortly being allocated to Finchley to replace existing vehicles.

339 **Clearance of Lofts Order, 1942:**

The monthly report of the National Fire Service of inspections under the above Order was submitted.

340 **Rehousing:**

(a) Statistics—Quarter Ended 31st December, 1943.—
These were submitted.

(b) Recovery of Billeting Costs.—
The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement hereon.

341 **Ambulance Calls:**

Particulars in regard to the use of ambulances for the quarter ended 31st December, 1943, were submitted.

342 **Petroleum Statistics:**

These were submitted for the period April to December, 1943.

343 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted circulars which had been received from various Government Departments.

344 **Civil Defence Services—Chevrons for Service and Wound Stripes:**

Home Security Circular No. 14/1944 was submitted in regard to the above and the matter was referred to the officers for attention.

345 **Home Guard—Training in Light Rescue Duties:**

London Region Circular No. 845 was submitted in regard to the training of Home Guard personnel by C.D. Instructors in Light Rescue Work and the matter was referred to the officers for attention.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

Town Planning Committee's Report.

7th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Wilmot (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness and Captain Franks.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

346 **Deposited Plans:**

Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situate.	Owner.
(a) 10784	Garage.	7, Argyle Road, N.12.	Mr. R. Webb.
(b) 10785	Factory Extension.	Oak Lane, N.2.	Messrs. Simms Motor Units Ltd.
(c) 10786	Conversion of first floor self-contained flat.	38, Friern Park, N.12.	Mr. Leveritt.
(d) 10787	Conversion into two self-contained flats.	15, Mountfield Road, N.3.	Mr. Bale.
(e) 10789	Rest Room and Lavatory.	St. Elizabeth Home, Mayfield Avenue, N.12.	All Saints Community.
(f) 10790	Garage and W.C.	57, Abbots Gardens, N.2.	Mr. G. Gass.

RECOMMENDED that the above plans be approved except in the case of (e) in regard to which a further report by the Town Clerk be made at the next meeting of the Council as to the conditions necessary to protect the position of the Council on the question of drainage of the premises.

(g) 10788	Conversion into two self-contained flats.	14, Friern Park, N.12.	Mr. W. S. Cook.

RESOLVED that the above plan be disapproved as the site area allocated to the existing building is inadequate.

347 **Non-Conforming Use of Land and Premises:**

SCHEME 1.

(a) 14, Friern Park, N.12.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported upon an application for permission to use the land at the rear of the above premises for the purposes of a building contractor's works including the installation of a circular saw.

The Town Clerk intimated that the application had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme and that many objections to the proposal had been received;

RECOMMENDED that consent to the application be refused as such proposal contravenes the character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

(b) 178, Regents Park Road.

The Town Clerk reported that the Inquiry regarding the non-conforming use of the above premises by the Ashley Bag Co., Ltd., for the purpose of storage and packing had been held on the 4th instant.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk requested that in the event of the appeal being dismissed or withdrawn but an intimation being received from the Ministry of Town and Country Planning that the refusal should not be enforced during the war, authority be given to him to take the appropriate action subject to the necessary safeguards being obtained;

RECOMMENDED that such authority be given to the Town Clerk.

(c) Land at Hillcrest Gardens.

With reference to Minute No. 138—2—(*c*) wherein the Town Clerk was instructed to point out to the owners of the caravans stored on the above land that this site was to be used for such purpose only, letters were submitted from the owners of the caravans requesting permission to maintain one sign on the land to avoid confusion with a neighbouring caravan site.

After full discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that consent to the maintaining of the sign on the small hoarding only be granted for the duration of the war and six months thereafter subject to the deletion of certain words to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor and that the larger board be not allowed to be used for advertising purposes.

(d) Land at the rear of East End Road and Sedgemere Avenue—Liddlard Lubricants, Ltd.

The Town Clerk reported that practically all the empty oil drums had now been removed from the site without the necessity for instituting proceedings in the petty sessional court.

SCHEME 6.

Tally Ho! Billiard Hall, Woodhouse Road, N.12.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported receipt of an application for permission to use the above premises during the war period to provide alternative accommodation in case of an emergency for one of the applicant's departments which is producing work for H.M. Stationery Office, or alternatively, to use the premises to store paper mostly for Government requirements;

RECOMMENDED that consent to the above user be granted subject to:—

(i) there being nothing carried on or done on the property which in the opinion of the Council would be a nuisance to neighbouring residents or occupiers;

(ii) the period of consent being limited to the duration of the war and six months thereafter; and

(iii) the applicants entering into an agreement with the Council embodying (inter alia) the above terms in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk.

348 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in their Instruction Books, be approved.

H. H. WILMOT,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Electricity Committee's Report.

8th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (Chairman), Councillor Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), and Councillor Lawrence.

Non-member:—Alderman Pateman.

349 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being received and considered.

350 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

351 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

352 **General Manager and Engineer's Report:**

The General Manager and Engineer reported as follows:—

(a) Breakdown of Deep Well Pump.—

That the deep well pump, a breakdown of which was reported in July, 1943, was now back in commission and that the estimated cost of repairs was £94, which was recoverable from the Joint Electricity Authority.

(b) Electricity Charges.—

That the Electricity Minimum Charges Order and General Direction 1944, dated 17th January, 1944, issued by the Minister of Fuel and Power, amended, as from the 1st February, 1944, the previous Order and substituted an annual minimum charge of 10/- per annum for the previous charge of 25/-; further, that he understood that a neighbouring company proposed to discontinue throughout their area of supply, minimum charges from the commencing date of the new Order and he therefore suggested that, as the amount likely to be derived on the 10/- per annum basis would probably be small and the cost of collecting these amounts was high, the Committee might consider recommending the discontinuance of the charge. After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED that the minimum charge be discontinued as from the date of the next meter readings.

(c) Electricity Accounts.—

That, after consultation with the Borough Treasurer, he desired to suggest that the experiment carried out last year in not rendering electricity accounts for the June quarter and making the September quarter accounts cover the previous six months should be repeated. He added that economies were effected and that no additional difficulties appeared to have arisen in the collection of the six monthly accounts;

RECOMMENDED that such arrangement be continued for the present year.

(d) Reimbursement from Communal Feeding Department.—

That arising out of an order from the Ministry of Food, it would appear that the Council would receive approximately £2,600 in the current year towards administrative, technical and clerical salaries and office expenditure in connection with the operation of the Communal Feeding service.

353 **Electricity Services—Post War Proposals:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 11th January, 1944, from the Clerk and Solicitor to the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority referring to the latter's communication of the 19th March last, and stating that, since that date, a section of the electricity supply companies (as distinct from public and local authorities) known as the Incorporated Association of Electric Power Companies, had issued their proposals; that these had been considered by the Authority, and, as they materially affected the interests of local authorities, he had been directed by the Authority to forward two copies of the report which the Authority had adopted, dealing with the Companies' suggestions.

He also submitted a copy of a memorandum issued by the Incorporated Association of Electric Power Companies with regard to the Electricity Supply Industry in Great Britain.

Arising thereon, the General Manager and Engineer reported upon the question generally;

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the Town Clerk and the General Manager and Engineer be authorised to attend any conferences in regard to the subject with a view to keeping the Council acquainted with post war proposals; and

(ii) that the General Manager and Engineer be instructed to submit to the Committee as soon as possible a considered report on the matter.

354 **District Joint Committee of Local Authorities and Chief Electrical Engineers:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter received from the Secretary of the above stating that it had been decided to ask for a purely nominal amount of £1 per constituent authority in respect of anticipated expenses during the ensuing year and that such payment was covered by a general sanction from the Electricity Commissioners;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for such payment.

355 **National Joint Board of Employers and Members of Staff (Electricity Supply Industry):**

A print of the Minutes of the above-mentioned Board held on the 26th November, 1943, was submitted.

356 **Conference of Local Authorities Owning Electricity Undertakings in Greater London:**

A copy of the Minutes of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Conference held on the 6th July, 1943, was submitted.

357 **District Joint Board—Employers and Members of Staff (Electricity Supply Industry)—Area No. 10:**

A copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the above-mentioned Board held on the 7th January, 1944, was submitted.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

Public Libraries Committee's Report.

9th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Syrett and Wells, and Councillors Blunden and the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Non-member: Councillor Wilmot.

358 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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359 **Chief Librarian's Report:**

The Chief Librarian reported that:—

(a) Statistics.—

The statistics for the month of January, 1944, were as follows:—

LIBRARY	READERS Adult	Junior	Total	(Total 1943)	BOOK ISSUES Jan., 1944	(Jan., 1943)
Church End	4412	948	5360	(4601)	17,779	(15,223)
North Finchley ...	6438	892	7330	(7621)	19,206	(20,175)
East Finchley ...	5297	1071	6368	(5440)	19,160	(18,515)
Totals	16,147	2911	19,058	(17,662)	56,145	(53,913)

(b) Stock—Replacements and Withdrawals (December and January).—

The total number of volumes withdrawn from stock was 402, of which 293 volumes had been permanently withdrawn and 109 replaced by new copies.

(c) Hours of Opening.—

In accordance with instructions arrangements had been made for the Libraries to close at 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

(d) Reciprocal Arrangements.—

The following was the present position in regard to reciprocal arrangements:—

(*a*) HENDON

HENDON residents enrolled at Finchley Libraries:		
Church End Library	96	
North Finchley Adult Library	367	
North Finchley Junior Library	51	
		514
FINCHLEY residents enrolled at Hendon Libraries:		
Central Library	72	
Golders Green Branch	398	
Mill Hill	2	
		472

(*b*) HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HERTFORD County residents enrolled at North Finchley Library	116
FINCHLEY residents enrolled at Hertfordshire County branches	19

(e) Exhibitions.—

The following arrangements had been made to continue the series of Art Exhibitions at the East Finchley Library:—

21st February to 6th March	Blake's illustrations to the Book of Job (transport and part insurance fee £4 4s. 0d.).
13th—25th March	70 original coloured prints by members of the Society of Graver Printers in Colour (part insurance fee £2 2s. 0d.).

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved and that authority be given for the expenditure in question.

(f) Local Collection.—

A local artist, Mr. E. Seymour Howell, of Woodside Grange Road, had kindly cleaned and varnished a number of oil paintings of local interest which had attracted considerable attention since being hung in the North Finchley Library.

The first picture in the following list, apart from its local value, has been described as a work of considerable artistic merit.

SUBJECT.	ARTIST.	DATE.
(*a*) Cotton's Hayfield, East End, Finchley.	G. A. Boyle	c 1870
(*b*) St. Mary's Church and The Grove, Church End.	R. May	1818
(*c*) The Barn, Totteridge Park.	C. A. Youldon	1943
(*d*) High Road, Whetstone (by the Griffin Inn).	(Photograph)	c 1870
(*e*) High Road, Whetstone (by The Hand and Flower Inn).	(Photograph)	c 1870
(*f*) Coloured copy of a Plan, made by Lieut. Paterson, of a military encampment on Finchley Common, 8th August, 1780, on account of riots in the capital.		

(g) Book Binding.—

Notification had been received from Cedric Chivers, Limited, that a further increase of ten per cent. in current prices for binding would be necessary in view of the increase in the price of materials and of the last wages award made by the National Arbitration Tribunal. It was added that the new wage agreement had a satisfactory feature in that it provided for stabilisation of wages for the duration of the war and for twelve months thereafter so long as the cost of living remained at its present or approximately present figure.

The Chief Librarian also reported that the cost of binding was now fifty per cent. above the 1939 prices.

360 **Estimates:**

The Committee's estimates for year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

Day Nurseries Sub-Committee's Report.

10th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

361 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

362 **Medical Officer's Report for the 9 Weeks ended 29th January, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

ATTENDANCES AT NURSERIES.

	1943-44. Moss Hall	Regents.	Torrington.	1942-43. Moss Hall.	Regents.	Torrington.
Children under 2 yrs. ...	460	311	705	433	649	—
Children over 2 yrs. ...	1219	1624	1107	1464	926	—
Total attendances ...	1679	1935	1812	1897	1575	—
Average att. per day ...	32.3	37.2	34.8	35.8	29.7	—
Total receipts ...	£83 17 0	£96 9 0	£90 19 0	£105 10 0	£79 9 0	—

363 **Salaries in War-Time Nurseries and Nursery Classes:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report (circulated) on the main recommendations of Circular S.R.O. No. 96 received from the Ministry of Health in which were summarised the Scales of Salary (which apply retrospectively from the 1st April, 1943), Service Conditions and the method of applying the new Scale. He intimated that the resulting increased expenditure would be fully reimbursed;

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Report.

10th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillor Grobel, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

364 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

365 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

366 **Estimates—Year ending 31st March, 1945:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and, as amended, were referred to the Finance Committee.

367 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 9 Weeks ended 29th January, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

1. ATTENDANCES AT CENTRES.

	1943-44. North Finchley.	East Finchley.	Church End.	1942-43. North Finchley.	East Finchley.	Church End.
Children under 1 year ...	561	737	891	657	791	63[illegible]
Children over 1 year ...	423	430	363	389	475	3[illegible]
Total attendances ...	984	1167	1154	1046	1266	10[illegible]
New babies ...	42	39	48	44	68	[illegible]
Seen by doctors ...	316	359	278	371	498	3[illegible]

2. ATTENDANCES AT DAY NURSERY.

Total attendances ...	1338	1195
Average attendance per day ...	30.4	27.2
Total receipts ...	£53 7 3	£45 0 6

3. ATTENDANCES AT ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

Number on register on 2nd December	625	709
Number added ...	29	
Number removed ...	3	
Number on register on 3rd February	30	

4. CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

	Mothers.	Children.
Number on register on 2nd December	29	29
Number added ...	3	3
Number removed ...	2	3
Number on register on 3rd February	30	29

368 **Care of Illegitimate Children—Ministry of Health Circular No. 2866:**

In accordance with the instruction contained in Minute No. 166(*b*) of 1943/44 the Town Clerk read correspondence with the County Council regarding the calling of the conference referred to in the above Circular. The reply received from the County Council indicated that a preliminary investigation was being undertaken before the desirability of calling such conference could be considered.

Arising thereon the Medical Officer reported that the Hornsey Deanery Association had requested an increase in the grant donated to them by the Council, and it was agreed that this should be increased from £10 to £25 and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Town Clerk reply to the County Council urging them to expedite the calling of the conference referred to; and

(*b*) that the action taken in respect of the grant to the Hornsey Deanery be approved, such sum being allowed for in the Estimates.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Public Health Committee's Report.

10th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Grobel and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-members: Councillors Blunden and Lawrence.

369 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

370 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

371 **Estimates—Year ending 31st March, 1945:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and, as amended, were referred to the Finance Committee.

372 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 9 Weeks ended 29th January, 1944:**

The Medical Officer of Health reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

	1943-44. N.	E.	W.	Total.	1942-43.
1. DEATHS.					
Number registered	46	33	47	126	113
Infants under 1 year	1	—	1	2	9
Infectious disease	—	—	—	—	6
2. BIRTHS.					
Number notified under the Public Health Act, 1936	39	51	52	142	177
3. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.					
Total cases notified	26	23	28	77	268
Scarlet Fever	9	6	14	29	34
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	5
Pneumonia	9	7	10	26	11
Erysipelas	2	4	—	6	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	1	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	1
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	1	2	—	3	178
Whooping Cough	4	4	4	12	28

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4. TUBERCULOSIS.

Pulmonary cases ...	5	5	7	17
Non-Pulmonary cases ...	—	—	—	—

5. PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.

Number in hospital on the 2nd December	15
Number admitted	36
Number discharged	35
Number in hospital on the 3rd February	16

(b) Houses without Proper Dustbins—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 75.

That the following houses were not provided with proper dustbins:—

77, Lodge Lane, N.12.
7, Theobalds Avenue, N.12.
10, Torrington Park, N.12.

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that a notice be served upon the owners of these properties requiring a strong iron dustbin with suitable cover to be provided in each case; and

(ii) that failing compliance with such notices legal proceedings be taken under the above Act.

(c) Statutory Nuisances—Public Health Act, 1936.

That the following premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance:—

16, 26 and 63, Manor Park Road, N.2.
11, Limes Avenue, N.12.
13 and 69, Lodge Lane, N.12.
44, Holden Road, N.12.
958, High Road, N.12.
52, Stanhope Road, N.12.
30, Finchley Park, N.12.

RECOMMENDED that a Statutory Notice be served upon the respective owners of the above-mentioned properties requiring them to execute the works detailed by the Medical Officer within the time specified by such notice.

(d) Defective Sink Waste Pipe—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 39.

That the sink waste pipe in connection with 75, Woodgrange Avenue, N.12, was in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;

RECOMMENDED that a Statutory Notice be served upon the owner of the above-mentioned premises requiring him to execute the works detailed by the Medical Officer within the time specified by such notice.

(e) Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—Section 3—Licences—Slaughtermen.

That an application had been received from Mr. Hubert James Hoskin, of 41, Leslie Road, N.2 (Employers: S. Pulham and Sons, Ltd.) for the renewal of his licence to slaughter animals in slaughter houses or knackers' yards;

RECOMMENDED that the application be granted for the year ending 31st December, 1944 subject to payment of a fee of 1/-.

(f) Unsound Food.

That the following diseased and unsound meat and other miscellaneous food stuffs had been dealt with since the last meeting of the Committee:—

DISEASED.

Bovines.

126 lbs. beef	(Tuberculosis).
1 Beast's kidney	(Other diseases).
33 lbs. beef.	" "

Swine.

3 Pigs' Heads	(Tuberculosis).

UNSOUND.

Miscellaneous.

2 turkeys.
8—6 lb. tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
10—2½ lb. tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
1—12 oz. tin Lamb's Tongue.
3 tins Meat and Vegetable Dinner.
4 tins Pilchards.
3 tins Herrings.
1 tin Crawfish.
162 tins Evaporated Milk.
9 tins Beans.
19 tins fruit.
6 jars Jam.
8 bottles Pickles.
1 lb. tea.
5½ lbs. cheese.
1—6 lb. tin Ox Tongue.
1—12 oz. tin Pork Luncheon Meat.
3 tins Stewed Steak.
2 tins Soup.
13 tins Salmon.
4 tins Mackerel.
20 jars Sardelles.
1 tin Tomatoes.
5 tins peas.
7 tins Jam.
20 bottles Onion Essence.
3 bottles Horse radish cream.

Arising out of the above the Medical Officer reported that in accordance with the instruction given to him at the last meeting of the Committee he had requested the Food Control Committee to forward him their comments on the apparent wastage of food, as indicated in the list submitted to the Committee at that meeting, but that a reply had not yet been received. The Committee thereupon instructed the Medical Officer to request such reply before the next meeting of the Council;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(g) Disinfestation of Requisitioned Premises.

That the Public Health Department had disinfected a number of requisitioned premises in which persons were re-housed, and asked for guidance as to levying a charge for the work done;

RECOMMENDED that the appropriate charges be made for this work to the tenants of the premises concerned and that in the event of their proving irrecoverable the expenditure be claimed for reimbursement on the Rehousing Account.

373 Milk and Dairies Order—Articles 21 and 28—Rinsing of Churns and Bottles, Etc.:

The Town Clerk reported upon receipt of a letter from the Amersham Rural District Council requesting support in their efforts to settle the standard of bacteriological count in respect of the above. After hearing a report by the Medical Officer it was

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken.

374 National Smoke Abatement Society:

A letter from the above Society was submitted enclosing copies of resolutions adopted by them in which Local Authorities were urged to appoint a special Smoke Abatement Committee to ensure full local examination of the problem in relation to reconstruction;

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken.

375 Removal to Hospitals or Other Institutions of Infirm or Diseased Persons in Certain Cases under Section 64 of the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Act, 1938

The Medical Officer reported that there were in the Borough a number of aged and infirm persons who were not able to look after themselves and were not receiving proper care and attention; several were living under insanitary conditions and there were some who refused to go to a hospital or any other Institution. In certain cases it was desirable in the interests of public health that they should be removed to hospital or some other Institution. He stated that all the Homes for old people in Finchley were full.

Arising thereon the Town Clerk reported that powers were contained in Section 64 of the above-mentioned Act for dealing with certain cases of this nature, the Medical Officer certifying as to the facts and then making application to a Court of summary Jurisdiction who are empowered on proof of the facts to make an Order for the removal of the person concerned to a suitable hospital, infirmary or other institution. The Town Clerk explained that the Section provided for the cost of removal, detention and maintenance being borne by the Local Authority and for contribution being made by the Local Authority either in its discretion or by order of the Court towards the maintenance of dependants, it being further provided that where the Institution concerned was a public Assistance Institution the Authority to which it belonged may assume such obligations with regard to maintenance of the person removed and his or her dependants as may be agreed between that Authority and the Local Authority. The Town Clerk further reported that the Powers contained in the Section could not be put into operation by the Medical Officer unless he is authorised by a resolution of the Local Authority so to do either generally or in any particular case;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that a general authority be given to the Medical Officer to put into operation the powers contained in Section 64 of the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Act, 1938; and

(*b*) that in view of the lack of accommodation for aged persons, who may not necessarily come within this Section, the County Council be asked to consider the question of providing a Home in Finchley for such persons.

376 Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Infestation Order, 1943:

The Town Clerk read a letter addressed to the Clerk of the Friern Barnet U.D.C. setting out suggested terms upon which that Council might have the services of the Finchley Rodent Catcher, and also a letter from the Clerk to the Friern Barnet U.D.C. approving such terms,* under the Act and Order to enter upon any premises for the purposes thereby respectively authorised;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the terms set out in the letter addressed to the Clerk of the Friern Barnet U.D.C. be agreed; and

(*b*) that authority to enter premises be given to the five Sanitary Inspectors and the Rodent Catcher under the above Act as from the 1st April, 1944, when the delegated powers of the Middlesex County Council become operative, and that in the meantime the County Council be asked to furnish the necessary Authorities for this purpose and as regards such authority under the above Order that application for same be made to the Minister of Food.

* // Arising thereon the Medical Officer requested authority

377 **Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Report:**

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported as follows:—

(a) Salvage Tonnage Sold.

	Nov., 1943. T.	C.	Q.	Nov., 1942. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	48	6	1	52	14	3
Bones	—	13	2	2	3	2
Textiles	2	14	—	1	11	—
Bottles	4	12	—	7	17	—
Cullet	20	13	—	—	—	—
Tins	6	17	2	11	5	—
Scrap Iron	—	—	—	3	19	—
	83	16	1	79	10	1
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	421	16	8	426	10	8
Council's share of Nett Profits ...	88	0	2	92	9	7

	Dec., 1943. T.	C.	Q.	Dec., 1942. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	34	—	2	41	13	3
Bones	—	5	3	—	12	—
Textiles	1	5	—	1	11	3
Bottles	6	2	—	7	18	—
Cullet	—	—	—	5	11	—
Tins	9	2	—	13	6	—
Scrap Iron	—	—	—	5	4	1
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	6	1	—	7	—
Rubber	1	17	—	—	—	—
	52	18	2	76	3	3
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	284	17	5	339	12	—
Council's share of Nett Profits	8	9	9	31	0	7

(b) Pig Food Disposals.

	1943. T.	C.	Q.	1942. T.	C.	Q.
November	68	—	—	62	5	1
December	64	17	2	77	11	—

(c) Public Baths.

1. Opening Date.

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be authorised to make the usual arrangements in connection with the opening of the above for the coming Season.

2. Catering.—

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be authorised to make similar arrangements as last year for catering at the Open Air Pools.

3. Charges.—

RECOMMENDED that these be at the same rates as last year.

4. Pre-Service Units.—That in reply to an enquiry sent out to the seven Units who used the Open Air Pool last year, at the date of the meeting two Units had accepted and three refused a similar use for the coming season; further, that the Finchley Wing Air Training Corps had applied for permission to use the Swimming Baths on Sunday mornings between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m.;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Open Air Pool be not offered to Pre-Service Units during the coming season, and

(*b*) that the application received from the Finchley Wing Air Training Corps be granted subject to the payment of 7/6d. per period.

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5. Club Lettings.—The Borough Engineer and Surveyor submitted a list of applications from various Clubs requesting the same facilities during the 1944 season as last year; further, he reported that an application had also been received from the 10th Finchley Group Boy Scouts for the use of the Pool on any night except Friday.

After full consideration it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the 10th Finchley Group Boy Scouts, instead of the Hendon Youth Committee, be offered the use of the Pool on Monday nights;

(*b*) that all arrangements connected with the lettings be left to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

(d) Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

That the under-mentioned employees had requested that their services be continued for a further 12 months and it was decided to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that the following extensions be granted:—

Mrs. Emery to 28th April, 1945.
Mr. Heath to 11th May, 1945.
Mr. Moye to 27th May, 1945.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(e) Charges for Saddle Junctions.

That prior to the War, the standard charge for supplying and fixing saddle junctions to sewers as required by private developers, was:—6″ — 10/-; 4″ — 7/6d.;

RECOMMENDED that owing to the increases in prices of materials and labour the above be increased to 13/6d. and 10/- respectively.

(f) Contracts for the Collection of House and Trade Refuse, Salvage and Pig Food.

RECOMMENDED that the contracts with Messrs. Robert Deards, Ltd., for the above be renewed on the same terms for a further period of three years if Messrs. Robert Deards Ltd., are agreeable, and that they be approached in the matter.

(g) Bins for Bones.

That the Ministry of Supply are stressing the necessity for increasing the weight of bones collected from domestic sources and it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor investigate the possibility of attaching to posts or trees suitable bins for bones and to report further thereon at the next meeting of the Committee; and

(*b*) that the cost of the purchase of these bins, not exceeding £70, be allowed for in the estimates for the year 1944/45.

(h) Blocked Public Sewer at rear of Dollis Road, West Side:

That the above sewer was blocked owing to the roots of a large willow tree in the garden of 42 Dollis Road, having entered through the cracked pipes making it necessary to relay a considerable length; further, that the estimated expenditure would be in the neighbourhood of £150, and as the house owners are responsible for same an apportionment would have to be made;

RECOMMENDED that the necessary action be taken.

(i) Drainage—Bibsworth House, N.3.

That it had been discovered that the bomb which fell at the rear of "Wolverton," Regents Park Road, in 1940, had destroyed the soil drain from Bibsworth House; further, that the drainage had been made good at an approximate cost of £60, but that it was anticipated that this expenditure would be recoverable;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(j) Female Convenience Attendants—"Bald Faced Stag" and Albert Place.

That it had been found desirable to employ attendants at the above-mentioned Conveniences on every Saturday instead of on alternate Saturdays;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that attendants be engaged on every Saturday at the above conveniences; and

(*b*) that a sum not exceeding £26 to cover the cost of the additional labour for the year 1944/45, be allowed for in the estimates.

378 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor as entered in his Instruction Book be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

14th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts and Tyndall; Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A., and Mr. Wooding Monk.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

379 **Apology for Absence:**

An apology for absence was received from Alderman Syrett.

380 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a Special Meeting, held on 6th January, 1944, and of a meeting held on 10th January, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

381 **School Attendance Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 17th January, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

382 **Children's Care Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 20th January, 1944, was submitted.

Arising therefrom it was reported as follows:—

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE OR PROTECTION.—That concern had been expressed at the growing number of cases that were being brought before the Juvenile Courts concerning children in need of care or protection. Where Juvenile Courts had asked the Local Authority to act as a "fit person" in the care or protection of such children, great difficulty was being experienced in finding foster parents.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

It was suggested that this matter should be brought to the notice of the Home Office with the view to further provision being made.

The Education Committee gave further consideration to this matter, and the Director of Education was asked to make enquiries of the Home Office to see what could be done to improve the position, both as regards to further provision for children requiring care and protection, and to the need for more labour to be made available in those institutions which undertake the care of children.

A. S. MIALL,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

383 **Juvenile Employment Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 20th January, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

384 **School Management and Works Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 7th February, 1944, was submitted.

Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:—

(*a*) ACCOUNTS.—That Accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

Note.—Councillor Bryson did not take part in the discussion.

(*b*) LETTING.—That a letting, particulars of which are entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been approved.

(*c*) REQUISITIONS.—That requisitions, according to the list submitted, had been approved.

(*d*) INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF FUEL.—That by authority of the Minister of Fuel and Power, the prices of coal at Colliery, and coke at Gas Works had been increased by 3s. per ton respectively, as and from the 1st February, 1944.

(*e*) MID-TERM AND EASTER HOLIDAYS, 1944.—

RECOMMENDED that the elementary schools be closed for

(1) Mid-term break, 21st and 22nd February, 1944, and

(2) Easter holidays on the afternoon of 5th April, and re-open on the morning of 17th April, 1944, and that

(3) the usual arrangements be made for the provision of milk and meals during the Easter holiday.

(*f*) BOARD OF EDUCATION CIRCULAR 1641—REINSTATEMENT OF SCHOOL PREMISES ON RELEASE FROM CIVIL DEFENCE, ETC.—That the above-mentioned Circular explaining the procedure for dealing with the re-instatement of school premises released from Civil Defence had been submitted and noted.

(*g*) SUMMER REPAIRS, 1944-45.—That repairs according to the list submitted had been considered. It was further reported that (1) a sum of £634 had been included in the Estimates for the year 1944-45, and (2) that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor had made an inspection of Council Schools and in consultation with the Director of Education a number of repairs had been suggested.

			Estimated cost. £ s. d.
(i)	Council schools.		
	Repairs and decorations to school buildings, repairs to playgrounds etc.		372 0 0
(ii)	Additional Items.		
	(*a*) Wiring for radio, Martin Junior School		10 0 0
	(*b*) Decorations of Non-Provided Schools (5/6ths of estimated costs):		
	Holy Trinity School—estimated proportion	£30	
	St. John's School ,, ,, ...	£70	
	Our Lady of Lourdes School ,, ,, ...	£80	
			180 0 0
	(*c*) Central Kitchen, 328, Ballards Lane—internal decorations		72 0 0
	Total ...		£634 0 0

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that summer repairs, estimated by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to cost £372, be approved, and that the work be carried out by that Department.

(2) that wiring for radio at Martin Junior School, estimated to cost £10, be approved, and that the work be carried out by the General Manager and Engineer's Department.

(3) that internal decorations at the Ballards Lane Central Kitchen and Flat above, estimated to cost £72, be approved.

(4) that the Committee bear 5/6ths of the cost of decorations to the Non-Provided Schools named.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

385 **Estimates:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

386 **Nomination of Representatives:**

RECOMMENDED that the following members be nominated to serve on the Bodies named during the year ending 31st March, 1945:—

(*a*) Institute Council, Hampstead Garden Suburb: Councillor Wm. C. Langlands.

(*b*) Henrietta Barnett School for Girls:

Councillor Wm. C. Langlands
Miss L. Davey, M.A.

387 **Joint Advisory Committee:**

It was reported that Miss H. M. Oulet had been elected to fill the vacancy on the above-mentioned Committee.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

388 **School Libraries:**

Statistics concerning the School Library Service were submitted and noted.

389 **St. Mary's School:**

It was reported that a letter from the Board of Education, dated 20th January, 1944, sugge that the proposals for bringing about some centralisation of the children attending St. Ma School be postponed, was submitted to the Council at their January meeting, and that the Ch man had been given authority to press the matter.

The Chairman stated that, as a result of the representation that had been made, the Directo Education and he had been invited to meet an Officer of the Board of Education. After a discussion the Board's Officer had intimated that the Board would be prepared to arrange the provision of three pre-fabricated huts at the Hertford Lodge site, sufficient to take about half of the School.

390 **Workers' Educational Association—Proposed Conference on the Education Bill:**

In accordance with the request of the Committee, made at their last meeting, Councillor Legge reported that arrangements had now been made to hold the proposed Conference at Ch Church Hall on the 26th February, 1944. Invitations would be issued to members and to ot interested parties.

391 **Appointment of Assistant Mistress—Miss E. Thomas:**

It was reported that, in accordance with authority given, the Appointments Sub-Committee, a meeting held on the 10th January, 1944, had appointed Miss E. Thomas as an assis mistress.

RESOLVED that Miss E. Thomas be appointed in full-time service exclusively in the capac of a teacher at Martin Infants' School, or such schools as the Education Authority m at any time decide, subject to the conditions of appointment of the Authority in fo from time to time and upon the terms and subject to the conditions of Scale IV of t Burnham Arbitration Award and the decisions of the Board of Education relating there or upon the terms and subject to the conditions of any other scale of salaries that m be adopted by the Authority, and to Article 17(c) of the Education Code, the appo ment to date from the 14th February, 1944.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Parks and Open Spaces Committee's Report

15th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor P. Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Depu Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilm

Non-members: Alderman Wells and Councillor Fitness.

392 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

393 Tennis Courts—Rear of Brent Way:

The Town Clerk reported that the 4th Finchley Club had the use of the tennis court allocated to them at above last season for a very short period only, due to the damage which was occasioned to the courts and that, in the circumstances, authority was given for the sum of £5 to be refunded to them, the amount originally paid being £7 10s. 0d.; further, that, arising out of a request received from the Club, the Chairman had authorised the balance of £2 10s. 0d. also to be refunded;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

394 Bowling Greens:

It was reported that applications had been received from the under-mentioned Clubs for similar facilities for the use of bowling greens during the forthcoming season as in past years:—

Name.	Open Space.
The Tudor Bowling Club	Glebe Land.
Bishopswood Bowling Club	Lyttelton Playing Fields.

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the applications be granted on the same terms as hitherto and that, in the event of applications being received from the Finchley Victoria Bowling Club and the Finchley Victoria Ladies' Bowling Club, such applications be granted on the like terms; and

(2) that, weather permitting, the season commence on the 22nd April, 1944.

395 Sports Facilities:

(*a*) It was reported that, on the authority of the Chairman, authority had been given for the pupils of the Garden Suburb School, Child's Way, to have the use of a football pitch at the Lyttelton Playing Fields on Thursday afternoons as from the 13th January, 1944, at an inclusive charge of £2 10s. 0d. for the remainder of the present season;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*b*) A letter was submitted on behalf of the Specialloid Sports and Social Club, Ltd., stating that they were planning to form a netball team and, in this connection, would be glad to know whether they could have the use of a suitable ground on Saturday afternoons, in the vicinity of North Finchley, if possible;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left to the Chairman of the Committee to deal with, subject to report.

396 Newstead House, High Road, East Finchley:

A letter dated 23rd January, 1944, was submitted from the National Fire Service stating that they were desirous of acquiring the use of one or two derelict properties for tactical fire exercises and enquiring whether the Council would grant permission for Newstead House, or any similar or war damaged property to be used for this purpose;

The Committee were of opinion that the application to use Newstead House might be granted subject to there being no interference with the structure or with the user of the premises by the Rescue Service for training purposes.

They decided, however, to leave the matter to the Chairman to deal with in conjunction with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

397 Emergency Water Supplies—Dam at Brookland Rise, Mutton Brook:

A letter dated 31st December, 1943, was submitted from the National Fire Service stating that it had been decided to carry out the following protective work at the above point:—

(1) Single strand of barbed wire to be strung over the wire fence in Addison Way.
(2) Single strand of barbed wire to be fixed to the bridge.
(3) Chestnut fencing 5ft. 6in. high, to be securely fixed alongside the stream, returned at right angles to the privet hedge and run alongside the privet hedge to Brookland Rise. Subject to the Middlesex County Council's approval, two strands of barbed wire to be fixed across the channel on the east side of the bridge to prevent children passing along the bed of the brook, under the bridge, towards the deep water.

398 Footpath from Walfield Avenue to Wyatts' Farm:

The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter dated 11th November, 1943, received from the Ministry of War Transport indicating that complaints had been received regarding the condition of the above footpath.

He stated that the footpath could be scarified, regulated and surface-dressed with tar at an estimated cost of £38, subject to the necessary permit for the supply of tar being obtained, but that there was no provision for the work in the current estimates;

RECOMMENDED that the carrying out of the work at the sum indicated be approved. Arising hereon, the Committee decided to send a supplemental estimate for the sum of £38 to the Finance Committee for approval.

399 Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Gray, Patrol Attendant, was due to retire on the 31st March, 1944, but was desirous of continuing in the Council's service.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that his services be retained for a further period of twelve months;

400 Roof over Bar—Finchley Football Club:

The Borough Surveyor reported that the roofing of the Bar in the Pavilion had been carried out by the Club at their own expense, with the consent of the Council, but that the roof had since become defective and that minor repairs executed from time to time had not remedied the matter. He further reported that the Club had now asked the Council to undertake the necessary repairs and had offered to bear one half of the cost up to a maximum of £25. He intimated that the estimated cost of the repairs was £22;

RECOMMENDED that the offer be accepted and the repairs put in hand, subject to the cost to be borne by the Council not exceeding £10.

401 Estimates:

The Committee's Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

402 Instruction:

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report.

16th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Bryson, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Major Steward.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, Fitness and Mrs. Roberts.

403 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 12th January, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

404 Finchley Golf Sports and Social Club, Ltd.:

The Committee had before them a reference from the Council in regard to the filling of the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the above Company caused by the death of Mr. G. Dominy, and decided to refer the matter to the Chairman of the Committee, Alderman Pike and the Town Clerk for consideration and report at next meeting;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

405 Hertford Lodge Annexe:

The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Director of Education details of an account amounting to £6 9s. 6d. in respect of the carrying out of certain repairs at above, the cost of which should be allocated as between the Education Committee and this Committee;

RECOMMENDED that one half of such amount be borne by this Committee.

406 Service Pensions:

The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from the Willesden Borough Council asking for the support of this Council to representations which that Authority were making to the Government Departments concerned in regard to the granting of Service pensions.

In view of the fact that no case had arisen as regards the staff or employees of the Council, the Committee were of the opinion that there were no grounds upon which they could make representations and it was

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in the matter.

407 International Union of Local Authorities:

It was reported that a document had been received from the Secretary for Great Britain setting out the recommendations of the Committee appointed for the purpose of drafting a constitution for the British Section of the International Union of Local Authorities for submission to a General Meeting of representatives and members.
It was intimated that a meeting would be held on the 25th February, 1944, at 3 p.m., at the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, and that the Council were invited to send representatives.

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Major Steward and the Town Clerk were accordingly appointed to represent the Council at the meeting;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

408 **Finchley Bowling Club:**

A letter was submitted from the Finchley Bowling Club extending to the Council an invita
send three rinks of bowlers to play against the Club during the forthcoming bowling seas

RECOMMENDED that the invitation be accepted and that the 19th or 21st July, 19
suggested for the match.

409 **Local Government:**

The Town Clerk reported receipt, from the Town Clerk of Bournemouth, of the following
of a resolution passed by his Council:—

> "that the Council of the Association of Municipal Corporations be urged
> a general meeting of the members of the Association for the purpose of disc
> the increasing menace of bureaucratic encroachment on local government and th
> copy of this resolution be sent to all constituent members of the Association in
> their support."

He intimated that this Council were invited to support the resolution and to communicate
views to the Association of Municipal Corporations;

RECOMMENDED that the terms of such resolution be supported by the Council and
the Town Clerk communicate with the Association of Municipal Corporations
ingly.

410 **Urban District Councils Association:**

(a) Election of Executive Council, 1944.

Form of Nomination Paper in connection with the above was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left to the Town Clerk to deal with.

(b) Conference.

It was reported that, conditions permitting, a Conference of the Urban District Councils of E
land and Wales would be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on the 5th and 6th July,
and that the Council were invited to send representatives;

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman of the Committee, Councillors Mrs. Legge and M
Steward, together with the Town Clerk be appointed to attend, and that Aldermen
and Syrett act as substitutes in the event of any of such representatives not being
to be present.

411 **Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1943:**

The Town Clerk reported upon the progress which was being made in connection with the
paration of the Civilian Residence Register and intimated that the sorting of the cards
nearly completed.

412 **Holidays at Home:**

(a) Open Air Services.

The Town Clerk referred to a communication which he had received from the Rev. L. L. B
ton, Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Ministers' Fraternal, inviting the Mayor and Member
the Corporation to attend the two open air services which were being arranged in connection
the above, the first on the 4th June in Avenue House Grounds and the second on the 2nd Jul
Stanley Road Playing Field. He intimated that the Mayor would be attending and had expre
the hope that as many members of the Council as possible would accompany him.

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(b) Shakespeare Week.

The Town Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for the holding of a Shakespeare Week in the Avenue House Grounds from the 10th to the 15th July, 1944, and that this would necessitate an alteration in the dates of certain Committees as the Committee Rooms would be in use as dressing rooms;

RECOMMENDED that the Committees which would ordinarily be held during the week in question be transferred to the following dates:—

Allotments and Food Production ...	Friday, the 7th July.
Education	Monday, the 17th July.
Finance	Tuesday, the 18th July.

(c) The Town Clerk reported receipt of a circular letter dated 10th February, 1944, from the Ministry of Health stating that the Government's policy in regard to Holidays in 1944 would shortly be the subject of an announcement in the Press, but that in order, however, that every opportunity might be taken for the completion of early arrangements, it was already clear that the Government would wish local authorities to co-operate by providing additional amenities for recreation and entertainment as they had done each year since 1941; further, that the financial and other arrangements for 1944 would remain unaltered.

413 **Council Employees:**

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 10th February, 1944, received from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Branch of the British Legion expressing the appreciation of the members of the Branch of the generous consideration shown by the Council to an ex-service employee of the Council on his return to civil life after being discharged from the Forces with a disability, and expressing the hope that the lead shown by the Council would be followed by other employers.

414 **Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter received from the Hon. Secretary of the above stating that at the Annual General Meeting of the Association a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Council for their assistance and friendly attitude.

415 **Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—Retirements:**

It was intimated that it had recently been reported to the appropriate Committees that the undermentioned employees were due for retirement on the dates indicated below, but that each of them was desirous of continuing in the Council's service:—

Name.	Position.	Age yrs.	Date due to Retire.
Mr. J. Gray.	Patrol Attendant.	71	31st March, 1944.
Mrs. Emery.	Convenience Attendant.	71	28th April, 1944.
Mr. H. G. Heath.	Foreman Waterman, Sewage Disposal Works.	68	11th May, 1944.
Mr. H. Moye.	Convenience Attendant and Sweeper.	65	27th May, 1944.
Mr. A. J. Wilmot.	Ganger.	65	31st March, 1944.

RECOMMENDED that the services of each of the above employees be retained for a further period of twelve months from the date on which they are due to retire, except as regards Mr. A. J. Wilmot, in which case his services be retained until the 30th April, 1944, on which date he wishes to retire.

416 **Hertford Lodge—Rain Water Pipes:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that certain rain water pipes at above were defective and that the estimated cost of replacement was £100.

In view of the urgency of the matter instructions were given for the work to be put in hand immediately and for a supplemental estimate to be forwarded to the Finance Committee in respect of the expenditure involved;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

417 **Staff—Flight-Lieutenant C. H. Hawkins:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that Flt. Lieut. Hawkins, who was recently wounded while taking part in an operational flight over France, had been awarded the D.F.C., and the Town Clerk was instructed to invite him to attend the next meeting of the Council to receive from the Mayor the congratulations of the Council upon the honour which had been conferred upon him.

The Town Clerk was also instructed to submit a draft resolution conveying the Council's congratulations and good wishes and to make arrangements for such resolution to be engrossed on vellum and presented to Flt.-Lieut. Hawkins.

418 **Cost of Living Index Figure:**

In accordance with the Committee's instructions, the Borough Treasurer submitted the following statistics from the Index Number Table published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	55	55	53	53	53	53	56	55	55	69	69	73
1943	99	99	99	98	99	98	100	99	98	99	99	99
1944	99											

He intimated that the rise of 44 points since the beginning of September, 1939, was equivalent to about 28 per cent.

419 **Estimates:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report

17th FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), Councillor H. H. Wilmot (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett, and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Langlands and Mrs. Roberts.

420 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

421 **Coal and Coke:**

Communications were submitted from Messrs. Gray Bros. (East Finchley), Ltd., and Messrs. John Hudson and Co. in regard to the recent increase in the prices of coal and coke authorised by the Minister of Fuel and Power with effect as from the 1st February, 1944, which advances would apply to their contracts with the Council.

422 **Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919:**

The Committee considered the reference from the Council arising out of the delegation of the County Council's powers and duties under the above Act and it was reported that so far as the expenditure up to the 31st March, 1944, was concerned, this would be reimbursed by the County Council so that no provision was necessary during the present financial year, and that from the 1st April, 1944, the expenditure was being provided for in the estimates of the Public Health Committee.

423 Estimates—Year ending 31st March, 1945:

(i) The Estimates of the Committee for the above-mentioned period were considered and approved.

As regards the estimates of the other Committees, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Chairman of the Committee in conjunction with the Borough Treasurer be authorised to discuss the estimates of any particular Committee with the Chairman concerned and to arrange for a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee to be convened if circumstances warrant such a course, but failing this, the estimates be dealt with at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee which commence at 7 p.m.; and

(*b*) that the Rate be made and sealed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in March, 1944.

(ii) Funds for Post War Work.—In connection with the question of making provision in the estimates for the next financial year in respect of the above, the Borough Treasurer submitted a full report upon the subject and a general discussion ensued. In view, however, of the importance of the subject and in order to give members further opportunity of considering the matter, it was decided not to come to a decision thereon until the next meeting of the Committee.

424 Audit of Accounts—Year ended 31st March, 1943:

The report of the District Auditor on the audit of the above accounts was submitted in which it was intimated that a number of questions had been discussed with the officers, but that there was no matter to which it was necessary to draw attention in the report.

425 Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:

(*a*) The Borough Treasurer reported that the number of existing mortgages was 164 involving a sum of £42,233.

(*b*) Statement of Arrears as at 31st December, 1943, was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman, in conjunction with the Borough Treasurer be authorised to deal therewith subject, where necessary, to report.

426 Housing Rents—Arrears:

The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement of arrears in connection with the above;

RECOMMENDED that this be referred to the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Housing Committee for consideration with power to act, subject to report.

427 Superannuation Fund Investment:

The Borough Treasurer reported that in accordance with the general authority of the Council a sum of £3000 had been invested in London and North Eastern 4 per cent. Debenture Stock at £106.

428 Renewal of Insurance:

The Borough Treasurer reported that the Burglary and Housebreaking Policy which was at present held by the Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd., expired on the 31st March, 1944, and that the company had agreed to renew on the existing terms for a further period of one year. He intimated that the amount of the cover was at present £44,110 and the net annual premium £37 9s. 10d. Having regard to the tenders which were obtained for this insurance last year, it was

RECOMMENDED that the existing policy be renewed.

FINANCE (*contd.*)

429 **Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Annual Conference:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that the Council had been invited to appoint delegates to at the annual conference of the above Institute to be held at the City Guildhall on the 15th and 16 June, 1944, and that the Ministry of Health had issued a general sanction in respect of the ex penses of the attendance of two delegates, of which one should be the Chief Financial Officer;

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman of the Committee and the Borough Treasurer be a pointed as delegates to the Conference and that arrangements be made for such o members of the Committee who desired to do so to attend.

430 **Income Tax (Employment) Act, 1943:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that, arising out of the authority given at the last meeti of the Committee, the question of the new arrangements in connection with the above had be discussed with the Workpeople's Side of the Whitley Works Committee when a satisfactory a rangement had been agreed upon and that at the suggestion of the employees' representatives, a Inspector of Taxes had recently addressed about 180 employees on the subject.

431 **Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—Amendment to Rate:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the register of amendments made in the rate during the peri 15th October, 1943—17th February, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the amendments be approved and that the register be signed by th Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Rating Authority.

432 **Rate Collection—1st October-31st January:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1942-43. £	1942-43. %		1943-44. £	1943-44. %
18,462	6.52	Arrears	8,137	3.06
262,790	92.81	Half-year's Rate	255,845	96.11
1,905	0.67	Additional Assessments	2,210	0.83
283,157	100.00	Total Amount Collectible	266,192	100.00
238,950	84.39	Amount collected— 1st Oct. to 31st Jan.	*238,590	89.63
£44,207	15.61	Amount outstanding ...	£27,602	10.37

*(Current Rate £235,485)
(Arrears ... £3,105)

433 **Supplemental Estimates:**

(*a*) The Committee considered Supplemental Estimates in respect of the following items of ex penditure:—

Committee.	Item.	Amount.
(i) Parks and Open Spaces ...	Repair of Footpath, Walfield Avenue to Wyatts Farm.	£38
(ii) General Purposes	Hertford Lodge—Repair of Rain Water Pipes.	£100
(iii) General Purposes	Compassionate Grant ...	£800

RECOMMENDED that Supplemental Estimates be approved in respect of the expenditure i question.

(*b*) In accordance with instructions, the Borough Treasurer reported that excluding the items in (*a*) above supplemental estimates to a total of £6705 had been approved during the present financial year.

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434 Statement of Bank Balances—16th February, 1944:

The following statement was submitted:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		88,918 1 5	
Education Revenue		23,692 8 5	
Electricity Revenue		20,872 16 2	
Housing Revenue		21,418 5 —	
General Rate Fund Capital	5,374 17 11		
Education Capital		1,216 4 5	
Electricity Capital		8,204 18 2	
Consolidated Loans Fund	42,588 3 8		
Superannuation Fund		3,488 10 1	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		369 18 3	
Salaries		2,830 4 1	
Advance	13,765 13 —		
Suspense		335 19 10	
Loan Interest		1 15 —	
A.R.P. Canteen	1,671 14 9		
Communal Feeding		6,923 7 6	
Wages		966 17 11	
	£63,400 9 4	£179,239 6 3	£115,838 16 11

435 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(a) Interim Order on Treasurer.—

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council, an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £38,212 19s. 7d., made up as follows, was approved by the Committee:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	28,042 14 4
Education Revenue	3,956 18 4
Consolidated Loans Fund	10 —
Superannuation Fund	3,808 7 2
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	28 1 6
Loan Interest	7 19 9
A.R.P. Canteen	409 11 7
Communal Feeding	1,958 16 11
	£38,212 19 7

(b) Order on Treasurer—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £30,381 13s. 9d.:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	18,129 19 9
Education Revenue	12,181 5 3
Loan Interest	70 8 9
	£30,381 13 9

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

21st FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor W. C. Fitness (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Roberts.

Non-members: Councillors Blunden, Capt. Franks, Lawrence and Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

436 **Estimates:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

W. C. FITNESS,
Chairman.

Highways Committee's Report

(Special Meeting)

21st FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Councillor G. F. Tyndall (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Fitness, Capt. Franks and Lawrence.

Non-members: Councillors Blunden, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

437 **Estimates:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

G. F. TYNDALL,
Chairman.

Housing Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting),

21st FEBRUARY, 1944.

Present: Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, Capt. Franks, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-member: Councillor Fitness.

438 **Estimates:**

The Committee's estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945, were considered and referred to the Finance Committee.

439 **Red Lion Hill Housing Scheme:**

Reference was made to the desirability of the services being obtained of an Architectural Assistant in order that work on the above Scheme might be proceeded with immediately authority was obtained from the Government Departments concerned. In this connection the Borough Surveyor suggested that application be made for the release from the Forces of Mr. R. H. Francis, one of his Architectural Assistants, failing which authority might be given for the appointment of a temporary Architectural Assistant;

RECOMMENDED that such application be made, and that the matter be considered further on a decision being obtained regarding the release of the above-named man.

440 **Housing Repairs Fund:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that a sum of approximately £2,200 in respect of the above was available for investment;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to deal with.

A. T. PIKE,
Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
21st March, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 27th day of MARCH, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 28th day of February, 1944.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 7th March, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 7th March, 1944.

(*c*) **Highways** of the 8th March, 1944.

(*d*) **Education** of the 13th March, 1944.

(*e*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 14th March, 1944.

(*f*) **Finance** of the 16th March, 1944.

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(5) To appoint two representatives to serve on the North Middlesex Assessment Committee for a period of three years from the 15th April, 1944.

(6) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(7) To receive and consider the Reports of the following Committees

(a) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 7th March, 1944.

(b) **Valuation** of the 7th March, 1944.

(c) **Education** of the 13th March, 1944.

(d) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 14th March, 1944.

(8) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(9) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

F. J. Grocott.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Capt. L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt. Col. J. Hugh Jones.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
H. H. Wilmot.

441 **Prayers:**

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

442 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th day of January, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

443 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Alderman Pateman and Councillors Baines, C.C., and Tyndall.

444 **Staff—Flt. Lt. C. H. Hawkins, D.F.C.:**

Arising out of paragraph 417 of the General Purposes Committee's Report of the 16th Feb 1944, Flt. Lt. Hawkins attended the meeting, and reference was made by the Mayor to pleasure which it had afforded the Council on hearing of the Award which had been made to After giving a brief résumé of the activities of Flt. Lt. Hawkins and extending to him the and cordial congratulations of the Council, the Mayor formally moved as follows:—

(*a*) that the Council having learned with deep admiration of the honour which has been ferred by His Majesty The King on Flt. Lt. Cyril Horatio Hawkins of the Royal Force Volunteer Reserve, by the Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, in rec tion of the great fortitude and devotion to duty invariably displayed by him, do c him their sincere and cordial congratulations and their best wishes for his safety success in connection with any operations in the future which he may be required to form during the present war, coupled with the hope that circumstances will be such will permit him to resume his civil duties on the staff of the Council at no distant d and

(*b*) that a copy of the foregoing resolution be engrossed on vellum at a cost not exceeding £10 10s. 0d., for presentation to Flt. Lt. Hawkins.

On being put, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor then handed to Flt. Lt. Hawkins a copy of the foregoing resolution and inform him that, in accordance with the decision of the Council, an engrossment thereof, on vellum, would be prepared and handed to him at a later date.

Flt. Lt. Hawkins thanked the Council for inviting him to the Meeting, and for the recognition accorded to him on his Award.

445 **Valuation Officer:**

The Mayor extended a welcome to Mr. Ivan Fooks, the newly appointed Valuation Officer.

446 **Tenders:**

(*a*) General Haulage, comprising

(i) Horse Haulage;

(ii) Motor Haulage.

(*b*) Haulage of Materials to and from railway stations.

RESOLVED that the tenders received in connection with the above be opened and referred to the Council in Committee for consideration.

447 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st February, 1944.

(*b*) **Town Planning** of the 7th February, 1944, with the exception of that part of paragraph 346 (Deposited Plans) which refers to Plan No. 10789 (Rest Room and Lavatory—St. Elizabeth Home, Mayfield Avenue, N.12), which be referred to the Council in Committee for consideration.

(*c*) **Electricity** of the 8th February, 1944.

(*d*) **Public Libraries** of the 9th February, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 359(*f*) (Chief Librarian's Report—Local Collection), reference was made by the Chairman of the Committee to the public-spirited action of Mr. C. E. O. Banks and Mr. E. Seymour Howell.

(*e*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 10th February, 1944.

(*f*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 10th February, 1944.

(*g*) **Public Health** of the 10th February, 1944, subject to the following words being inserted after the word "terms" in the third line of paragraph 376 (Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Infestation Order, 1943):—"Arising thereon, the Medical Officer of Health requested authority."

Arising out of paragraph 372(*f*) (Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 9 Weeks ended 29th January, 1944—Unsound Food), the Medical Officer of Health read the reply received from the Food Executive Officer.

(*h*) **Education** of the 14th February, 1944.

(*i*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 15th February, 1944.

(*j*) **General Purposes** of the 16th February, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 409 (Local Government), the Town Clerk drew the attention of the Council to the proposals contained in the White Paper recently published in regard to a National Health Service, which provided that local responsibility would be based on the County and County Borough Councils.

(*k*) **Finance** of the 17th February, 1944.

(*l*) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 21st February, 1944.

(*m*) **Highways (Special)** of the 21st February, 1944.

(*n*) **Housing (Special)** of the 21st February, 1944.

(*o*) **Communal Feeding** of the 22nd February, 1944, as under-printed:—

"Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.). Councillors Blunden, the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

1. Quarterly Attendances and Revenue:

The following statement in respect of the four restaurants for the quarter ended December, 1943, as compared with the previous quarter was submitted:—

Restaurant.	Total Meals.		Cash Receipts.		Average price per meal.		Average meals per day.	
Quarter:	Sept.	Dec.	Sept.	Dec.	Sept.	Dec.	Sept.	Dec.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	d.	d.		
Hamilton ...	36,109	39,992	1,571 13 5	1,829 9 1	10.45	10.98	463	519
Gainsborough	39,282	42,788	1,691 13 2	1,916 7 7	10.34	10.75	504	556
The Park ...	41,126	42,391	1,800 7 0	1,936 11 2	10.51	10.96	527	550
Essex	44,057	43,632	1,786 12 3	1,960 9 4	9.73	10.78	565	567
Total ...	160,574	168,803	6,850 5 10	7,642 17 2	10.24	10.87	2,059	2,192

EXTRACT OF CASH AND CARRY MEALS.

Restaurant.	Sept. Qr. 78 days.	Dec. Qr. 77 days.
Hamilton	3,812 ...	4,532
Gainsborough ...	6,503 ...	6,585
The Park	8,723 ...	7,878
Essex	5,682 ...	6,419
Total	24,720 ...	25,414

2. **Costing Statistics:**

A statement was submitted analysing the average cost per meal served at each restaur for the past two quarters which revealed a satisfactory position.

3. **Losses and Breakages:**

Lists of losses and breakages for the December, 1943, quarter were submitted and Committee were particularly concerned at the figure in respect of losses. The Comm Feeding Officer was instructed to discuss the matter with the Area Organiser of the W with a view to securing additional assistance.

RESOLVED that in the event of any offender being caught the Town Clerk be autho to institute legal proceedings.

4. **Staff:**

The Communal Feeding Officer referred to difficulties which had been experienced dur the past quarter owing to depletion of staff due to illness and he was instructed to conve the personnel, both paid and voluntary, the thanks of the Committee for the admirable man in which they maintained the efficiency of the service during the period in question.

5. **Purchase of Supplies:**

The question of obtaining tenders for the supply of foodstuffs, etc., was considered and was reported that, as regards certain commodities, it would not be possible under the Ration Orders to change suppliers with whom the Council were at present registered. In order, ho ever, that the whole question might be considered in detail it was decided to refer it to a Committee which should also be authorised to deal from time to time with any mat referred to it by the full Committee, subject to report:

RESOLVED that such Sub-Committee consist of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Cha man of the Committee and Councillors Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts.

6. **Purchasing Power of Officers:**

The Communal Feeding Officer reported upon discussions which he had had with t District Auditor and arising thereon, it was

RESOLVED that the purchasing powers of the officers in respect of any particular item limited to the extent indicated below unless prior authority is obtained and that t Sub-Committee above referred to be empowered to give such authority at its discre

Communal Feeding Officer	£100 a week.
Deputy Communal Feeding Officer	£100 a week.
Assistant Communal Feeding Officer	£50 a week.
Supervisors	£30 a week.

7. **Letting of Halls:**

(*a*) General. The Communal Feeding Officer reported upon difficulties which arose regard to the special terms allowed for functions organised on behalf of charities and t due consideration, it was

RESOLVED that in future, the full charge be made in respect of all lettings of the hal

(*b*) Gainsborough Restaurant—Small Hall. The Communal Feeding Officer reported t the Council had up to the present had the use of the above hall free of charge but the Church Authorities were now asking for some payment to be made;

RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Communal Feeding Officer for negotiation report.

8. **Civic Restaurant—Hampstead Garden Suburb:**

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that work was proceeding satisfactorily in re to the above but that the opening might be delayed owing to the difficulty in obtaining necessary staff;

RESOLVED that the restaurant be named "Lyttelton Restaurant."

9. **Accounts:**

RESOLVED that the accounts submitted be approved, and certified by the Chairman f payment.

10. **Trading Account:**

The trading account and balance sheet for the quarter ended 31st December, 1943, w submitted and the following statement summarises the result of the operation of the restaurants from their inception to that date:—

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

	Hamilton.	Gainsborough.	Park.	Essex.	Lyttelton.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure incurred ...	2,066	2,551	2,465	2,068	97	*9,247
Pool Equipment supplied by Ministry of Food	391	392	381	970	—	2,134
	£2,457	£2,943	£2,846	£3,038	£97	£11,381

*Of this amount, £7,650 has been received from the Ministry of Food.

TRADING RESULTS, DECEMBER QUARTER, 1943.

REVENUE.						
Total No. of meals supplied	39,992	42,788	42,391	43,632	—	168,803
Total Income	£1,836	£1,987	£1,946	£1,975	—	£7,744
EXPENDITURE.						
Total working expenses	£1,648	£1,828	£1,773	£1,730	—	£6,979
Excess of Revenue over working and Management expenses						£765
Provision for depreciation on Capital Expenditure to be provided on instructions of the Ministry of Food						£339
Administration grant						£426
						£765

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman."

448 **Death of Mr. G. Dominy:**

A letter dated 30th January, 1944, was submitted from Mrs. G. Dominy as follows:—

"I have just come back from a short visit to Wales, and found your letter awaiting me. Will you convey to the Council how very much I appreciate their kind thoughts and sympathy. Although I knew at Christmas that my husband had less than a month to live, the shock was just as great when it came. Thanking you and the Council again for your letter and sympathy."

449 **Finchley Memorial Hospital:**

A letter dated 28th January, 1944, was submitted from Mr. J. Coxon Ince, House Governor of the Finchley Memorial Hospital, thanking the Council for the grant of £250 made by them towards the funds of the Hospital.

450 **Licensing Acts:**

Notice was submitted from Mrs. May Emily Farish of her intention to apply to the Magistrates for the transfer to Mr. Henry Thomas Hammond, of 1, Compton Avenue, N.6, of the licence to sell intoxicating liquor, by retail, to be consumed either on or off the premises known as "The Tally Ho!", 749, High Road, N.12;

RESOLVED that no action be taken in the matter.

451 **"Salute the Soldier" Campaign—25th March-1st April, 1944:**

A letter dated 18th February, 1944, was submittd from Mr. E. Grant, stating that in connection with the above campaign a military and N.F.S. toy exhibition would be held at the Showrooms of Messrs. Perry, Ltd., at North Finchley, who were anxious that the Committee would assist them in finding temporary accommodation for approximately 15 small cars during the period 24th March-3rd April, 1944, and enquiring whether the refreshment terrace at the Open Air Swimming Pool could be used for this purpose;

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to deal with.

452 **Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to reports received from the Police Authorities regarding infringements of the above-mentioned Bye-Laws in connection with—

(a) the fouling of a footpath by a dog; and

(b) cycling on a footpath;

RESOLVED—

(1) that, in the case of (a), legal proceeding be not instituted, but that a severe warning be given to the offender; and

(2) that, in the case of (b), legal procedings be instituted by the Council against the offender.

453 **In Parliament—Session 1943/44. Middlesex County Council Bill:**

The Town Clerk reported that, following on the opposition of the Local Authorities, the County Council had agreed to the main amendments desired in regard to the Sewerage Clauses of the Bill, and consequently the Petition, which had been sealed, had not been lodged in the House, and that it was not anticipated that there would be any difficulty in reaching agreement on the other amendments before the Bill came up in the Second House.

454 **Prohibition of Use of Hoses and Sprinklers for Garden Watering, Car Washing, etc.:**

A letter dated 23rd February, 1944, was submitted from the Colne Valley Water Co. stating that until further notice, supplies of water could not be authorised for the following purposes:—

(1) Use by means of a hose for—

Garden watering;

Sports Grounds, tennis courts, golf courses, etc.;

Washing vehicles;

Any other purpose except public purposes as defined under the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847.

(2) Use by means of a sprinkler.

The letter added that the use of water for any of the foregoing facilities was now prohibited, but that consideration would be given to any requests for the relaxation of this prohibition in the case of bowling greens.

455 **Holidays at Home—Season 1944:**

A letter dated 26th February, 1944, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee, stating that the Committee were hoping to advertise the coming "Holidays at Home" Season, not only by means of posters, etc., but also by circulating book marks specially designed to attract attention, and enquiring whether permission might be granted to circulate them with the electricity demands;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

456 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

1. Engrossment of resolution extending congratulations to Flt. Lt. C. H. Hawkins on his being awarded the D.F.C.
2. Discharges of Registered Charges or Vacating Receipts (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of:—
   (a) Mortgage No. 765, T. H. Preston, 70, Naylor Road, N.20.
   (b) ,, ,, 607, H. R. E. Beer, 72, Lyndhurst Gardens, N.3.

3. Agreement with Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., for the use of Tally Ho! Billiard Hall, Woodhouse Road, N.12—Finchley Planning Scheme No. 6.
4. *Contract with Robert Deards, Ltd., for Horse Haulage.
5. *Contract with John H. Haynes, Ltd., for Motor Haulage.
6. *Contract with John Walker (Contractors), Ltd., for Haulage of Materials to and from Railway Stations.

*See report of Council in Committee.

457 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor " that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Pike, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

458 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st February, 1944.

(*b*) **Electricity** of the 8th February, 1944.

(*c*) **Public Libraries** of the 9th February, 1944.

(*d*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 10th February, 1944.

(*e*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 10th February, 1944.

(*f*) **Education** of the 14th February, 1944.
Arising out of paragraph 6 (St. Mary's School), the Chairman of the Committee reported upon his interview with the Managers of the School.

(*g*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 15th February, 1944.

(*h*) **General Purposes** of the 16th February, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 2(i) (Staff—Valuation Department), the Town Clerk reported that a formal notification had now been received from the Man Power Board to the effect that indefinite deferment had been granted.

Arising out of paragraph 2(*j*) (Staff—Re-organisation of Borough Treasurer's Department), an amendment was moved by Councillor Langlands, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Legge, " that the whole matter be referred to the Committee for further consideration."

On being put, the amendment was lost.

A further amendment was then proposed by Councillor Wilmot, seconded by Councillor Grobel, " that the following words be added at the end of the recommendation:—' and subject also to the insertion of the word " acting " before the word " Chief " and to the insertion of the words " for the period of the war" after the word " Auditor " in recommendation (2) of the Sub-Committee's Report '."
On being put, the amendment was not carried, seven voting in favour and seven against.

The paragraph was then formally adopted, Councillor Wilmot voting against.

(*i*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 18th February, 1944.

(*j*) **Communal Feeding** of the 22nd February, 1944.

459 **Plan No. 10789—Rest Room and Lavatory—St. Elizabeth Home, Mayfield Avenue, N.12:**

The above-mentioned plan, referred to in paragraph 346 of the Town Planning Committee's Report of the 7th February, 1944, was considered, and reference was made by the Town Clerk to an Opinion which he had obtained on the matter;

RECOMMENDED that the plan in question be approved.

460 **Staff—War Service—General Manager and Engineer:**

A letter dated 15th February, 1944, received from the War Office hereon was submitted.

461 **National Fire Service—Alteration of the Fire Areas in No. 5 Region:**

A letter dated 19th February, 1944, was submitted from the Home Office, enclosing, for the information of the Council, a copy of the National Fire Service (Alteration to Fire Areas) Regulations, 1944, in pursuance of which, as from the 14th February, 1944, No. 35 Fire Area in No. 5 Region was abolished. The letter added that the Secretary of State had, under Regulation 1, determined the boundaries between Fire Areas 34 and 36, and that Finchley was now contained in Fire Area 34, Division B.

462 **Finchley Planning Scheme No. 6—185, High Road, N.2:**

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of a letter dated 20th December, 1943, from Messrs. W. H. Collins (Contractors), Ltd., stating that they were prepared to withdraw their appeal against the refusal of the Council to permit the above premises to be used for the purposes of a plant and material depôt and administrative offices, if the Council would permit them to use the premises for storage purposes of building material and plant and occasional light maintenance, as a temporary measure, for the duration of hostilities and six months thereafter.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that, as the premises were within the area scheduled under Section 7 of the War Damage Act, 1941, it appeared advisable that permission for this temporary user should be refused. In the circumstances it was

RECOMMENDED that permission for the temporary user of the premises be not granted as such user would contravene the proposed character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

463 **Staff—Absence Through Illness:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the senior members of his staff had been taken seriously ill, and the best wishes of the Council were expressed for his speedy recovery.

464 **Tenders:**

(*a*) General Haulage, comprising

(i) Horse Haulage.

(ii) Motor Haulage.

(*b*) Haulage of Materials to and from railway stations.

The tenders received in connection with the above were considered;

This is the report referred to in paragraph 458 (a) (29 (a)) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

D.A.A. Merry
Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1st February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.Hugh Jones, LL.B.(Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman, and Councillors Captain Franks, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-Member: Councillor Blunden.

1. DISPATCH RIDER - MOTOR CYCLE:

Arising out of the proposal to purchase for Civil Defence purposes the motor cycle belonging to the dispatch rider, a communication was submitted from the County A.R.P.Officer stating that the County Council were prepared to purchase the motor cycle in question at the figure mentioned subject to the value being agreed by the Technical Adviser to the County Council, but were not prepared to make any contribution towards the sum of £38. to which extent the dispatch rider claimed to be out of pocket.

2. CANTEENS:

(a) Avenue House - Licence.- Attention was drawn to the fact that, consequent upon the inclusion of the supply of meals to the members of the Council in the new licence of the above, certain supplies at present issued on a priority basis for C.D. personnel would no longer be available in such quantities and that this might affect the standard of meals. Instructions were given for the matter to be considered further at a later date.

(b) Alleged Contravention of Rationing Orders.- The Committee considered the instructions given at the last meeting of the Communal Feeding Committee in regard to a proposed interview with the Divisional Food Officer on the subject of alleged offences, two of which affected the canteens and, after due consideration, it was

RESOLVED that the matter be left in the hands of the Communal Feeding Committee with a view to their endeavouring to safeguard the position of Members of the Council and staff personally so far as technical offences are concerned in connection with the management of the canteens.

3. HEAD FIRE GUARD MURPHY - DISTRICT 5:

The Town Clerk reported upon interviews which had taken place in regard to the above officer who had been asked to resign from his position as Head Fire Guard, and the Chairman and the Fire Guard Officer also reported upon the case. After full discussion, the Committee, whilst recognising the valuable administrative services undertaken by the Head Fire Guard in question, were of opinion that it was in the interests of the Fire Guard Service generally that he be relieved of his position and instructed the Officers that in the event of Mr. Murphy not resigning from his position his services be dispensed with.

4. RE-HOUSING:

(a) No.8, The Bishops Avenue.- A further letter was submitted from Mr. A. Pilcher in regard to the above premises:-

129(b)

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk reply to the effect the Council can give no indication as to when above premises will be released.

(b) No.72, Ossulton Way.- It was reported that in accordance with instructions these premises had been released to the

(c) No.51A, Market Place, N.W.11 and 334B, Regents Park Road. It was reported that these premises had been released in the of the former to the Electricity Department to house a member their staff, and in the latter case for the use of one of the Council's midwives;

RESOLVED that the action taken be approved.

(d) Applications for Release.-

(i) 11A, Brim Hill,
(ii) 60, Litchfield Way,
(iii) 44, Claremont Park.

Applications were submitted for the release of the above mentioned premises and after hearing a report in regard to it was

RESOLVED (i) that 11A, Brim Hill be not released;
(ii) that as regards 60, Litchfield Way and 44, Claremont Park these premises be released to the owners as soon as the occupants can be housed elsewhere.

5. FIRE PREVENTION:

(a) Fire Guard (Business and Government Premises) Order, 1941
Fire Guard (Local Authority Services) Order, 1943.

A letter was submitted from a Mr.David A.Scutt stating that had been required to carry out fire watching at his place of business within the Borough but was not prepared to do so as was a conscientious objector. It was reported that Mr.Scutt not registered under the appropriate Registration Order;

RESOLVED that, subject to the evidence being satisfactory legal proceedings be instituted against Mr.David Scutt in respect of offences under the Orders in question.

(b) Fire Guard (Business and Government Premises) Order, 1941

A communication was submitted from the Ministry of Aircraft Production intimating that it would appear desirable in accordance with Article 35(2) of the Fire Guard Order for the purposes of administrative efficiency for the duties of supervision under the above Order in respect of De Havilland Aircraft Co.Ltd., at Park, Finchley, N.3, to be delegated to the Council and that Minister was prepared to delegate such functions to the Council upon hearing that they were in agreement therewith;

RESOLVED that the Council agree to accept delegation of supervision under the Order in respect of the premises in question as from the 6th March, 1944.

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 458 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

Mayor.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

129(e)

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S.Syrett (Chairman), Councillor Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry J.P.), and Councillor Lawrence.

Non-Member: Alderman Pateman.

1. QUORUM:

Attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No.2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being received and considered.

2. GENERAL MANAGER AND ENGINEER'S REPORT:

The General Manager and Engineer reported as follows:-

(a) Maximum Demand - that the recorded maximum demand for the current financial year amounted to 11,683 KWs. as against 10,583 KWs. for last year and that the effect of this was an increase of approximately £3,500 in respect of bulk supply charges.

(b) Flat over Showroom - Hampstead Garden Suburb - that he proposed that the flat over the above showroom which was now vacant be occupied by Mr.W.I.Aitchison, the Consumers' Engineer, on the same terms as previously i.e. a rental of £80. per annum inclusive, and that certain re-decorations had been carried out at a cost of £30 ;

RECOMMENDED (i) that the proposal be adopted and the expenditure in question approved; and
(ii) that the officers investigate the possibility of recovering from the Ministry of Health a sum in respect of dilapidations arising from the user of the premises for re-housing purposes.

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RESOLVED that the Town Clerk reply to the effect that the Council can give no indication as to when the above premises will be released.

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(c) Finchley Memorial Hospital.- that, following upon the of the Committee at the last meeting, he had been in further consultation with the Hospital Authorities in regard to the changeover to A.C. and stated that it would be necessary to supply six new A.C. meters which were at present very difficult to obtain; further, that, with a view to obviating this, he suggested that the Hospital Authorities be offered a two-part tariff based upon a fixed annual charge of £400 and a unit charge of ½d. coal clause.

He intimated that this would reduce the number of new meters and would involve little if any loss to the Corporation while at the same time giving considerable advantage to the Hospital;

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager and Engineer be authorised to negotiate with the Hospital Authorities on the basis of the tariff proposed.

3. STAFF AND EMPLOYEES:

The Committee considered and made recommendations to the General Purposes Committee upon a number of matters relating to members of the staff and employees, particulars of which will appear in the report of that Committee.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 458 of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9th February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Mrs.M.E.Legge,M.B.E.(Chairman), Councillor Mrs. F.A.Roberts (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor, (Councillor R.J.N.Norman), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillors Blunden and the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Non-Member: Councillor Wilmot.

STAFF:

The Chief Librarian reported upon a number of temporary appointments which had been made to the Library staff, particulars of which are to be submitted to the General Purposes Committee.

POST WAR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE:

(a) The Committee considered further their proposals in regard to the above and after full discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED that the following proposals be submitted to the Post War Re-construction Committee:-

(1) that, as in the opinion of the Committee neither the site of Avenue House nor the building itself are suitable for a library for the Church End District, the use of Avenue House for Library purposes, after the War, be not considered further;

(2) that the erection of a new Library in Church End on the lines suggested by the Chief Librarian be approved, in principle, and that the under-mentioned sites therefor be considered in the following order of preference:-

(a) The Hawthorns, Regents Park Road (site of two premises);

(b) Site of Arcadia, Regents Park Road;

12 (c) Site of the former Municipal Offices, Hendon Lane.

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RESOLVED that the Town Clerk reply to the effect that the Council can give no indication as to when the above premises will be released.

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(3) that the provision of a branch library in the area of the Hampstead Garden Suburb be approved in principle.

In this connection the Officers have been instructed to approach the Hendon Corporation with a view to ascertaining whether arrangements could be made for the provision of a joint library within the area.

In the event, however, of such an arrangement not being feasible it is proposed that negotiations be entered into for the acquisition of a site between Nos. 27 and 31, Falloden Way for the purpose of erecting a branch library to include a rest garden at the rear, or alternatively, that the authorities of St.Jude's Church be approached as to the possibility of the site in Falloden Way reserved for a Church Hall being developed jointly between the Church Authorities and the Council to provide a branch library and a Church Hall in the same building.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 7th January, 1944, received from the Town Clerk of Dagenham stating that, arising out of the consideration by his Council of the proposals of the Library Association for the Post War Development of the Library service, his Authority were of opinion that as there had been no meeting of the Association during the war the proposals could not be truly representative of the opinion of the Association and they were therefore requesting the Association to hold an annual general meeting at an early date and invited this Council to make a similar request;

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in the matter.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 13 of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

Mayor.

rom the 6th March, 1944.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

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This is the report referred to in paragraph 129(g) 458 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

Mayor.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

DAY NURSERIES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

10th February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

1.- STAFF:

The Medical Officer reported as follow :-

(a) Resignations.

Name.	Position.	Date of Resignation.
Miss. G. Holt	Deputy Matron, Moss Hall Nursery	4.12.43.
Miss. E. Jones	Deputy Matron, Regents Nursery.	8.1.44.

(b) Appointments.

Name.	Position.	Salary.	Date of Commencement of duties.
Mrs. Jennings	Matron, Regents Nursery.	£220	31.1.44.
Miss M. Box	Deputy Matron, Moss Hall Nursery.	£175	1.1.44.
Miss N. Rowe	Deputy Matron, Regents Nursery.	£175	8.1.44.
Miss M. Gibson	Warden, Moss Hall Nursery.	£165	10.1.44.
Miss H.Johnson	Probationer, Martin Nursery.	£52	17.1.44.

RESOLVED that the above appointments be approved.

2.- INSTRUCTION:

RESOLVED that the instruction given to the Medical Officer of Health, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

J.G. BRYSON,

Chairman.

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This is the report referred to in para. 458 (e) of the Council Minutes of the February, 1944.

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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

10TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike, C.B.E., J.P. and Councillor Grobel, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

Non-Member: Councillor Lawrence.

1.- NURSES' SALARIES:

Arising out of Ministry of Health Circular S.R.O. No. 96 regarding salaries payable to the staff at War-time Nurseries, the Committee considered a report (circulated). They were of opinion that the appropriate scale as laid down in that Circular should be paid to Miss F. Cloutman, and agreed to refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

2.- INSTRUCTION:

RECOMMENDED that the instruction given to the Medical Officer of Health, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,
Chairman.

This, together with the following page, is the report referred to in paragraph 458 (f) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

Mayor.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

14th February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N.Norman),
Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Leggo, M.B.E.,
Mrs. Roberts and Tyndall;
Miss Davey, M.A., Mrs. Miall, B.A. and Mr. Wooding Monk.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above held on the 17th January, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) Prosecution - Cases of Welsher. That, in accordance with authority given, the Sub-Committee had considered the cases of the three children named Welsher, of ages ranging from 10 months to 8½ years, who had been brought before the Juvenile Court as in need of care or protection. The Court had suggested that these children be committed to the care of the Authority as a "fit person".

After consideration the Sub-Committee had agreed that the Local Authority undertake the care of these children under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, provided that suitable foster parents can be found, or other approved arrangements made. The cost was estimated at £140 a year.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

(b) Approved Schools - Parental Contributions. That a summary of parental contributions for the quarter ended 27th November, 1943, had been submitted and approved.

RECOMMENDED: that remission of arrears be granted in the following cases:-

Ronald Coburn £1.6.0.
Lawrence Barrett £1.0.0.

L. DAVEY,
Chairman (pro tempore).

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above, held on 7th February, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:-

(a) School Requisitions, 1944-45 - Allowances. That consideration had been given to the Schedule (attached) of the schools' requisitions for the year 1944-45.

RECOMMENDED: that the allowances for books, stationery and apparatus to the elementary schools for the financial year 1944-45, be approved.

(b) Provision of Meals.

(i) Kitchen Staffs. That changes in Kitchen Staffs had been reported, particulars of which had been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee.

(ii) Mrs. J. Warlow, Assistant Cook.

RECOMMENDED: that Mrs. Warlow's salary be increased by 5s.0d. a week, as from the 7th February, 1944.

(iii) Martin School - Scullery. That improvements in the facilities were now necessary, and that under the terms of of Education Circular 1629, the provision of sculleries of standard pattern, without charge to the Authority, could

RECOMMENDED: that application be made to the Board of Education to provide a scullery, under the terms of Circular 1629.

(iv) Our Lady of Lourdes School - Scullery. That, in the large number of children now taking meals daily, an improv in the washing-up facilities was an urgent necessity, and this a small extension to the school building would be ne The cost of the work would be in the neighbourhood of £20 if the proposal were approved by the Board of Education, reimbursement in full would be made to the Authority.

RECOMMENDED: that, subject to any necessary consents, the work be carried out at an estimated cost of approxim £200.

(c) Staff.

(i) Mrs. N. Poupard, Assistant Temporary Teacher - Summ Junior School. That a letter of resignation had been re from Mrs. Poupard, to take effect as from the 29th Februa

(ii) Miss S.A.Warner, Assistant Teacher - St. Mary's Schoo Miss Warner had been absent from duty from the 4th to 20th January, 1944, inclusive, in order to nurse her mother wh been seriously ill.

RECOMMENDED: that full payment of salary be made to Miss Warner during the period of absence mentioned above.

(d) Caretaker - Manorside School.

(i) Mr. H. Rice. That Mr. Rice, the caretaker, had been to hospital on the 7th February to undergo an operation, a his absence was likely to be a lengthy one.

(ii) Mr. W. Lawford. That a temporary caretaker, Mr. Law had been engaged for full-time work at a wage of £3.15.0. current war bonus per week, and that he had commenced his on the 4th February, 1944.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken under (ii) above be approved.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED: that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopt

3. Scheme for Grading of School Caretakers.

With reference to the Education Committee's report to the in Committee, December 1943, the Director of Education reported the Conference of Education Authorities in Middlesex referred therein had been held, and that it had been decided to set up representative sub-committee to discuss the whole question with representatives of the Joint Industrial Council.

A letter from the Secretary to the Middlesex Education Com intimated that a further conference would be called to report

4. Education Bill - Medical Inspection and Treatment.

With reference to the Education Committee's report to the Council in Committee, January 1944, concerning the medical inspection and treatment of children attending independent schools, the Director of Education submitted a letter from the Board of Education, in reply to the Authority, stating that there were considerable difficulties in the way of placing an obligation on Local Education Authorities to provide for medical inspection and treatment of children attending independent schools, but that the Authority's suggestion would receive consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and instructed the Director of Education to take up the question again with the Board of Education, more especially with regard to independent schools that would be unable to provide regular medical inspection and treatment of their own.

5. School Meals - Supply of Food.

The Director of Education referred to the need for reviewing the terms for the purchase of food for the School Kitchens.

RECOMMENDED: that the matter be left in the hands of the School Management and Works Sub-Committee, with power to act, subject to report.

6. St. Mary's School.

Further to the Education Committee's Report to the Council in Part I, the Chairman stated that the cost of erecting three huts would be in the neighbourhood of £4,000, which, in the first instance, would be met by the Ministry of Health, but that, if erected, the Board would require an assurance that the Council would take over these huts at a valuation at an agreed date after the conclusion of the war. In these circumstances it would be necessary to discuss the position with the Managers, as the Council would then be providing accommodation for children attending a Non-Provided School.

Authority was given to the Chairman to consult with the Managers of St. Mary's School, and the report at the meeting of the Council.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the action taken be approved.

(2) that the Local Authority agree to accept three pre-fabricated huts to be erected, in consultation with the Authority, on the Hertford Lodge site, it being understood that the cost of supply and erection is to be borne by the Government Department concerned.

(3) that, at an agreed date after the conclusion of the war, the huts be taken over by the Council at a valuation, should the Managers be unable to do so.

(4) that the Chairman report with regard to his conference with the Managers at the meeting of the Council.

7. Staff Absences.

A list of members of the staff absent since the last meeting of the Committee was submitted, and it was reported (1) that Mrs. Walker had been absent for four days for domestic reasons, and (2) that the other periods of absence, with the exception of that of Miss Warner dealt with in the report of the School Management and Works Sub-Committee, were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED: that full payment of salary be made to Mrs. Walker during the period of absence, and that in those cases which were within the terms of the Authority's regulations full salary be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

15th February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor P. Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillors Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilmot.

Non-Members: Alderman Wells and Councillot Fitness.

1.- GLEBE LAND:

A letter dated 24th January, 1944 was submitted from the War Department Land Agent stating that the War Department desired to requisition a small strip of land at above as shown on an accompanying plan, and that, if this could be agreed by the Council, it would be possible to hand back part of the existing site for Allotments.

It was reported that the strip in question formed part of the second class football pitch utilised by the Education Department, but that arrangements could be made for the position of the pitch to be slightly altered.

In the circumstances it was

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised to the proposed requisitioning.

2.- POST WAR DEVELOPMENT:

Arising out of a reference from the Post War Reconstruction Committee, the Committee considered carefully a report of a Sub-Committee which was appointed to deal with the above matter. The report indicated that, from a survey which had been made of the Borough, it did not appear that there was much that could be done in regard to the possible acquisition of additional areas of land for open spaces.

The Sub-Committee, however, made the following observations on the matter generally :-

"One of the areas which it was suggested by the full Committee might be considered was the land in East End Road formerly known as the A.B.C. Sports Ground. This has an area of approximately 7½ acres and was, it is understood, sold some time ago for the sum of £20.000. The area is scheduled in the Finchley Planning Scheme No.1., as a private open space and, in these circumstances, the Sub-Committee do not feel that they wish to make any recommendation - its use as an open space being thereby ensured.

Another area which the Sub-Committee were asked to bear in mind was the Burial Board Land which is situate on the south side of the North Circular Road, opposite to Coppetts Close. This is leased to the Council by the St. Pancras Borough Council for sewage disposal purposes for a term of seven years from the 25th December, 1938 at a rental of £100 a year, and from enquiries which have been made by the Town Clerk it appears that it will definitely be required after the War for burial purposes.

A further area suggested was a small portion of land on the east side of Regents Park Road south of the North Circular Road, which formed part of the Arden Estate.

This, we understand, was recently acquired by a Builder. It was suggested by the Borough Surveyor that the Middlesex County Council might possibly be interested in the purchase thereof particularly as it abuts upon a Trunk Road. We therefore feel that enquiries might, with advantage, be made of the owner as to whether he would be disposed to consider the sale thereof and, if so, on what terms, and that the Middlesex County Council should then be approached on the matter.

We have considered correspondence received from Messrs. Bennetts, Estate Agents, offering the Council certain parcels of land having a total area of approximately 6½ acres partly abutting on the North Circular Road, and as regards this we feel that the County Council might be similarly approached.

There are two plots of land at the junction of Christchurch Avenue and Ballards Lane, on one of which a static water tank has been constructed by the National Fire Service. Both these areas would, if they could be acquired by the Council, add to the amenities already provided by the Moss Hall Crescent open Space, and enquiries might, with advantage, be made of the owner as to the terms on which they would be prepared to dispose of them to the Council.

A point was made at the meeting that, after the War, there might possibly be a falling off in the cultivation of lands as allotments, and that as a result certain small areas now temporarily utilised for that purpose might become available for purchase as Open Spaces."

RECOMMENDED that the Post War Reconstruction Committee be informed :-

(a) that the Committee are unanimously of the opinion that, after the termination of the War, one of their first duties will be to see that the existing open spaces which, owing to shortage of labour and for other obvious reasons, have had to be neglected during the period of hostilities are put into proper order, and that, in addition, during the immediate post-war years, the following Schemes which were in contemplation prior to the War should be dealt with in the following order of priority :-

(1) Pointalls Open Space - Conversion of the portion now used as a War Damage Tip into a children's play-ground;

(2) Construction of Children's Playground - Victoria Recreation Ground;

(3) The completion of The Brookside Walk (including tunnels under Regents Park Road and Waverley Grove;

(4) Glebe Land - Construction of Running Track;

(5) Whetstone Stray - Construction of Football pitches on the area now being levelled;

(6) Erection of New Pavilion - Arden Playing Field

(7) Brook Farm - Construction of a bowling green, hard tennis courts, an additional pavilion and a putting green or a miniature golf course;

(8) Wyattis Farm - Construction of football pitches on completion of levelling work;

(9) Rocklands - Layout of garden as a pleasure ground;

(10) Elmshurst - Layout, as a rest garden, of the portion of the Estate acquired by the Council;

(11) The layout of the Charter Green;

(12) Victoria Recreation Ground - Conversion of Grass Tennis Courts into Hard Tennis Courts.

(13) Northway Gardens - do.

(b) that the Town Clerk has been instructed to take the action suggested by the Sub-Committee in regard to the various parcels of land referred to in their report.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 458 (g) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

Mayor

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Mayor.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

16th February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Ch the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. and Councillors Bryson, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. and Major Steward.

Non-Members:- Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B and Councillors Blunden, Fitness and Roberts.

1.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFFS (WAR SERVICE) ACT, 1939.

The Committee considered further the case of J.C. Caretaker of the Northside School who was posted as "at sea" on the 3rd March, 1943 and of D.J. Shea, Junior in the Valuation Department who was reported as "missi Batavia" early in 1942.

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had agre supplementation of pay to each of these men should be for a further period of 13 weeks from the 27th December

RECOMMENDED that this be again extended for period of 13 weeks from the 27th Marc

2.- STAFF.-

(a) Absence through illness.- The names of those of the Staff who had been absent, through illness, since last ordinary meeting of the Committee were submitted, with the necessary medical certificates.

Arising out of the absence of Mr. S. Pedley, Hall Hertford Lodge, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Pedley exhausted the sick pay due to him, but that owing to an sight two weeks wages had been paid to him in error;

RECOMMENDED that such over-payment be appro

(b) Establishment.- In accordance with the instruc of the Council given on the recommendation of the Council Staff Joint Committee, statements (circulated) were sub in respect of each Department of the Council giving par of all existing staff (permanent and temporary) not on Service as at the 1st January, 1944 as compared with the time establishment.

(c) Salary Increments.- The Committee considered fully recommendations made by the Chief Officers in re certain members of the permanent and temporary staff;

RECOMMENDED that the recommendations contai column 9 of the statement annexed hereto adopted as from the 1st April 1944, and the few cases where applicable, notwithst anything contained in the resolution pas

the Council in March, 1941 that as a general rule no increments in salary be granted during the period of the War and six months thereafter other than those normally due to the Officers and Staff.

Arising out of the recommendations of the Chief Officers, the Committee were of the opinion that the Grading Scheme needed revision in several particulars and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Council and Staff Joint Committee for consideration and report.

(d) Town Clerk's Department.- The Town Clerk reported :-

(i) that Mrs. D. Harris had been appointed as a part-time temporary clerk in his Department on the usual terms with effect as from the 29th December, 1943.

(ii) that Mrs. G.M. Pierson, temporary Shorthand-typist in his Department had expressed a wish to transfer from full-time to part-time duty; that he had agreed thereto and that the new arrangement operated as from the 14th instant on the usual terms.

(e) Electricity Department.- It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Electricity Committee, the General Manager and Engineer had reported as follows :-

(i) O.H.M.S.- that he had resumed his civil duties on the 31st December, 1943.

(ii) Illness.-

(1) that Mr. H. Sharp, an electrical fitter's mate, who was 60 years of age, and who had been in the Department's service for nearly 28 years, had been absent, through illness, since the 11th December, 1943; that he suggested that Sharp be granted full pay during his period of absence up to a maximum of three months instead of the customary four weeks full pay and nine weeks half pay; further that the Committee had decided to recommend to the Committee accordingly;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(2) that Mr. F. Cooper died on the 16th December, 1943 after having completed 39 years exemplary service with the Department; further that the Committee had decided to recommend that a gratuity not exceeding one year's pay of the deceased be granted to the widow under Section 70 of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908 and that it be left to the Chairman of the Electricity Committee and the General Manager and Engineer to arrange the manner in which the sum be disbursed;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(3) that on the 5th October, 1943, Mr.A.E.W. Ridley, had sustained an injury (hernia) as the result of his employment; that he was still absent from duty and was admitted to Hospital on the 14th February, 1944; further that the Insurance Company were dealing with the case.

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(iii) Resignation.- that Mrs. V.E. McAdam, a Clerk had terminated her service with the Department on 24th December, 1943.

(iv) Leave of Absence.- that, under the terms Council's resolution, he had granted leave of absence week to Mrs. K.G. Johnson, commencing on the 11th Feb 1944 as her husband was on leave.

(v) Salaries - Technical Staff.- that, under National Joint Board conditions, the salaries of 17 the technical staff had been increased as from the last 1943 due to a revised basis of cost of living figures, the approximate financial effect was £287 per annum.

(vi) Transfers.-

(1) that, by arrangement with the Borough Treasurer Miss M.M. Caldicott was being transferred to Electricity Department in a temporary capacity as soon replacement in the Borough Treasurer's Department had effected, and that her rate of pay would remain the same

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(2) that, in accordance with a notification received from the Ministry of Labour and National Service Miss J. Atkinson, Junior Clerk, had been transferred to work of National importance as from 13th December, 1943.

(vii) War Service etc.- that since the issue of last report, the following had left or were about to leave Department to join H.M. Forces or other approved Government Service :-

Willmott, F.	Clerk	on 15th December
Timmis, Miss I.	"	" 29th December
Thomas, Miss B.	"	" 13th December
Robinson, N.H.	Asst.Cons.Engr.	" 28th December
Grainger, C.F.	Improver	" 29th December
Chamlet, Miss	Shorthand-typist and Clerk.	" 12th February

that the position of members of the Department, to date had joined the Forces, or had taken up duties in other Government service was :-

Staff	35
Employees	32
	67
Less :- Return (Staff)	1
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(f) Public Libraries Department.- It was reported at the last meeting of the Public Libraries Committee, the Chief Librarian reported that the following temporary appointments had been made :-

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Replacing.
Mrs .D.Braley (part-time)	24th January, 1944.	Miss Malpas (appointment terminated as from 8th January, 1944).
Mrs .V.F. Lee (part-time)	3rd January, 1944.	Mrs. Potter, resigned as from 18th December, 1943.
Mrs. L. Gould (part-time).	31st January, 1944.	Miss Wright (called up 31st January, 1944).
Mrs. B. Naylor (part-time)	31st January, 1944	
Miss E. Stone (full-time junior)	14th February, 1944	Miss Mackenzie (to be called up 1st March).

(g) Former Valuation Officer.- In accordance with the instructions, the Town Clerk submitted particulars of the Estate of the late Mr. T.H. Hill and intimated that the deceased had completed 31 years service with the Council. After due consideration it was

RECOMMENDED that a gratuity of a sum equal to one year's salary of the late Mr. Hill be granted to his widow under the provisions of Section 70 of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908 and that it be left to the Chairman of the Committee and the Town Clerk in conjunction with Mrs. Hill to arrange the manner in which the sum be disbursed.

(h) Education Department - Leave of Absence without salary.-

The Director of Education reported that under the terms of the Council's resolution, leave of absence, without salary, had been granted to Mrs. M. Allen a Temporary Clerk in his Department, for three days, namely 22nd, 23rd and 29th December, 1943.

(i) Valuation Department.- The Town Clerk reported :-

(1) that Mr. Ivan Fooks, the newly appointed Valuation Officer commenced his duties on the 14th February 1944 and that he understood that indefinite deferment from military service would be granted by the Man Power Board; and

(2) that Miss U.H. Walker, Typist in the Department had been called up for National Service on the 4th January, 1944.

(j) Re-organisation of Borough Treasurer's Department.- A report of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the above, a copy of which is annexed hereto, was submitted and considered;

RECOMMENDED that the report be received and adopted with the exception of recommendation (5) which be referred to the Chief Officers for consideration and report, and subject to the substitution of the words "record of his investigations" for "diary of his work" in recommendation (2).

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(k) Granting of Gratuities to the Staff and Employees in accordance with the instructions given at the last meeting of the Committee a joint report by the Town Clerk and the Treasurer dealing with the above matter (a copy of which is annexed hereto) was considered.

(l) Borough Surveyor's Department.-

(i) War Service etc.- The Borough Surveyor reported that the under-mentioned members of his Department had been called up for war service or other work of national importance as from the dates indicated :-

Mr.L.F. Lewis -	Plans referencer and Photo Copier.	- 3rd February
Miss M.W. Rickard	Temporary Typist.	- 29th January
Miss M.Dietterle -	Temporary Clerk	- 29th February

(ii) Absence through illness.- The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Pickles had been granted leave of absence without pay from the 31st January, 1944 owing to the illness of her father and that she was now suffering from nervous debility and was likely to be absent for some time. He also reported that Mrs. Taylor was absent owing to illness and was unable to undertake full duties for several weeks.

In view of these absences and the depletion of staff referred to in (i) above, the Borough Surveyor was authorised to endeavour to appoint an experienced full-time Clerk, and to report;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(m) Finance Department.- The Borough Treasurer reported as follows :-

(i) that Miss H.M. Paul, temporary Rate Arrears Assistant, was transferred to the Admiralty as temporary Assistant Civilian Officer as from the 8th February, 1944.

(ii) Mrs. P. Stacey, temporary Wages Clerk.
Mrs.R.E. Poulton, temporary Accountancy Assistant.
Mrs. O.D. Bell, temporary Rate Clerk.

that the above members of the Temporary Staff had made application to change from full-time to part-time service; Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Poulton for domestic reasons and Mrs. Bell health grounds; further that he had provisionally agreed thereto;

RECOMMENDED that such applications be granted.

(iii) that Miss M. Caldicott, temporary shorthand typist was, by arrangement with the General Manager and himself being transferred to the Electricity Works and Miss Q. Rainger had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

(n) Reinstatement etc. of Officers.- The Town Clerk reported that a circular letter dated 21st January, 1944, had been received from the Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services stating that the National Joint Council had had under consideration the difficulties which had arisen and were arising

This, together with the first side of the following page, is the report referred to in paragraph 2 (j) of the report of the General Purposes Committee referred to in paragraph 458 (h) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

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D.A.A. Merry
Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE RE RE-ORGANISATION OF BOROUGH TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

9th FEBRUARY, 1944.

1. CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED that Councillor The Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. REFERENCE TO SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Sub-Committee was set up originally in 1942 and had as its reference from the General Purposes Committee the question of the appointment of a Deputy Borough Treasurer to succeed Mr. Smith on his promotion to Borough Treasurer, and to consider any necessary re-organisation in the Finance Department and after recommending that applications should be invited for the appointment of Deputy Borough Treasurer, the Sub-Committee proposed that the Borough Treasurer Elect should be instructed to report to it on the status and position of the Internal Audit Section and any general re-organisation of the Department. This was duly confirmed and since that time the Sub-Committee have held several meetings to consider the matter.

The following members of the Council have from time to time been members of the Sub-Committee:-

Alderman Briant, Alderman Syrett. and
Councillors Baines, The Rev. Brooksbank, Merry, Norman, Major Steward and Wilmot,

and its present constitution is as follows:-

The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman)
Alderman Briant
Alderman Syrett
Councillor The Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.
Councillor Major Steward.

3. INTERNAL AUDIT AND GENERAL RE-ORGANISATION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Considerable investigation of the working of the Department and in particular the Internal Audit Section has been made and various suggestions have been put forward by individual members of the Committee. In accordance with their instructions, an interview was arranged with the Ministry of Health to ascertain the Department's views with regard to the setting up of a separate Internal Audit Department which would be quite independent of the Finance Department, the Audit Officer being directly responsible to the appropriate Committee, although for staffing purposes he might come under the control of another Chief Officer.

It was felt by some members that the present system whereby the Internal Audit comes within the jurisdiction of the Finance Department did not give the desired protection for the members of the Council which could only be achieved in their opinion by appointing an independent officer who would report direct to the Council. The Ministry intimated that where a separate Internal Audit Department had been established, the Authorities concerned in most cases had reverted to the system

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in force in this Borough and they were averse to any ch
the nature suggested.

The Sub-Committee have given careful consider
all these points and while they are of the opinion that
satisfactory solution would probably be to establish a
Internal Audit Department, they came to the conclusion
present time was most inopportune to effect such a major
in the office organisation. They felt, however, that
measure of improvement could be introduced and following
a report made at their request by the Borough Treasurer,
desire to make the recommendations outlined below which
opinion would give the members of the Council some prot
regard to the financial affairs of the Council.

For the reason already mentioned they are also
opinion that any general re-organisation of the departm
should not be carried out at the present time and that a
suggested alteration in the method of book-keeping shoul
be postponed. They are of opinion, however, that the a
of the Council could be kept more up-to-date and time an
saved if improvements were made as outlined below with re
to the system of checking accounts in the various depart
of the Council.

In view of the recommendations following, and th
additional responsibility which will be placed on Mr. Go
the Sub-Committee was of the opinion that his position sh
be reviewed and have made recommendations accordingly;

RECOMMENDED (1) that the Internal Audit Department co
to be under the control of the Borough Treasurer
that the matter be reviewed and any general re-
organisation of the Borough Treasurer's Departm
considered again in twelve months' time, when i
war conditions still prevail, these two matters
be postponed for a further twelve months;

(2) that Mr. Goodman be designated as Chief
Internal Auditor and that he be required to submit
the Finance Committee at each meeting a diary of
work with a certificate as to the conditions in
he finds the affairs which he has investigated a
further, to submit a general report on his work;

(3) that, notwithstanding the resolution
passed by the Council in March, 1941 to the effe
(inter alia) that during the period of the war and
six months thereafter there be no alteration in th
establishment of any department of the Council, th
establishment of the Borough Treasurer's Departm
be varied by creating an additional post in Sectio
of the Senior Grade (£450-£550) in lieu of one in
Section 2 of that Grade (£390 - £450);

(4) that Mr. Goodman be promoted to Sectio
of the Senior Grade at a commencing salary of £470
annum as from the 1st April, 1944;

(5) that, in order to avoid duplication of
work between the Finance Department and other
departments, the system of checking be revised on
the following lines:-

(a) Each department to check its own invoices as to prices, terms, descriptions, quantity and quality, leaving the checking of the extensions and total to the Finance Department;

(b) Invoices to be in the hands of the Borough Treasurer 48 hours after receipt in the department concerned.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK

Chairman.

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This, together with the following page, is the referred to in paragraph 2 (k) of the General Committee's report referred to in paragraph 4 of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944.

Mayor

JOINT REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK AND THE BOROUGH TREASURER WITH REGARD TO THE GRANTING OF GRATUITIES TO THE STAFF AND EMPLOYEES.

At the last meeting of the Committee a point was r as to the powers of the Council to make allowances or to their employees, and to the widows or dependants of employees, and we were instructed to submit a joint repo the matter.

The present position is briefly as follows :-

FINCHLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ACT, 1908.

Under this Act the Council may, if they think fit, cases not within the Workmens Compensation Acts, grant a gratuity (not exceeding one year's pay) to any employee may become disabled or injured in their service, or who become incapacitated through age or infirmity, and to the widow or family of an employee who dies while in their s This power must be exercised while the employee is in the vice of the Council (i.e. it cannot be exercised after he retires for the benefit of the widow or dependants).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1937.

(a) Persons Entitled to a Pension.- This Act provide for the granting of pensions, on retirement, to employees local authorities. It also provides that the personal representative of an employee dying before retirement sh receive a return of his contributions plus 3% compound interest. In the case of a pensioner who dies before receiving by way of pension the equivalent of his contrib tions plus 3% compound interest, the personal representat is entitled to a return of the balance.

Normally a pension ceases upon death, but an employe when retiring may surrender up to one third of his pensio that, should he pre-decease his wife, she may draw a pens for the remainder of her life. It is necessary for the employee to be in good health at the time of retirement, the pension to which the widow may be entitled after his depends upon the amount of the pension surrendered and th of the wife. In the event of his wife pre-deceasing hi pensioned employee continues to draw only the reduced pen

A gratuity may be paid to an employee who has to ret before the compulsory retiring age by reason of permanent incapacity through an injury received, without his own de in the course of his duties.

(b) Persons not entitled to a Pension.- The author may pay to an employee ceasing to be employed by them who not entitled to a pension a gratuity not exceeding twice amount of his annual pay.

COMMENTARY.

It will be seen that the powers of the Council are s what limited in the matter, particularly regarding assist to widows and dependants after an employee has retired. ever, it would mean an alteration in the law before they

deal more liberally with any cases. We think that there is very little prospect of amended legislation being passed during the War, but should the Committee feel so disposed, they might wish to recommend the Council, with that object in view, that the various recognised local Government Associations be requested to review the whole position.

R. M. FRANKLIN,

Town Clerk.

L. SMITH,

Borough Treasurer.

February, 1944.

Forces and had been reinstated in the service of the Council :-

Name.	Position.	Date reinstated.
C. Copping.	Labourer at Sewage Disposal Works.	9.12.43.
F. Wheeler.	Foreman Gardener.	24.12.43.

(e) Handyman (skilled) - S.E. Pryor.- The Borough Surveyor reported that this employee resigned from the Council's employ on the 26th January, 1944, but retained his post as Depot Officer in the Civil Defence Service.

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in connection with the reinstatement of local government officers who had been discharged, on medical grounds from the Armed Forces or other National Service and had resolved to give immediate consideration to the questions of reinstatement, rehabilitation, superannuation and payment of gratuities to such officers; further, that he had been directed to urge that, pending such consideration, no individual decisions be made on these matters by the Council;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed for the time being.

3.- COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.-

(a) Medical Examination.- The Town Clerk reported that this matter had been considered by the Chief Officers and that they had agreed that all casual-temporary employees other than casual day to day workers were to be examined by the Medical Officer of Health before they took up their employment, and that their engagement must be subject to their passing this examination;

RECOMMENDED that the action of the Chief Officers be confirmed.

(b) Compassionate Grant - re Mr.A.T. Biddle, deceased.- The Committee considered a reference from the Highways Committee arising out of the death of Mr.A.T. Biddle, Skilled Handyman, which took place on the 27th December, 1943 and the Town Clerk reported upon the action taken by the Council at their last meeting;

RECOMMENDED that a gratuity of a sum not exceeding six months' pay of the deceased be granted to the widow under the provisions of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908 and that the amount be disbursed at the rate of 15/- a week until the date of the ordinary meeting of the Council in June, 1944 when the amount of the weekly payment be reviewed, and that the gratuity cease to be payable on the death of the widow, if at that time the full amount of the gratuity has not been paid to her.

(c) Absence through illness - Ganger C.E. Anderson.- The Borough Surveyor reported further in regard to the above employee and intimated that he had been examined by the Medical Officer of Health and resumed work on the 8th February, 1944 and would be engaged on light duties until such time as he was restored fully to health and strength.

(d) Return of men from H.M. Forces.- The Borough Surveyor reported that the under-mentioned had been discharged from H.M. Forces and had been reinstated in the service of the Council :-

Name.	Position.	Date reinstated.
C. Copping.	Labourer at Sewage Disposal Works.	9.12.43.
F. Wheeler.	Foreman Gardener.	24.12.43.

(e) Handyman (skilled) - S.E. Pryor.- The Borough Surveyor reported that this employee resigned from the Council's employ on the 26th January, 1944, but retained his post as Depot Officer in the Civil Defence Service.

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(f) Accidents.- The Borough Surveyor reported since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee one had met with an accident and that the matter had been with.

4.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1937.-

(a) Retirements.- The Borough Surveyor reported that the under-mentioned employees had made application to retire on pension :-

(1) R.L. Farebrother;
(2) P.J. Creek;
(3) A.J. Wilmot.

He intimated that, as regards (1) and (2) the applications were on the grounds of ill health, and that the necessary medical certificates had been submitted, and that as regards (1), the employee had, in addition, made application for a compassionate grant in view of the small amount of pension which he would be entitled.

The following particulars were submitted as to the superannuation allowances payable in each case in accordance with the practice of the Council :-

Name.	Age	Position and Dept.	Years' service for pension purposes.		Amount of Pension based on 60ths for contributory and non-contributory service.
			Yrs.	Mths.	£. s. d.
Farebrother, R. L.	60	Borough Surveyors Dept.	C. 4	11	11.15. 1) £29.7.1
		Street Orderly.	N.C. 5	6	17.12.10)
Creek, P.J.	57	Foreman Waterman.	C. 20	2	68. 4. 5)
			N.C. 19	7	68. 4. 4) £136.8.9
Wilmot, A.J.	65	Ganger.	C. 19	6	66. 8. 4) £136.6.
			N.C. 19	3	69.17. 8)

RECOMMENDED

(1) that superannuation allowances be granted to the employees in question as shown in the above tabular statement; and

(2) that, as regards R.L. Farebrother, in order to bring the pension up to 30/- a week, there be also granted, under the provisions of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1[illegible], a compassionate allowance of 18/9d. a week until the date of the ordinary meeting of the Council in June, 1944, when the matter be reviewed.

(b) Refunds and Transfer Values.- The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of refunds made and transfer values paid in respect of certain members of the staff.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,
Chairman.

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This is the report referred to in paragraph 458 (i) of the Council Minutes of the 28th February, 1944

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Special Meeting)

18TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor The Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-Member: Alderman Wells.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER:

The Committee interviewed eight selected candidates for the above position, and, in accordance with the authority delegated to them by the Council, appointed Mr. C.L. Heywood, M.A. B.Sc., Lecturer in Geography at Kingston Technical College, on the terms mentioned in the advertisement, subject (inter alia) to his being granted the necessary deferment from Military Service.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

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This is the report referred to in paragra
the Council Minutes of the 28th February,

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

COMMUNAL FEEDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

22nd February, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S.Syrett (Chairman), the Mayor (C
D.A.A.Merry, J.P.) and Councillors Blunden,
W.L.Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Mrs. Legge,
Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

Non-Members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence

ALLEGED OFFENCES UNDER THE FOOD RATIONING ORDERS:

This matter was considered first at a special meeting
Committee held on the 27th January, 1944 when a report (
been circulated) was submitted by the Communal Feeding C
certain matters in respect of which technical offences we
to have taken place in connection with the supply of meat
Park Civic Restaurant and the supply of fish and milk to
Defence Canteens. At that meeting, having regard to th
of a warning letter received from the Local Food Executiv
and the possibility of prosecution in the future for simil
technical offences which might involve individual members
Council and Officers financially, it was decided to ask th
Divisional Food Officer to attend a meeting of the Commit
alternatively, to receive a deputation consisting of the
Councillors Grobel and Mrs. Legge and the officers for th
of discussing the whole matter and the meeting was then a
pending the meeting with the Divisional Food Officer.

The deputation subsequently waited upon the Divisional
Officer and draft notes of the proceedings (copies of whi
been circulated) were submitted.

A full discussion ensued upon the various points whic
from the interview and after full consideration, it was

RESOLVED that, a protest having been lodged with
the Divisional Food Officer and the views o
Committee having been conveyed to him, no fu
action be taken in the matter for the time b

C. S. SYRETT,
Chair

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that tenders, as under-mentioned, be accepted for a period of one year from 1st April, 1944, on the schedule of prices submitted, subject to Contract:—

Horse Haulage—Robert Deards, Ltd.

Motor Haulage—John H. Haynes, Ltd.

Haulage of Materials to and from Railway Stations—John Walker (Contractors), Ltd.

(2) that the contracts be added to the list of documents for sealing.

465 **Elmshurst, East End Road:**

The Borough Surveyor reported in regard to a proposal which had been received by him from a Government Department to utilise the above-mentioned Estate for the erection of hutments for temporary office buildings;

RECOMMENDED that the proposal be opposed and that the matter be left to the Officers to take such action as they may deem desirable, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Committee concerned.

466 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Syrett, that the Council do now resume in public session and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

D. A. A. Merry
Mayor.
24th March, 1944.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

7th MARCH, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

467 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

468 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the book submitted, be approved.

469 **Wardens' Post No. 1:**

It was reported that the Post Warden at the above post had arranged for certain decorations to be carried out without prior approval and had incurred an expenditure of £4.2s. in respect thereof. The Chairman of the Committee also reported upon correspondence which he had received on the matter. In view, however, of the decision of the Committee in October, 1942, that no expenditure of this nature could be reimbursed unless the prior consent of the Committee had been obtained to its being incurred, it was

RESOLVED that the Post Warden be informed that the Committee regret that they are unable to reimburse the expenditure in question.

470 **Fire Guard Plan:**

The Town Clerk submitted the formal approval of the Regional Commissioners to the Fire Plan for the Borough which came into force on the 1st March, 1944. Arising therefrom it was intimated that with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, an expenditure of approximately £20 had been incurred in respect of the printing of notices to householders and information in regard to the operation of the Plan and a sum of £30 in respect of Fire Sector, Block and Assembly Point Notices. It was also intimated that a further sum might need to be incurred on this latter item;

RESOLVED that an expenditure not exceeding £80 be approved in respect of the question.

471 **Clearance of Lofts Order, 1942:**

The report of the N.F.S. upon inspections under the above Order for the month of 1944, was submitted.

472 **Civil Defence Expenditure:**

Arising out of the representations made to the Regional Commissioners in regard to expenditure in connection with fire prevention being fully reimbursed, a communication was in reply to the effect that the Commissioners were unable to agree to the suggestions made. Committee were not satisfied with the position and decided that in future any expenditure like nature which the Committee did not consider absolutely necessary should not be incurred less the whole of the cost were reimbursed.

473 **Suggested Service Decoration:**

A letter was submitted from the Town Clerk of the County Borough of East Ham stating his Council had addressed a communication to the Minister of Home Security and the Members of Parliament suggesting that a general service decoration should be awarded to Defence personnel in recognition of services rendered by them during the Battle of 1940/41, and suggesting that this Council should make similar representations;

RESOLVED that no action be taken in the matter.

474 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted copies of circulars which had been received from various Government departments.

475 **War Service Insurance Allowances:**

A communication was submitted from the Association of Chief Wardens (London Region) ing attention to the inequality of treatment accorded to part-time as compared with personnel in the payment of injury allowances—in particular, a period of thirteen weeks pay only as against 26 weeks for full-time personnel—and asking the Council to make sentations to the Member of Parliament on the matter;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk take action on the lines suggested.

476 **Kingswood Sick Bay:**

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the British Red Cross Society had made application for permission for the use of the hard tennis courts at above by the Juvenile Section Branch;

RESOLVED that the application be granted.

477 Council Ambulance:

The Medical Officer submitted an application from the Hospital Saturday Fund for the charge in respect of the use of the ambulance by its members to be on a flat rate of 10/- a case instead of on the present mileage basis. After due consideration, it was

RESOLVED that the application be granted.

478 Fire Prevention Arrangements—Business Premises Schemes:

The Chief Warden reported that the under-mentioned business premises Schemes might with better advantage be dealt with under the Street Party Schemes, in which case considerable expenditure would be avoided:—

(i) Kewgardia, High Road, N.2.

(ii) Kimberley Parade, 53/73, Woodhouse Road, N.12.

(iii) 218/232, Woodhouse Road; The Triumph P.H.; 1-4, The Parade and 1 and 4, Summers Lane.

RESOLVED that the schemes be amended accordingly but that the premises remain under the provisions of the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Orders.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

Valuation Committee's Report.

7th MARCH, 1944.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) (Chairman), Mr. A. E. Griffith (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Gray.

479 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 15th November, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

480 Rating and Valuation Acts, 1925 and 1940—Premises Occupied by Fireguard Parties:

The Town Clerk read a circular letter received from the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council requesting all Rating Authorities to give consideration to the question of the collection of rates in respect of the above premises where, except for partial occupation for purpose of a fireguard post, they were otherwise void, and making certain suggestions thereon. It was intimated that the principle already adopted by this authority was in accord with the views expressed by the County Council, and it was therefore

RECOMMENDED that the existing arrangement be continued.

VALUATION (*contd.*)

481 **Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928:**

(a) De-Rating Claims.

It was reported that de-rating claims had been received in respect of the following prem

(*a*) 864, High Road (2 assessments).
(*b*) Stanhope Road Garage, Stanhope Road.
(*c*) 417, Long Lane.
(*d*) 1, The Mews, Station Road.
(*e*) Garden at St. Andrew's, Woodside Avenue. (Agricultural claim.)

After hearing a report by the Valuation Officer it was

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that as regards (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), the claims be not opposed by the Re Authority, and

(ii) that in the case of (*e*) the claim be opposed.

(b) De-Rating of Industrial Hereditaments.

The Town Clerk reported that the question of the desirability of united action being taken a view to the repeal of the above-mentioned Act had again been raised and that the Potten U.D.C. had asked for the support of this Council to representations which had been made b Urban District Councils' Association and the Middlesex Borough and District Councils' Ass tion on the matter.

The Committee were of opinion that while this, and many other Authorities similarly situ were adversely affected by the provisions of the Act it did not necessarily justify the repe legislation which affected Local Authorities throughout the whole of the country.

With a view, however, to the question being considered in its general application it was

RECOMMENDED that the Urban District Councils' Association and the Associatio Municipal Corporations be requested to obtain the views of their members on the m in order to provide the necessary information upon which a considered opinion migh formed.

482 **Valuation Officer's Report:**

The Valuation Officer reported as follows:—

(a) North Middlesex Assessment Committee.

That at a meeting of the above Committee held on Friday, 28th January, 1944, Proposal No. 52 was approved without alteration; further, that the following dates had been booked meetings at which Proposals made by the Finchley Rating Authority would be considered:—

26th May, 1944;
29th September, 1944;

and that the following dates had been booked provisionally:—

24th November, 1944;
26th January, 1945;
23rd March, 1945.

(b) London Passenger Transport Board.

That the draft of the Second London Passenger Transport Board Valuation Roll had been ceived and had been deposited for inspection, and that notice of this deposit had been given prescribed in the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act; further, that the existing rateable va of the Board's hereditaments in Finchley amounted to £2,602 and the proposed new rate values amounted to £2,459.

(c) Statutory Undertakings.

(i) Barnet District Gas and Water Company.—That the Panel Valuers had reported that no alteration of the existing assessments of the Water Undertaking was justified. He also intimated that as regards the Gas Undertaking no proposal had yet been made.

(ii) Colne Valley Water Company.—That a proposal for a reduction in the assessment of the above undertaking had been made; that notice of objection had been lodged on behalf of the Rating Authority and that the matter had been referred to the Panel Valuers.

(iii) Northmet Power Company.—That a proposal for amendment of the assessment of the Mains, Sub-stations and appurtenances in the occupation of this Undertaking had been received; that notice of objection on behalf of the Rating Authority had been lodged and that the matter had been referred to the Panel Valuers.

(d) 79, Queen's Avenue, N.3.

That an application had been received from the occupier of the above premises for a reduction of the assessment in consequence of the fact that the garage was used as an air raid shelter. In view of the fact that no permanent structural works had been carried out it was

RECOMMENDED that the application be not granted.

483 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Valuation Officer, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

R. J. N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

Highways Committee's Report.

8th MARCH, 1944.

Present: Councillor G. F. Tyndall (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), and Councillor Lawrence.

Non-member: Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

484 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a Quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being received and considered.

485 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee, and of a Special Meeting held on the 21st February, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

486 **Proposed Diversion of Footpath on Vacant Site between Nos. 29 & 31, Dollis Park:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to correspondence which had taken place with Mr. D. M. Forbes hereon;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that, owing to administrative difficulties due to shortage of staff, the Council regret that they cannot see their way to deal with the application at the present time, but that they will be prepared to give further consideration to the proposal when normal conditions prevail.

487 **Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935:**

A circular letter dated 17th February, 1944, was submitted from the Ministry of War Transport stating that, in Circular 528 (Roads) dated 4th September, 1939, the Minister informed highway authorities that, during the war period, he would not be able to deal with fresh applications for the approval of plans or resolutions unless the circumstances of the application were exceptional. It was pointed out that the Minister appreciated that highway authorities would desire to use the powers granted to them by the Act—

(*a*) to safeguard the lines of road improvements or new road construction to which priority is accorded in their post-war programme of works; and

(*b*) to control development in the immediate post-war period in connection with which intending developers may make application for the consent of the highway authority under the provisions of the Act, at any time;

and that he was now prepared to deal with applications for the approval of plans or resolutions where the circumstances were similar to those set out in the preceding paragraph. It was stated that administrative difficulties—mainly owing to shortage of staff—in the Department in dealing with applications under the Act would be great, and that the Minister hoped, therefore, that highway authorities would ensure that applications were restricted to those where the need was of a high order.

488 **The Pedestrians' Association:**

A circular letter, dated 25th February, 1944, was submitted from the Secretary of the above-mentioned Association pointing out that the Association had for 15 years served the whole public by—

(*a*) the protection of their interests as affected by legislation and administration; and

(*b*) advice and instruction on the use of roads;

and suggesting that the Council might see their way to make a small financial contribution—say, £2 2s.—towards the funds of the Association to assist in the continuance of its work.

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in the matter.

489 **Government's Road Safety Campaign:**

A circular letter was submitted from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents asking for the Council's co-operation in connection with the above campaign which was being maintained, with special emphasis on child safety and black-out precautions, and pointing out that an ordinary grant of £7 was available for the area of Finchley;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Children's Safety Committee to deal with.

490 **London Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents:**

A letter was submitted from the Secretary of the above enclosing a copy of the 27th Annual Report, and inviting the Council to renew their subscription for the current year;

RECOMMENDED that a contribution of £5 5s. be made by the Council towards the funds of the Association as in past years.

491 **Post-War Fire Services:**

The Town Clerk reported that, in July last, a circular letter was received from the National Fire Brigades Association forwarding a copy of the following resolution passed by them:—

"That this meeting of the National Fire Brigades Association is of the opinion that it is in the interests of the State and the Post-War Fire Service, that it should be under the control to a large measure of co-ordinated local authorities with such grants and such reasonable supervision of a Central Authority to ensure an efficient fire service."

He added that, on the suggestion of the Association of Municipal Corporations it was decided to defer consideration of the subject until the Fire Brigade Committee of the Association had had an opportunity of reporting upon the matter, and that he had now received from the Secretary to the Association a print of the report of the Fire Brigade Committee which was to be submitted to the Council of the Association for approval.

For the information of the Committee, the Town Clerk read the report in question. This report indicated that, in the opinion of the Committee, post-war plans for the administration of the fire service should proceed in accordance with the recommendations of Lord Riverdale's Committee, the Act of 1938, and the circular issued by the Home Office in September, 1938, and that they were satisfied that, if this course were adopted, adequate provision would have been made for dealing with fires and for the prevention of injury to property and loss of life;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Association of Municipal Corporations that the Council heartily support the views expressed in the above-mentioned report, and that the Council expect the Fire Brigade to be returned to them, after the War, in accordance with the Government's pledge; and

(2) that the National Fire Brigades Association be notified of the action taken by the Council.

492 **Post Office Wayleaves:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approved applications received from the Post Office Authorities for permission to place lines as under:—

(*a*) Underground line, Hampstead Lane, N.W.3, from The Bishop's Avenue to the Hornsey Boundary.

(*b*) Underground line, Ingram Avenue, N.W.11, from existing line to opposite Spaniards Close and thence to opposite side of road.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

493 **Electric Main:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that an application had been received from the General Manager and Engineer for permission to lay an electric main in Bow Lane and Granville Road;

RECOMMENDED that such application be granted.

494 **Church Path Footpath:**

The Borough Surveyor reported on what appeared to be an encroachment of the above-mentioned footpath, and intimated that he was in consultation with the Town Clerk on the matter;

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report further thereon at next meeting and that, in the meantime, he and the Town Clerk be authorised to take such steps as may be considered necessary in order to protect the position of the Council.

495 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the instruction given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

G. F. TYNDALL,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

13th MARCH, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Roberts and Wilmot; Miss Davey, M.A., and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

496 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on 14th February, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

497 **School Attendance Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 21st February, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

498 **School Management and Works Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 6th March, 1944, was submitted.

Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:—

(*a*) ACCOUNTS.—That accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

(*b*) LETTING.—That a letting, particulars of which are entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been approved.

(*c*) REPAIRS—MANORSIDE SCHOOL—NEW SECTION TO ONE BOILER.—That following an inspection by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, one section of a boiler had been found to be faulty. The Insurance Company had been informed and they were arranging to supply and fit a new section and to meet the cost incurred.

(*d*) ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT—ANNUAL CHARGES, 1943-44.—That consideration had been given to the above, and it was

RECOMMENDED that the usual annual charges of £10, to cover inspection and advisory work in connection with electrical wiring in schools, and £10 for maintenance of motors used in the schools' heating systems, carried out by the Electricity Department, be approved.

(*e*) (i) BOOKS AND STATIONERY CONTRACT—MESSRS. E. J. ARNOLD & SON, LTD.; (ii) NEEDLEWORK MATERIALS CONTRACT—MESSRS. LEIGHTON, BALDWIN, COX & CO., LTD.—That with reference to Minute 293, January, 1944, whereby the above-mentioned Contracts had been extended for one year, to the 31st March, 1945, the Chairman being empowered to approve prices and variations, these, for the three months ending 30th June, 1944, had been submitted and approved. Details are entered in the Minute Book.

(*f*) APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN TEACHERS FROM TRAINING COLLEGES FOR THE YEAR 1944.—That consideration had been given to the above, and it is

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Appointments Sub-Committee to interview applicants and to appoint not more than four assistant mistresses.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

499 Evening Play Centres:

It was reported that approval had been received from H.M. Inspector to the continuance of the Play Centres, at Manorside and Martin Schools, for the year ending 31st March, 1945.

500 Extraneous duties of Head Teachers of Elementary Schools—Clerical Assistance:

This matter was considered arising out of the report of the School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Committee were of opinion that some measure of help was necessary in view of the extraneous duties which Head Teachers were called upon to perform outside their normal work, and it was decided to make certain recommendations on the subject to the Council in Committee.

501 Carmarthen Borough Education Committee's Resolution—Emergency Training of Teachers:

The support of the Education Committee was invited by the Carmarthen Borough Education Committee to their resolution concerning the proposal to recruit to the teaching profession persons who will have had one year's training so that the shortage created immediately after the war might be met. The resolution emphasised that a two years' course should be the minimum;

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken.

502 Borough of Rowley Regis—Teachers on service in H.M. Forces—Release of Teachers:

A resolution from the Education Committee of the Borough of Rowley Regis was submitted, requesting Education Authorities to support their suggestion for the immediate release of teachers now in H.M. Forces.

The Committee felt that such a suggestion at the present time would lead to no practical result, but the opinion was expressed that teachers should be demobilised as early as possible after the conclusion of the war. It was, therefore,

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that no action be taken on the resolution of the Borough of Rowley Regis; and

(2) that the Board of Education be requested to press upon the various Government Departments concerned the urgency of early demobilisation of teachers at the conclusion of hostilities.

503 National Union of Teachers—Conference:

A letter from the above inviting representatives to attend a Conference to be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, from Tuesday, 11th April, to Friday, 14th April, was submitted. It was agreed to appoint no representative, but the Chairman intimated that he might be able to attend one session specially arranged for members of Local Authorities.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

14th MARCH, 1944.

Present: Councillor W. C. Fitness (Chairman), Mr. J. S. Sunderland (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Grocott, Councillors Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot, and Messrs. Fairchild and H.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

504 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held 21st February, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

505 **Land at the Rear of Hertford Lodge:**

(a) Rentals.—

The Town Clerk reported that the transfers from the old to the new allotments on the above were now complete, the tenants in some instances having been able to commence cultivating as early as the 21st January, 1944, and the Committee agreed that any tenant cultivating a plot having an area greater than his old plot should be relieved of any rental on the excess area for the remainder of the present financial year;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) Water Supply.—

The Town Clerk further reported that owing to the fact that the contractors had erected a pipe for their use in connection with the building of the new Control Room it had appeared reasonable to agree to the request of the plotholders that the pipe should not be removed by the contractors on the completion of their work but that the cultivators should have the benefit of it on payment of an agreed sum. The Water Company had therefore been requested to carry the necessary metering work at a sum not exceeding £5 5s. 0d.;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the action taken by the Town Clerk be approved; and

(*b*) that all tenants of the above plots be charged at the rate of 3d. per pole per annum in respect of the water supply.

506 **Permanent Allotments—Brook Farm—Plot No. E.14.:**

Reference was made to Minute No. 296(*a*) of January, 1944, when an application to occupy the above plot rent free from the 17th August, 1943 (the date of the commencement of tenancy) until the 25th March, 1944, was refused. The Town Clerk reported that owing to further information that had been received from the former Secretary of the Brook Farm Allottees' Association, he had, with the approval of the Chairman, granted the request of the applicant;

RECOMMENDED that notwithstanding anything contained in the above-mentioned Minute the action taken be approved.

507 **Scheme for the Award of Certificates of Merit, 1944:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter received from the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing a copy of a circular letter addressed to County Agricultural Education Authorities in England and Wales regarding a scheme for the award of certificates of merit, and requesting Local Authorities to support their respective Counties.

In view of the fact that when similar schemes had been inaugurated in previous years little support had been forthcoming from Allotment Associations and no action therefore had been taken by the Council it was

RECOMMENDED that the scheme be not adopted.

508 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in their Instruction Books, be approved.

W. C. FITNESS,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

16th MARCH, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), Councillor H. H. Wilmot (Vice Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman C. S. Syrett and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Langlands and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillors Bryson, Capt. Franks, Grobel, Hugh Jones, LL.B., and Lawrence.

509 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

510 **Colne Valley Water Co.:**

The Annual Report and Accounts of the above Company were submitted for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

511 **Consolidated Loans Fund—Advances:**

The Borough Treasurer reported hereon;

RECOMMENDED that the amounts indicated in the last column of the following statement be advanced from the Consolidated Loans Fund for the purposes and periods indicated in the statement:—

Date of Sanction.	Amount of Sanction.	Period of Sanction.	Period of Advance.	Particulars.	Amount to be advanced.
	£	years.	years		£
1941 19th Aug.	2,159	20	20	Electricity Plant—Mobile Arc Rectifier	2,159
1942 13th Nov.	244	60	60	Housing—Red Lion Hill, Excess Expenditure	244

Loans

512 Chief Internal Auditor's Report:

This report was submitted and instructions were given for it to be presented in future separate report and not as part of the report of the Borough Treasurer.

513 Supplemental Estimates:

The Borough Treasurer reported that Supplemental Estimates to a total of £7,642 18s. 2d. been approved during the present financial year.

514 Statement of Bank Balances—15th March, 1944:

The following statement was submitted by the Borough Treasurer:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance £
General Rate Fund Revenue		70,597 18 —	
Education Revenue		24,516 8 9	
Electricity Revenue		18,870 3 2	
Housing Revenue		22,317 18 1	
General Rate Fund Capital	5,374 17 11		
Education Capital		1,216 4 5	
Electricity Capital		8,835 4 2	
Consolidated Loans Fund	43,011 15 11		
Superannuation Fund		696 15 1	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		404 2 2	
Salaries		2,918 10 5	
Advance	8,743 8 5		
Suspense		— — —	
Loan Interest		— — —	
A.R.P. Canteen	963 — 7		
Communal Feeding		6,891 7 6	
Wages		1,687 5 2	
	£58,093 2 10	£158,951 16 11	£100,858 14 1

515 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(a) Interim Order on Treasurer.—

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Committee an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £53,798 1s. 11d., made up as follows, has been approved by the Committee:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	46,490 19 2
Electricity Revenue	3,654 16 6
General Rate Fund Capital	139 4 1
Superannuation Fund	766 15 1
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	16 12 6
A.R.P. Canteen	325 10 7
Communal Feeding	2,404 4 —
	£53,798 1 11

(b) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £174,463 1s. 0d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	4,257	6	1
Electricity Revenue	11,149	10	11
Loan Interest	159,056	4	0
	£174,463	1	0

516 **Workmen's Compensation (Temporary Increases) Act, 1943:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that arising out of his report to the Committee in December last in regard to the Council's policy in respect of workmen's compensation, he had now been informed by the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Limited, that an additional premium of ten per cent. would be required as from the 1st April, 1944, to cover the additional liability imposed by the above Act. He intimated that the present annual premium would be increased by £36;

RECOMMENDED that this be approved.

517 **National Savings—"Salute the Soldier" Campaign:**

The Borough Treasurer reported hereon;

RECOMMENDED that a sum of £4,700 be invested in 3% Savings Bonds during the local "Salute the Soldier" Campaign in respect of the under-mentioned accounts:—

Housing Repair Fund	£2,200
Mechanical Vehicles and Plant Account	£2,500
Depot Account	

518 **General Rate:**

(a) Rate Collection for period 1st October to 29th February.—

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following report:—

1942-43. £	1942-43. %		1943-44. £	1943-44. %
18,462	6.52	Arrears	8,137	3.06
262,790	92.79	Half-year's Rate	255,845	96.11
1,955	0.69	Additional Assessments	2,211	0.83
283,207	100.00	Total Amount Collectible	266,193	100.00
		Amount Collected— 1st Oct.—29th Feb.	*246,559	92.62
249,829	88.21			
£33,378	11.79	Amount outstanding ...	£19,634	7.38

*Current Rate £243,047
Arrears 3,512

(b) Poverty Excusals.—

The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of applications for excusal on the ground of pov[illegible] which had each been considered by the Chairman;

RECOMMENDED that payment be excused in the 14 cases submitted to the Com[illegible] amounting to £260 14s. 8d.

519. **Estimates for Year Ending 31st March, 1945:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the [illegible] mentioned period which had been approved by the Spending Committees, together with a re[illegible] thereon.

A full discussion ensued, during the course of which it was agreed that a sum of £5,867 sh[illegible] be appropriated from surplus in aid of rate as a result of which the total rate requirements [illegible] the year would be as follows:—

Committee.	Estimate 1944/45. £	£
Allotments	211	
Education	63,958	
Finance	7,855	
General Purposes	35,582	
Highways	29,298	
Housing	4,262	
Parks and Open Spaces	17,618	
Public Health	49,538	
Public Libraries	11,736	
War Time Emergency Services	1,000	
TOTAL (Finchley)		221,058
Middlesex County Council	261,000	
Metropolitan Police	45,282	
National Fire Service	7,572	
North Middlesex Assessment Committee	533	
TOTAL (Precepting Authorities)		314,387
		535,445
Less General Exchequer Grant	39,978	
Appropriation from Surplus	5,867	45,845
Net Rate Requirements for first half-year equivalent to the estimated proceeds of a rate of 5s. 8d. in the £		£489,600
		£244,800

In view of the uncertainties of the present position of the war, the Committee were of opin[illegible] that it would be advisable to levy a rate for 6 months only and to consider the rate for t[illegible] second half-year in September.

It was accordingly

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Estimates of the Council's Spending Committees for the year ending 31st March, 1945, in the form now submitted, be approved; and

(*b*) that a General Rate of 5s. 8d. in the pound on the rateable value of each hereditament in the Borough for raising the money required according to the foregoing estimates for defraying the expenses and meeting the several precepts chargeable on the General Rate Fund which that Fund is and will be insufficient to meet during the six months commencing the 1st day of April, 1944, and ending the 30th day of September, 1944, be made and approved under the powers and provisions of the Rating and Valuation Acts, 1925 and 1928, the Local Government Acts, 1929 and 1933, and all Acts incorporated therewith and all Orders made by virtue of them or any of them;

(*c*) that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the General Rate written in the books now produced.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

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Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
18th April, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 24th day of APRIL, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 27th day of March, 1944.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Town Planning** of the 3rd April, 1944.
(*b*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th April, 1944.
(*c*) **Electricity** of the 4th April, 1944.
(*d*) **Public Libraries** of the 5th April, 1944.
(*e*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 11th April, 1944.
(*f*) **General Purposes** of the 12th April, 1944.
(*g*) **Education** of the 13th April, 1944.
(*h*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 14th April, 1944.
(*i*) **Public Health** of the 14th April, 1944.
(*j*) **Finance** of the 17th April, 1944.
(*k*) **Housing** of the 18th April, 1944.

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town C

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider the Reports of the following Commit

(a) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th April, 1944.

(b) **Electricity** of the 4th April, 1944.

(c) **Public Libraries** of the 5th April, 1944.

(d) **General Purposes** of the 12th April, 1944.

(e) **Education** of the 13th April, 1944.

(f) **Finance** of the 17th April, 1944.

(g) **Housing** of the 18th April, 1944 (if any).

(7) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(8) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town C

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a on the day of such meeting.

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Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 27th day of MARCH, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt. Col. J. Hugh Jones.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.
H. H. Wilmot.

520 Prayers:

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

521 Minutes:

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 28th day of February, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

522 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were submitted from Alderman Briant, Councillor Baines, C.C., and Councillor Captain Franks.

523 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 7th March, 1944.
Arising out of paragraph 477 (Council Ambulance), it was

RESOLVED that the word " not " be inserted after the word " be " in the resolution.

Arising on the report, the Chairman of the Committee expressed his thanks to the various Services for the work which they did in connection with recent incidents.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 7th March, 1944.

(*c*) **Highways** of the 8th March, 1944.

(*d*) **Education** of the 13th March, 1944.

(*e*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 14th March, 1944.

(*f*) **Finance** of the 16th March, 1944, with the exception of paragraph 519 (Estimates for the year ending 31st March, 1945), which be considered at a later stage in the proceedings.

524 **Association of Municipal Corporations—Election of Members of the Council:**

A circular letter was submitted from the Association of Municipal Corporations enquiring whether the Council wished to become a candidate for membership of the Council and whether, if elected, they would be prepared to send a representative or representatives to attend the meetings of the Council;

RESOLVED that a reply be forwarded in the affirmative.

525 **Arden Playing Field:**

A letter dated 10th March, 1944, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Cricket Club, stating that the following Charity Matches had been arranged during the forthcoming season, and making application for permission for the closure of the playing field to the general public on the dates mentioned:—

Sunday, 9th July, 1944 — L. W. Newman's XI in aid of the Civil Defence Memorial Fund.

Sunday, 20th August, 1944 — Royal Australian Air Force (H.Q.) XI in aid of the Mayor's Troops Comforts Fund, and the Sea Cadets (Finchley);

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the desired permission be granted, and that authority be given for a charge to be made for admission on such occasions; and

(*b*) that the Town Clerk be instructed to issue the necessary notices.

526 **The Joint Committee of Finchley Ratepayers' and Residents' Associations:**

A letter dated 4th March, 1944, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the above, notifying the Council of the formation of the Committee which had been set up for the purpose of acting in an advisory and consultative capacity to the Church End and East Finchley Ratepayers' Associations and the Cromwell Hall and Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Associations, and stating that the Officers elected were as follows:—

Chairman: Mr. Leslie Walker, D.L., J.P., L.C.C.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. A. E. Griffith.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. A. Hadley.

527 **Holidays at Home:**

The Town Clerk reported that the Hon. Secretary of the Joint Entertainments Committee had informed him that arrangements had been made for a second circus to be held on the Woodhouse Open Space in September next;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

528 **Closure of Municipal Offices and Public Libraries—Easter Vacation:**

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the Municipal Offices be closed on Good Friday, the following Saturday and on Easter Monday, subject to a Senior Official being in attendance in each department on the Saturday morning to deal with any urgent business; and

(*b*) that the Public Libraries be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but opened on the Saturday.

529 **Meetings of Committees—April, 1944:**

The Town Clerk drew attention to the fact that the ordinary meeting of the Education Committee in April would fall due on Easter Monday and the meetings of the Maternity and Child Welfare and Public Health Committees on the Thursday before Good Friday. In the circumstances, it was

RESOLVED that the meetings of the following Committees be held on the dates indicated below, viz.:—

Education Committee	13th April, 1944.
Maternity and Child Welfare Committee ...	14th April, 1944.
Public Health Committee	14th April, 1944.
Finance Committee	17th April, 1944.

530 **Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government:**

(*a*) Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a report received from the Police Authorities regarding an infringement of the above-mentioned Bye-Laws in connection with the fouling of a footpath by a dog;

RESOLVED that legal proceedings be not instituted, but that a severe warning be given to the offender.

(*b*) The Town Clerk reported that the prosecution for cycling on a footpath which was authorised by the Council at their last meeting was heard at the Highgate Petty Sessions on the 22nd March, 1944, when a fine of 10s. was imposed.

531 **Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919:**

RESOLVED that authority be given for contracts to be entered into with business firms in regard to the destruction of vermin on their premises, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the Council.

532 **Outbreak of Smallpox:**

The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

"Members will have noticed from the Press that three cases of smallpox occurred in the Borough recently as the result of a contact at the Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth, and that one of the patients died—a nurse at the hospital who lived in the Borough. The other two persons are her sisters, but I understand from the Medical Officer that they were vaccinated in time and have not got it seriously.

I think the Council should know that the outbreak was first discovered as the result of the pertinacity of Dr. Turner who, when called upon to examine the nurse, was not satisfied that it was one of the milder infectious diseases and reported the matter to the Ministry of Health, who sent down a specialist to the case, when it was confirmed as smallpox.

But for Dr. Turner's action, the disease might have spread throughout London, if not farther, and caused very serious inpairment to the war effort and certainly an enormous amount of work in keeping trace of contacts."

The foregoing report was supplemented by a statement made by the Chairman of the Health Committee, who endorsed the Town Clerk's remarks with regard to Dr. Turner, and stimated that the outbreak could now be considered as over.

RESOLVED that the Council do place on record their high appreciation of the expe manner in which the matter was dealt with by the Medical Officer of Health.

533 **Salaries of Teachers in Elementary Schools:**

The Town Clerk reported that certain proposals had been received in connection with the sa

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Council in Committee for consideration

534 **Victoria Recreation Ground:**

A letter dated 23rd March, 1944, was submitted from Mr. V. D. Barnard, a Warden attach Post 12, making application for the use of a portion of the Victoria Recreation Ground Saturday, preferably the 24th June, 1944, for the purpose of holding a garden fête;

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Parks and Open Spaces Committee for sideration.

535 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

1. Extension of contract with E. J. Arnold and Son, Ltd., for the supply of stationery and apparatus to schools.
2. Extension of contract with Leighton, Baldwin, Cox & Co., Ltd., for the supply needlework materials to schools.
3. Contract with Messrs. Tant & Son for the construction of Summerside Kitchen.
4. General Rate for six months from the 1st April, 1944.
5. Discharges of Registered Charges or Vacating Receipts (Small Dwellings tion Acts) in respect of:—
   (*a*) Mortgage No. 878—A. L. Jarratt, 104, Queen's Avenue.
   (*b*) ,, ,, 896—V. J. Williams, 49, Abbots Gardens.

*6. Contract with Mr. F. W. Padwick for repair of war damage at 22/24, Avenue, N.3.

*See report of Council in Committee.

536 **North Middlesex Assessment Committee:**

RESOLVED that Alderman C. S. Syrett and Mr. E. G. Hammond be appointed on the above-mentioned Committee for a period of three years from the 15th April

537 **School Premises:**

The Chairman of the Education Committee paid a tribute to the work of the Director of Edu tion, the Members of his Staff and all concerned, arising out of the recent damage occasioned School premises, which enabled the transfer to the new premises to be made so expeditiously.

538 **Estimates—Year ending 31st March, 1945:**

Paragraph 519 of the Finance Committee's Report of the 16th March, 1944, was considered prior to the Chairman of the Committee making a statement on the matter, it was agreed consent to his speaking for more than five minutes be granted by the Council.

Councillor Major Steward then made a statement and formally moved "that the paragraph be adopted, subject to the insertion of the following words after the word 'approved' in recommendation (*a*):—'subject, if necessary, to the sum of £367 being added to the estimate of the Education Committee to cover the cost of certain additional expenditure in connection with the salaries of teachers in the elementary schools, which matter will be discussed by the Council in Committee at a later stage in the proceedings and that, if subsequently approved by the Council, the amount be added to the sum to be appropriated from surplus."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Wilmot.

An amendment was moved by Alderman Syrett, seconded by Councillor Grobel, "that in the first line of recommendation (*b*) '5/8d.' be deleted and '11/4d.' substituted therefor; that the word 'six' in the fifth line be deleted and the word 'twelve' substituted therefor; that the words '30th day of September, 1944,' in the sixth and seventh lines be deleted and the words '31st March, 1945' substituted therefor; and that the following words be added at the end of the recommendation:—'and that the General Rate be payable by two equal instalments of 5/8d. in the £, the first thereof on the 5th day of April, 1944, and the second thereof on the 1st day of October, 1944'."

On being put, the amendment was lost.

A further amendment was then proposed by Councillor Hugh Jones, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Legge, "that '5/7d.' be substituted for '5/8d.' in recommendation (*b*) and that the net rate requirements be met by appropriating a further sum of £1,800 from surplus."

On being put, the amendment was lost.

The motion was then formally put, and declared carried, Alderman Syrett and Councillors Grobel, Lawrence and Mrs. Legge voting against.

539 Council in Committee:

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Pike, and, on being put, was carried unanimously. The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

540 Salaries of Teachers in Elementary Schools:

The Town Clerk reported that the Burnham Committee on the Salaries of Teachers in Elementary Schools met on the 2nd March, 1944, to consider what salary arrangements should be made for the next financial year, due notice having been given by the Teachers' Panel to terminate the existing Scales on the 31st March, 1944.

He added that it was agreed to continue the existing Scales until the 31st March, 1945, subject to the following adjustments:—

(*a*) a temporary addition of 25 per cent to the Salary Scales of Uncertificated Teachers for the period of the agreement; and

(*b*) the abolition of probationary "halts" in respect of new entrants to the profession; further, that the latter would accordingly receive their first annual increment after 12 months' service, instead of after two years as hitherto.

The Committee's recommendations were, he pointed out, subject to their acceptance by the constituent bodies of authorities and teachers represented on the panels, and by the Board of Education for purposes of grant.

He intimated that it was further agreed that, in certain eventualities, an earlier review of the scales than that provided for in this agreement should be undertaken.

The Chairman of the Education Committee reported that the cost of putting into effect the revised proposals on the 1st April next would amount to a sum of approximately £367 for the year ending 31st March, 1945;

RECOMMENDED that the necessary adjustments be made in the Salary Scales with as from the 1st April, 1944.

541 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received, adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 7th March, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 7th March, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 4(*b*), the Chairman of the Committee submitted a list of proposals to be made in respect of properties requiring alteration of assessments prior to the 31st March, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that such list be approved.

(*c*) **Education** of the 13th March, 1944.

(*d*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 14th March, 1944.

Arising thereon, it was

RECOMMENDED that the further consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council and that, in the meantime, the Town Clerk take up the question with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

542 **Staff:**

It was reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Hill, widow of the former Valuation Officer, expressing her sincere appreciation of the generous treatment accorded to her by the Council.

543 **Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Proposed Temporary Office Buildings at Elmshurst, East End Road:**

The Town Clerk reported the result of an interview which the Borough Surveyor and he had with a representative of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning on the 21st instant in regard to this matter.

544 **School Premises:**

The Town Clerk reported that, consequent upon the recent damage sustained to School premises it had been necessary to find alternative accommodation for the children; that he was informed by the Director of Education that, in consultation with the Managers of the School, it was proposed to occupy Dale Grove Hall, Dale Grove, as from the 27th March, 1944, on which date the children would resume their education; further, that the liability for the rent of the temporary premises would appear to be initially that of the Managers, but it might be that they would be unable to meet it; that the Director of Education hoped to have further information on the point shortly, and that the terms provisionally proposed were as follows:—

(1) A rental of £5 5s. a week to be paid for the use of Dale Grove Hall, the Primary Hall and the Junior Hall (3 halls) and two small rooms for staff during term time. During holiday periods the rent to be reduced to one-third (i.e., £1 15s.).

(2) Fuel, light and cleaning costs to fall as normally upon the Education Authority in respect of the occupation of the buildings as a school, and 5/7ths of the cost of the boiler fuel during the winter months to be paid, and the caretaker of Christ Church School to be employed for all cleaning duties during the school week.

(3) School meals to be served on the premises, and a payment of 1s. a day during term time to be made for the use of the kitchen and gas.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 541 (a) of the Council Minutes of the 27th March, 1944. 152(a)

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CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

7th March, 1944.

PART II.

Present : Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B.(Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. and Mrs. Roberts.

DESPATCH RIDER MOTOR CYCLE.

A communication was submitted from the County A.R.P. Officer intimating that the Regional Commissioners were not prepared to authorise the purchase of the motor cycle owned by Mr. Sanderson. After due consideration, it was

RESOLVED (i) that resolution (i) contained in Minute No.104 be rescinded as from the date of this meeting;

(ii) that Mr. Sanderson be paid in future on a mileage basis in respect of the use of his motor cycle for Civil Defence purposes.

(iii) that the Chief Warden be authorised to appoint him to the vacant position of Post Warden and that he be seconded for duties in connection with the organisation of the Messenger Service.

FIRE PREVENTION.

Reference was made to recent fire incidents in the Borough. Members of the Committee drew attention to various rumours which are current as to inefficiency in the handling of incidents by N.F.S. The Town Clerk intimated that a new Divisional Officer had been appointed for Area No.34 in which Finchley was now situate and that he was meeting the officer at an early date and would take up with him this particular question and report to the Committee thereon in due course.

RE-HOUSING.

Requisitioned Premises.

(i) It was reported that the Committee had recently given authority for the release of the under-mentioned premises when vacated by the present occupiers :-

60 Litchfield Way
44 Claremont Park
39 Vivian Way.

but that as regards 39, Vivian Way, it was now understood that the owner was not proposing to re-occupy the premises but was proposing to effect a sale and that as regards the other two premises, it now appeared from further information received that greater hardship would be caused by dispossessing the present occupiers. In the circumstances, notwithstanding the previous decision of the Committee, it was

RESOLVED that the premises be not released.

(ii) Applications were submitted for the release of 57, Church Crescent and 50, Lyndhurst Gardens. After hearing a report by the Acting Re-Housing Officer thereon, it was

RESOLVED that 57 Church Crescent be not released and that 50, Lyndhurst Gardens be considered further when

vacated by the present occupier.

(iii) No.35 Finchley Way and 26, Eastholm.

It was reported that these premises were vacant and it was suggested that they might now be more suitably used for occupation by families inadequately housed.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk make application to the Regional Commissioners for the transfer of the premises for use under the provisions of Ministry of Health Circular No.2845.

(iv) 48, Middleway.

A communication was submitted from a resident in Middleway complaining of the annoyance caused by the Gregitis family billeted at the above address. It was reported that the family who had been evacuated from the East End of London had caused considerable annoyance in the neighbourhood;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to take all necessary action with a view to obtaining possession of the premises.

(b) Billeting.

The Acting Re-Housing Officer reported upon the action taken arising out of the recent resumption of bombing in London with a view to the re-housing of persons rendered homeless in the Borough and the billeting of evacuees from other areas.

In this connection, reference was made to the appreciation voiced by a resident, who had been rendered homeless, for the efficient manner in which he was rehoused after the incident and by several householders in regard to the speedy manner in which first aid repairs had been done. It was reported that first aid repairs had been carried out by the Borough Surveyor's Department to not less than 500 houses.

(c) Staff.

The Acting Re-Housing Officer reported hereon.

RESOLVED that the services of Mr. H. Puckett, Temporary Part Time Inspector, be dispensed with as from the 17th March, 1944.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

13th March, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

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VALUATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

7th March, 1944.

PART II.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N.Norman) (Chairman), Mr. A.E.Griffith (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.) and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence and Mr.W.A.Gray.

1. VALUATION OFFICER - CAR ALLOWANCE:

The Committee considered a reference from the General Purposes Committee with regard to the question of granting to the Valuation Officer a car allowance. The Committee decided to suggest to the General Purposes Committee that Mr. Fooks be granted an allowance on a mileage basis in accordance with the scale laid down by the Council in June, 1942, as from the date upon which he purchases a car.

2. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION - VALUATION OFFICER:

The Town Clerk reported as to the desirability of the wooden partition dividing the Valuation Officer's room from the other rooms in his Department, being extended to ceiling height at an estimated cost of £40. The Committee were in accord with the proposal and in view of the urgency and of there not being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee during the present month, authorised the Town Clerk to take the instructions of the Chairman of that Committee on the matter;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

3. RETURN FORMS - RATING AND VALUATION ACT, 1925 - Section 40(2):

The Valuation Officer reported that when making a proposal for amendment of the Valuation List, or considering a proposal which had been made by a ratepayer, it was an advantage to be in possession of the latest rental information regarding the hereditament concerned and of comparable properties; further, that in a large proportion of such cases the information in the possession of the Department was out of date, it having been obtained as long ago as 1937, and he suggested that Return Forms under the above-mentioned Section might be served in cases where

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vacated by the present occupier.

(iii) No.35 Finchley Way and 26, Eastholm.

It was reported that these premises were vacant and it was suggested that they might now be more suitably used for occupation by families inadequately housed.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk make application

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it was desirable to obtain fresh information;

RECOMMENDED that the Valuation Officer be authorised issue such Forms as and when necessary.

4. PROPERTIES FOR ASSESSMENT AND REVISION OF ASSESSMENT:

(a) RESOLVED that the new assessments and alterations in assessments shown in the list now presented by the Chairman of the Committee be approved and that the Valuation Officer be instructed to make a proposal where necessary in accordance with the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Acts.

(b) RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Valuation Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to make proposals in respect of properties requiring alteration of assessments prior to 31st March, 1944, subject to report.

5. 121, HIGH ROAD, EAST FINCHLEY - BRITISH LEGION HEADQUARTERS

The Town Clerk reported that an application had been received from the Management Committee of the Finchley Branch of the British Legion for the rateable value of the above premises to be reduced or waived for the duration of the war in view of the fact that the Branch was entirely supported by subscriptions and donations, and that any moneys left after the payment of rent were devoted to the welfare of serving and ex-service members.

After full discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED that the application be not granted.

R. J. N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 541 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 27th March, 1944.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

13th March, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot,
Miss Davey, M.A. and Mrs. Miall, B.A.
Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

1. School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above held on the 21st February, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:-

(a) Care and Protection Cases - Welsher.

(i) That the Authority had undertaken, as a "Fit Person", the care and custody of Kenneth Welsher, aged nearly 9 years, and he had been boarded-out with his paternal grandmother at 48 Yeatman Road, Highgate, N. 6, and that agreement had been entered into with her in accordance with the Statutory Boarding-out Rules under the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933. The agreement provided that the foster-parent be paid 12/- per week for food, washing, lodging, etc., and 30/- per quarter to provide for repair and renewal of his clothing.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

(ii) That with regard to two younger children, the Court had again adjourned the case, with a view to the Authority acting as a "Fit Person", provided foster-parents can be obtained. In view of the great difficulty in obtaining suitable private foster-parents, the Waifs and Strays Society, Pinner, had been approached, and their decision is awaited.

RECOMMENDED that suitable action be taken to place the two children when the Court's decision is made known.

(b) Special Schools - Admissions.

(i) That Roland John Bowen, who had been admitted to the St. Catherine's Home, Ventnor, on the 19th October, 1943, had been advised an extension of stay of three months in order to establish his health.

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed to.

(ii) That Beryl Smallbone, born 21.5.1930, suffering from diabetes and at present in Wellhouse Hospital, had been advised admission to a Residential School by the School Medical Officer.

RECOMMENDED that this Authority accept responsibility for the education and treatment of the above-named girl at the Hutton (L.C.C.) Diabetic Unit, Brentwood, Essex, at a fee of approximately £3. per week, the parent to contribute 12s.6d. a week towards maintenance.

(c) Besford Court Mental Welfare Hospital, Worcester. That the Managers had given notice, with the approval of the Board of Control and the Board of Education, that the maintenance fees had been increased from £90 to £100 per annum, as from the 1st July, 1943.

M. E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

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2. School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above, held on 6th March, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:

(a) School Swimming Season, 1944. That consideration had been to the arrangements to be made for the coming season.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that arrangements be made for the exclusive use of Squires Lane Bath, as in previous years, at the usual annual charge of £385.

(2) that authority be given to the appointment of Instructors at the under-mentioned rates:-

For girls:	Miss A. Thetford.	£75 for the season
For boys:	Mr. W. Kavanagh.	2/6 per hour.

(b) Provision of Meals.

(i) Construction of Summerside new Kitchen - Tenders. In accordance with authority given, the Chairman had accepted, subject to contract and to approval by the Board of Education to the lowest the tender of Messrs. Tant and Son, amounting to £338.4.0, the lowest of four received by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for work in connection with the above.

(ii) Supply of Food.

(1) That the Sub-Committee had reviewed the present position and had decided to consider the matter further at a later meeting.

(2) That authority had been given to invite tenders for the supply of foodstuffs, etc., in readiness for the opening of the Kitchen at Summerside School.

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left in the hands of the School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

(c) Extraneous duties of Head Teachers of Elementary Schools - Assistance. That the Director of Education had submitted a scheme in connection with the above, for which provision had been made in the estimates for the financial year 1944-45. The Committee considered the details of the scheme as recommended by the Sub-Committee, and after full consideration it is

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the general principle of the employment of women clerks to serve school departments during term time on a part-time basis be approved;

(2) that each part-time employee be paid at the rate applicable to part-time clerical staff in other Departments of the Council's service;

(3) that the schools be grouped as set out below, and that each department of a group be allowed a part-time clerk the total number of hours for each group not to exceed 38½ hours in any one week, and further that the Director of Education be authorised to arrange the allocation of clerical assistance to each department in the groups:-

i. Alder Senior, Martin Junior, Martin Infants.
ii. Manorside Senior, Junior and Infants.
iii. Northside Senior and Junior, St. John's Junior.
iv. Summerside Junior and Infants, Christ Church Senior.
v. St. Mary's Junior, Our Lady of Lourdes Mixed.
vi. Holy Trinity Junior - 2/5ths of a full week, i.e.

(4) that the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to make the necessary appointments, subject to report;

(5) that, as an experiment, the scheme be applied forthwith to groups iv, v and vi, and that a report be made at the June meeting of the Committee.

It was reported that the estimated cost of the scheme, if and when same is put into full operation, would amount to a sum of approximately £750 per annum, and whilst in partial operation, to a sum of from £500 to £600, for the financial year 1944-45.

(d) Our Lady of Lourdes School.

(i) Appointment of temporary caretaker, Mr. P. Sparrow. That, in consultation with the Director of Education, the Managers had appointed Mr. Sparrow, and that he had commenced his duties on the 28th February, 1944, at a weekly wage of £3. plus the current war bonus.

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised to the above-mentioned temporary appointment at the wage stated.

(ii) Cleaning Assistance. That, arising out of the above appointment, the Director of Education had granted additional cleaning assistance of 15 hours a week for two weeks, ending 31st March, 1944, so that the caretaker might make up arrears of work.

(iii) School Meals' Cleaner. That, in view of the large number of meals now served, which had created certain cleaning difficulties, the Director of Education had engaged a meals' cleaner for 12 hours a week, at a wage of 1s.2d. per hour, plus the mid-day meal free of charge.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken under paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above be approved.

(iv) Plumbing Repairs. That the Managers had asked for a contribution towards the cost of various school repairs.

Consideration had been given to the matter and it was found that the Committee could do so only in respect of one or two minor items, costing £1.3.2.

RECOMMENDED that a contribution of £1.3.2. be made towards the cost of certain repairs.

(e) Staff.

(i) Mrs. K. McKenna (née McElligott) - Assistant Mistress, Our Lady of Lourdes School. That Mrs. McKenna had resigned from the permanent staff on the 25th February, 1944, by reason of her marriage and had been re-appointed by the Managers to the temporary staff, on the 26th February, 1944. Leave of absence had been granted from the 24th February to the 3rd March inclusive, with payment of salary for two days, i.e. 24th and 25th February.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the consent of the Authority be given to the appointment by the Managers of Our Lady of Lourdes School of Mrs. McKenna, as from the 26th February 1944, in accordance with the terms of Minute 1074(m) of May 1941;

(2) that the action taken with regard to leave of absence be approved.

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(ii) Mrs. E. Walker - Temporary teacher, Christ Church

(a) That Mrs. Walker had been absent from duty since the February, 1944, owing to the illness of her daughter and the circumstances had compelled Mrs. Walker to tender her resig the Managers without the usual month's notice.

(b) That payment of salary had been made up to and inclu 29th February, 1944, and that it was understood the Managers accepting the teacher's resignation from that date.

RECOMMENDED that, in the circumstances of the case, payment of salary up to the 29th February, 1944, be approved.

(iii) Mrs. C.E.Pearson - Temporary teacher, Northside Junio That Mrs. Pearson had been granted leave of absence, without of salary, from February 14th to 24th and on March 3rd (12 da during the period of her husband's leave from the Forces.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report, as amended, be approved.

3. Education Bill - Excepted and Non-Excepted Districts.

The Chairman reported that as a result of a Conference of representatives of all county districts in Middlesex with representatives of the Middlesex Authority, it had been decid ask 'excepted' areas and 'non-excepted' areas to make suggestio the County with regard to the delegation of divisional admini and that, later, representative meetings be held to decide up scheme or schemes of delegation, for the consideration of all concerned.

4. Supply Teaching Appointments.

RECOMMENDED that the list submitted to the Committee of the supply teaching appointments made during the period 1st November to 22nd December, 1943, be approved.

5. Staff Absences.

A list of members of the staff absent since the last meeti the Committee was submitted, and it was reported that these ab were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED that salaries be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm.C.LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

This, together with the previous page, is the re referred to in paragraph 541 (c) of the Council Minutes of the 27th March, 1944.

Mayor

This is the report referred to in paragraph 541 (e) of the Council Minutes of the 27th March, 1944. 152(t)

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ALLOTMENTS AND FOOD PRODUCTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
14TH MARCH, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor W.C. Fitness (Chairman), Mr. J.S. Sunderland (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Grocott, Councillors Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot and Messrs. Fairchild and Hewitt.

Non-Members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

POST WAR PLANNING OF ALLOTMENTS:

The Committee carefully considered a letter (circulated) from the National Allotments Society Limited regarding the above and were in full agreement in principle with the suggestions contained therein.

Arising thereon reference was made to the Committee's report dated 13th July, 1943, when it was recommended that the Town Clerk should investigate the possibility of acquiring for permanent allotments either by purchase or on a long term lease, the land let to the Finchley Manor Allotment Society Limited.

The Town Clerk stated that the Post War Reconstruction Committee had not yet met to consider the reports of the various Committees and, after full discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED (a) that in view of the urgency of the matter the Council consider the above-mentioned recommendation at their meeting on the 27th March, 1944, and

(b) that the attention of the Post War Reconstruction Committee be drawn to paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned letter of the National Allotments Society regarding the provision of allotments for all citizens.

W.C. FITNESS,

Chairman.

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(4) The Education Authority to be responsible for damage to the property, etc., other than fair wear and tear.

He added that the premises were not suitable for indefinite occupation, but would, he understood, meet the need for a short time;

RECOMMENDED that the foregoing terms be agreed so far as the Council are concerned, and that the question of liability for the rent of the premises be considered further on receipt of the views of the Board of Education.

545 Absence Through Illness:

(a) Temporary Assistant Caretaker, Avenue House—H. McCarthy.

The Town Clerk reported that Mr. McCarthy was still absent from duty, but that he was likely to be fit for light work in the near future. In the circumstances, it was

RECOMMENDED that payment of half pay be continued until the 31st May, if necessary.

(b) Handyman (Unskilled) G. Kimpton.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the above employee, who had been in the Council's service for approximately 40 years, had been absent, through illness, since the 4th January, 1944, and that the period for which he was entitled to sick allowance expired on the 16th March, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that such sick allowance be continued until the 31st March, 1944.

546 Repair of War Damage—22/24, Dickens Avenue, N.3:

The Borough Surveyor reported that he would be glad if authority could be given for a contract to be entered into with Mr. F. W. Padwick whose tender, amounting to £620, was the lowest received for the above work;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed, and that the contract be added to the list of documents for sealing.

547 Open Air Pool—Proposed Inter-Service Swimming Gala and Physical Display:

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of a letter dated 8th March, 1944, from the Hon. Secretary of the Joint Entertainments Committee, stating that it was proposed to hold on the 22nd or 29th July next an Inter-Service Swimming Gala and Physical Display at the Open Air Pool on the same lines as last year, and asking for the consent of the Council thereto.

He added that last year 75 per cent. of the net proceeds were paid to the Council, the remaining 25 per cent being retained by the Joint Entertainments Committee, and that it was suggested that the same terms should again be approved;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed; that season ticket holders be admitted to the gala and display free of charge and that those persons who pay for admission to the gala and display be permitted to avail themselves of the use of the pool at the termination of the function should they so desire.

548 Air Raid Incidents:

The Borough Surveyor submitted a report hereon.

549 Resumption of Council:

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Lawrence, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mayor.

24th April, 1944.

Town Planning Committee's Report.

3rd APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor Wilmot (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pike and Councillors Blunden and Bryson.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

550 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

551 **Deposited Plans:**

Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situate.	Owner.
(*a*) 10791	Alterations	200, Ballards Lane, N.3.	Mr. H. G. W. Pe[illegible]
(*b*) 10778 (a)	Garage	55, Nethercourt Avenue, N.3.	Mr. A. H. Miller.
(*c*) 10792	Timber Drying Kiln	1189, High Road, N.20.	Messrs Hopping, [illegible]

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that the above Plans be approved;

(ii) that in the case of (*b*) consent also be granted under the Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act regarding the infringement of the building line, subject to the owner entering into an agreement with the Council to pull down the building if and when called upon by the Council so to do; and

(iii) that in the case of (*c*), which is an amendment of Plan No. 10685 approved in September, 1939, the approval be subject to the conditions then agreed, viz., that the consent of the Corporation as the Highway Authority be given to the proposal in question under the provisions of Section 2(1) of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, subject:—

(a) to any land necessary for road widening being conveyed to the Corporation; and

(b) if applicable, to the condition mentioned in Minute No. 200(*a*) of 1936/37.

552 **Non-Conforming Use of Land and Premises:**

1. Scheme 1.

Garages at rear of 168, Nether-street, N.3.—The Town Clerk reported upon an application for permission to use the garages at the rear of the above premises for industrial purposes, viz., as a paint spraying shop. He intimated that the application had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme and that many objections to the proposal had been received;

RECOMMENDED that consent to the application be refused as such proposal contravenes the character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

2. Scheme 6.

(*a*) 185, High Road, N.2.—With reference to Minute No. 462 of 1943/44 when the Council at their meeting on the 28th February, 1944, refused their consent to Messrs. W. H. Collins (Contractors), Ltd., to the temporary user of the above premises for the purposes of a plant and material depot and administrative offices, it was reported that a communication had been received from the Company giving notice of their Appeal against the Council's decision.

(*b*) 923/25, High Road, N.12.—The Town Clerk referred to Minute No. 137/3 of 1943/44 when consent was granted to the use of the above premises subject to certain conditions among which was the requirement that the applicants should enter into an agreement with the Council which contained (inter alia) the stipulation that the user should be for the period of the war and six months thereafter. The applicants had replied that they could not accept this stipulation as they would probably require the proposed workshop extension for use as an electrical workshop after the war.

After full consideration it was

RECOMMENDED that the Council adhere to their previous resolution on the subject.

(*c*) Site of Nos. 1 & 2, Reepham Villas, East End Road—Proposed Gospel Hall.—The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of an application from the Secretary of the Gospel Hall, East End Road, N.2, relative to the purchase of a piece of land near the railway bridge in East End Road for the erection after the war of a Gospel Hall;

RECOMMENDED that consent to the application be refused as the erection would contravene the proposed character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

553 **Future Regional Planning:**

The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from the Urban District Councils' Association which suggested certain lines of action for consideration by Members of the Association as follows:—

(*a*) That local authorities should not relinquish any of their powers to the County Council unless there are special circumstances which justify such a course;

(*b*) That the policy of the formation of Joint Committtees having executive powers should be considered on its merits with particular reference to the suitability of the area for joint control;

(*c*) That where a Joint Committee is set up their functions should be confined (as contemplated by Sections 3 and 4 of the Act of 1932) to "the preparation or adoption of a scheme"; and

(*d*) That Members should not be influenced in their consideration of a proposal for the formation of a Joint Committee for the exercise of functions wider than those referred to in paragraph (*c*) or for an area to which objection can properly be raised, by an offer of the County Council to contribute the whole or a substantial part of the expenses incurred by the Joint Committee.

The Committee noted the above for consideration when the matter reaches a more definite stage.

554 **Re-Printing of Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1 and the Varying Scheme No. 1:**

The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions contained in Minute No. 348 of 1943/44 he had ascertained that the re-printing of the above-named Scheme must be done locally and that he had therefore obtained an estimate from the "Finchley Press" for the printing of 500 copies at the cost of £55 10s. 0d.; further, that in anticipation of the Committee's approval of such expenditure provision had been made therefor in the estimates;

RECOMMENDED that the necessary order be placed for the printing of 500 copies of the Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1, together with Varying Scheme No. 1 at a cost not exceeding £55 10s. 0d.

555 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

H. H. WILMOT,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

4th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman) (in the Chair), the Mayor (Councillor D. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman, and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

556 Minutes:

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

557 Requisitions:

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the book submitted, be approved.

558 Fire Prevention Sub-Committee:

The report of a meeting of the above Sub-Committee held on the 1st April, 1944, as undermentioned was submitted.

"Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (in the Chair) and Councillor Hugh Jones, LL.B.

1. Static Water Tanks for Wheelbarrow Pumps:

The Town Clerk reported upon correspondence which he had had with the Regional Commissioners in regard to the purchase of the above static water tanks from which it appeared if the tanks were not provided there was a likelihood of the wheelbarrow pumps being not drawn. It was reported that the total cost would be approximately £360 of which 25% would have to be borne by the Council.

In the circumstances, and having regard to the new working arrangements of the National Fire Service, it was

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the purchase of the tanks allocated to the Borough and that the matter be reported to the Finance Committee.

2. Ladders for use with Wheelbarrow Pumps:

It was reported that seven extending ladders were available for purchase by the Borough for use with the wheelbarrow pumps and that the cost was £2 each, which would rank for grant. matter be reported to the Finance Committee.

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the purchase of the ladders and that the

3. Fire Watching:

(1) Relaxation during daylight hours, and

(2) Maintenance of a Wakeful Watch at night.

London Region Circular No. 855 was submitted in regard to the above and the Fire Guard Officer reported thereon;

RECOMMENDED that the Fire Guard Officer be instructed to make recommendations in respect of all arrangements in the Borough and that such recommendations be considered by the Sub-Committee before the end of the present month.

4. Business Premises—Duties of Occupiers:

The Fire Guard Officer reported that more responsibility for the training of personnel was being placed upon occupiers of premises in accordance with the Business and Government Premises Order, 1943, and that considerable progress in training was now being made.

5. Business Premises Schemes:

The Fire Guard Officer drew attention to the Proviso to Sub-Clause (6) of Article 40 of the Business and Government Premises Order, 1943, which authorised the appropriate authority to direct that, where joint arrangements were in force, one or more of the occupiers should be treated for certain purposes as if he or they were the only occupier or occupiers of all the premises comprised in the joint arrangements, if such occupiers did not agree amongst themselves to one or more of their number being so treated;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Fire Guard Officer to give any necessary directions under this Proviso subject to report to the Committee in each case.

6. **Sector Point No. 832—King Edward Hall, etc.**

The Fire Guard Officer reported upon the arrangements which had recently been made in connection with the operation of the above Sector and intimated that a satisfactory scheme had now been prepared and that Mr. W. R. Harman, the Deputy Borough Treasurer, was willing to undertake the duties of Sector Captain;

RECOMMENDED that Mr. W. R. Harman be so appointed.

7. **Storage Accommodation—Flats, Beaufort Drive:**

The Fire Guard Officer reported upon complaints which had been received from residents in the vicinity of the above premises in regard to the fire risk attaching thereto and that the National Fire Service had recommended that no furniture should be stored in the top floors.

RECOMMENDED that the whole question be referred by the Town Clerk to the Regional Commissioners for their observations.

8. **Sector Point No. 843—Newstead House:**

It was reported that the fire guards who were using the above premises as a sector point, had made application for the provision of electric lighting, they being prepared to provide the necessary wiring;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be submitted by the Town Clerk to the Regional Commissioners for their approval.

9. **Business Premises Scheme—High Road, Whetstone, "Sainsbury Group."**

The Fire Guard Officer reported upon the particular circumstances relating to the above scheme which necessitated an amendment, details of which were submitted:

RECOMMENDED that such amended scheme be approved, subject to the amendment being withdrawn in the event of it not proving satisfactory.

10. **Finchley Memorial Hospital and St. Elizabeth's Home:**

The Town Clerk submitted communications received from the Regional Commissioners stating that the Council had been designated as the Appropriate Authority for the above premises under Article 35 (i) (p) of the Fire Guard (Business and Government Premises) Order, 1943, with effect as from the 20th September, 1943.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman (pro tempore)."

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

Arising out of paragraph 8 it was reported that the Chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee had given consent to the use of Newstead House as a Sector Point.

559 **Clearance of Lofts Order, 1942:**

The report of the N.F.S. upon inspections under the above Order for the month of February, 1944, was submitted.

560 **Bourchier House:**

A letter was submitted from Mr. W. A. Hadley drawing attention to damage which was being caused to the above premises by children in the neighbourhood and it was reported that the matter was being dealt with by the officers.

561 **D.H.Q. No. 4—51, Long Lane:**

An application was submitted from the District Warden for the provision of an additional telephone at the above premises.

After hearing the views of the Chief Warden thereon it was

RESOLVED that authority be given for the installation of an additional telephone.

CIVIL DEFENCE (*contd.*)

562 **Rescue Service Drivers—Rates of Pay:**

A letter dated 11th March, 1944, was submitted from the Town Clerk of Hendon referring to the fact that an increased rate of pay was made to the drivers of heavy rescue vehicles and that his Authority were making representations to the Minister of Home Security for this to be extended to the drivers of the light rescue vehicles and to reserve drivers, when acting in that capacity;

RESOLVED that the representations made by the Hendon Corporation be supported by the Council.

563 **Civil Defence Canteens:**

The report of a meeting of the Canteen Sub-Committee held on the 14th March, 1944, as printed was submitted.

"Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), Alderman Syrett and Councillor Legge, M.B.E.

1. **Canteen Trading Account—Quarter Ended 31st December, 1943:**

This account (circulated) was considered;

RECOMMENDED that same be approved.

2. **Management of Canteens:**

The Sub-Committee had before them a report by the Communal Feeding Officer upon the management of the canteens from which it appeared that, owing to staffing difficulties have become acute in his Department and to the fact that the Canteen Supervisor was leaving the service of the Council on medical grounds, he was obliged to ask the Committee to relieve him from the duties of Canteen Officer. The whole question was very carefully considered by the Sub-Committee and the possibility of the canteen at the Central Depot being managed by the personnel in a similar manner to the canteens at St. Mary's and Northside Aid Posts was discussed. The matter was left for discussion between Alderman Syrett and the Officer concerned, subject to a report being submitted on the proposal at an early date.

As regards the canteen at Avenue House, this presented particular difficulties owing to the canteen being used by members of the Council and of the staff, in addition to Civil Defence personnel, and the Town Clerk was instructed to report as to any possible arrangement which might be made at the next meeting of the full Committee.

The Communal Feeding Officer expressed his willingness to render such assistance as might be possible in the general management of the canteens until such time as the above arrangements could be brought into effect;

RECOMMENDED—

(*i*) that Mr. C. R. Westlake be relieved of the duties of Canteen Officer as soon as other suitable arrangements can be made with regard to the canteens and that the thanks of the Committee be accorded to him and to the members of his staff for their services in connection with the management of the canteens; and

(*ii*) that the matter be considered further at the meeting of the full Committee."

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman.

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk reported upon a further conference which had taken place with representatives of the County Council in regard to the management of the canteens and he outlined the proposals which it was suggested should be put into operation in the Canteens at the Central Depot and Avenue House, viz., that Avenue House Canteen should continue as at present with a reduction of the paid staff, and that the Central Depot Canteen should be taken over by the men themselves, they being issued with meal vouchers for the Civic Restaurants in regard to the mid-day meal.

The Committee were in accord with such proposals and it was

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the matter be left in the hands of the officers to deal with on the lines indicated subject to report at a later date; and

(*b*) that Mr. H. P. Morant, Senior Operations Officer, be appointed the Officer responsible for the Canteen at Avenue House.

564 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted copies of circulars which had been received from various Government departments.

565 **Casualty Service Staff Officer:**

The Medical Officer reported as to the need for some form of transport for this officer;

RESOLVED that application be made to the Middlesex County Council for authority to purchase a bicycle.

566 **Wardens Post No. 17:**

The Chief Warden reported that children in the neighbourhood of the above post had damaged certain electrical and other fittings by throwing stones through the ventilator and the matter was referred to the Borough Surveyor with a view to the ventilator being suitably protected.

567 **Concreting Shelters:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that there was some delay on the part of the County Council in issuing approval to the settlement of the final account of Messrs. W. H. Gaze & Sons, Ltd., one of the contractors in connection with the above, but that so far as his department was concerned the account was due for payment;

RESOLVED that such account be paid and that the County Council be so informed and that as the Corporation are only acting as their agents in the matter they expect the County Council to reimburse them.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman (*pro tempore*).

Electricity Committee's Report.

4th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (Chairman), Councillor Fitness (Vice-Chairman), and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-member: Alderman Pateman.

568 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

569 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

Arising out of Item No. 30—purchase of duplicating machine, it was

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 13, so far as it relates to the preparation of contracts, be suspended as regards this purchase.

570 **National Joint Board of Employers and Members of Staff—Electricity Supply Industry:**

A copy of the Minutes of the proceedings at the 24th Annual Meeting of the above-mentio Board were submitted.

571 **Constituent Municipal Undertakings in Greater London Area:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 10th February, 1944, received from the Hon. Secre of the above stating that, in connection with the election of representatives to the Employe Side of the No. 10 District Council (Municipal Section), as one nomination only had been ceived for the vacancy for one Engineer Member as a representative of Undertakings o the County of London, namely Mr. J. W. Townley of West Ham, it would not be necessary a ballot to be conducted to fill the vacancy.

572 **District Joint Committee of Local Authorities and Chief Electrical Engineers:**

A circular letter was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the above, stating that, in accorda with the resolution of the Committee, nominations were invited from Constitutent Authorities candidates for the six places on the Employers' Side, and giving particulars of the result of ballot.

573 **Central Establishment Charges:**

The question of the fixing of the establishment charges for the ensuing 12 months was consider and referred to the Chairman of the Committee, together with the General Manager and Borough Treasurer, for consideration and report to the Committee at the next ordinary meeting

574 **Electricity Charges—Irrecoverable Arrears:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of amounts which the Department had been unable recover;

RECOMMENDED that such sums, amounting to £521 1s. 1d. be written off as irrecover able.

575 **General Manager and Engineer's Report:**

The General Manager and Engineer reported as follows:—

(a) Boilers.—

That the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., had reported on the 22nd February, 1944, that satisfactory examination had been made of the boiler plant under normal pressure.

(b) Fuel Economy.—

That a request had been received from the Electrical Development Association to co-operate in scheme of publicity relative to fuel economy;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left to the General Manager and Engineer to take action on the lines suggested.

(c) Post War Works or Schemes.—

That the Electricity Commissioners had forwarded a circular communication, dated 28th February 1944, to all authorised electricity undertakers enclosing therewith a questionnaire to be completed and returned to them by not later than the 31st May next.

The questionnaire called for estimated expenditure during the first five years from the end of the War on both special revenue works deferred during War conditions, and capital expenditure in respect of sub-station plant, consumers' apparatus, transmission and distribution systems, change of system or voltage, etc.

(d) Assessment of Electricity Undertaking.—
That in April, 1943, he had reported that a notice had been received of a proposed increase in the present rateable value of the Undertaking from £7,500 to £10,000 and it was decided to oppose the re-assessment; further, that as a result of his interview with a representative of Messrs. Gerald Eve & Co., when he resisted the proposed increase, a notice had since been received from the County Valuer stating that the existing valuation would not be disturbed for the two years from 1st April, 1942, to 31st March, 1944.

(e)

(i) Obsolete Plant.—That it was desirable that certain obsolete plant should be written off, although there was a possibility that some of this equipment might be disposed of at a later date:

RECOMMENDED that the undermentioned be written off in the financial year ended 31st March, 1944:—

Switchgear ... ... £1,294.

(ii) Meters.—That as a number of direct current meters, still on circuit, were of an obsolete pattern it was desirable that any outstanding debt in regard to them be discharged forthwith.

RECOMMENDED that the unredeemed debt of £1,248 be discharged in full in the financial year ended 31st March, 1944.

576 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Borough Treasurer, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman.

Public Libraries Committee's Report.

5th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.(Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) and Councillors Blunden and the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

577 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

578 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

579 **Chief Librarian's Report:**

The Chief Librarian reported that:—

(a) Statistics.—
The statistics for the month of February, 1944, were as follows (the figures in parenthesis referring to February, 1943):—

LIBRARY	READERS				BOOK ISSUES.	
	Adult.	Junior.	Total.	(Total 1943).	Feb. 1944.	(Feb. 1943).
Church End ...	4,670	975	5,645	(4,582)	15,848	(14,294)
North Finchley	6,490	924	7,414	(7,496)	17,764	(18,040)
East Finchley ...	5,205	1,025	6,230	(5,531)	16,990	(17,151)
TOTALS ...	16,365	2,924	19,289	(17,609)	50,602	(49,485)

(b) Stock—Replacements and Withdrawals—February:

The total number of volumes permanently withdrawn from stock was 379 and that 53 had withdrawn and replaced by new copies.

(c) South Eastern Regional Library System—Postages:

At a recent meeting the Committee gave authority for postages on books lent to other libraries to be waived and in view of the saving of time and labour resulting therefrom it was hoped all participating authorities would reciprocate; further, this had not been the case and in view the unfairness to library authorities lending large numbers of books annually, the Executive Committee of the South Eastern Regional Library System had reconsidered the matter and now commended as follows:—

> "That as from 1st April, 1944, participating Authorities should agree to an annual settlement of postages, based on the printed figures in the Annual Report averaging 7d. per book. Each Authority will be either debited or credited according to the difference between the number of books borrowed through the Bureau and the total number lent.
>
> That Authorities continue to settle with the N.C.L. for all books lent or borrowed from the N.C.L. or library authorities in other regions."

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(d) Pianos.—

As instructed at a previous meeting he had obtained an opinion on the pianos at present in the North and East Finchley halls and it was stated that it would not be profitable to have these reconditioned since it was doubtful if they could ever be made good enough for recitals; further as the present was an advantageous time for selling instruments of this type, the Committee might wish to consider recommending that both pianos be sold at the best price obtainable;

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that offers be invited for the two instruments in question and that the Chairman and the Committee be authorised to accept the best offer received, subject to report; and

(ii) that the Borough Treasurer be requested to report at next meeting as to the power of the Council to place in a reserve fund the proceeds derived from the sale with a view to their being applied at a later date towards the cost of the purchase of a new piano or other amenity for use in the Lecture Halls.

(e) Book Marks.—

A request had been made by the Publicity Sub-Committee of the Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee for permission to circulate through the lending libraries book marks giving particulars of the proposed programme for the 1944 season;

RECOMMENDED that such permission be granted.

(f) Puppet Show.—

At his request Mr. John Carr, of 57, Ridgeview Road, Whetstone, had presented a puppet show at the East Finchley Library on Saturday, the 26th February; the children who were invited to attend came mainly from the Martin School and were delighted with the entertainment, many of them having written letters expressing their appreciation and thanks;

RECOMMENDED that a refund of £1 be made to Mr. Carr for transport costs incurred by him.

580 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Chief Librarian, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

MARY E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

Parks and Open Spaces Committee's Report

11th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor P. Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) and Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Non-member: Councillor Blunden.

581 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

582 **Lettings Sub-Committee:**

A report of a meeting of the above Sub-Committee held on the 3rd March, 1944, as under-printed was submitted:—

"LETTINGS SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

3rd March, 1944.

Present: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

1. **Chairman:**
Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. **Open Spaces—Lettings:**
The applications received for sports facilities during the forthcoming season were considered and it was

RESOLVED—

(a) that the following lettings be approved:—

Open Space.	Applicant.	Particulars of Letting.	Charge.
Lyttelton Playing Fields.	Airawa Cricket Club.	Cricket Pitch on alternate Saturdays and Sundays; also Easter, Whit and August Bank Holiday Mondays.	£8 8s. 0d. incl.
	P.O. Factory (London) Cricket Club.	Cricket Pitch on alternate Sundays.	£12 12s. 0d. incl.
	De Havilland Sports Club.	Cricket Pitch on alternate Saturdays.	£12 12s. 0d. incl.
	Maccabi Association.	Cricket Pitch on Sundays.	£15 0s. 0d. incl.
	Leas House School.	One Junior and one Senior Cricket Pitch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.	£25 0s. 0d. incl.
	Henrietta Barnett School.	Facilities for Playing games —Summer Season.	£10 0s. 0d. incl.
Glebe Land.	Simms Social Club.	One hard tennis court for 12 months from the 16th March, 1944.	£30 0s. 0d. incl.
	Simms Social Club.	Cricket Pitch (south of Finchley Football Club Ground).	£30 0s. 0d. incl. Subject to the Club undertaking to accept full responsibility for the general maintenance of the ground.
	Finchley Memorial Hospital.	One hard tennis court for 12 months from 1st April, 1944.	£15 0s. 0d. incl.
	902 A.A. (M) Tpt. Coy., R.A.S.C.	One hard tennis court for summer season.	£10 10s. 0d. incl.

Arden Playing Field.	Finchley Cricket Club.	Exclusive use of ground for Cricket.	£40 plus one-half surplus of the Club's income over expenditure such expenditure to exceed, without the consent of the Council, the sum incurred during the season subject to a maximum sum to be by the Club within the sum of £[illegible] Borough Surveyor's range for the grass, from time, subject to the undertaking to be expenditure in[illegible]

(*b*) that, in the event of any further applications being received, the Chairman the Sub-Committee be authorised to deal with them in consultation with Officers concerned subject to report.

PERCY LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

Arising thereon, it was reported—

(*a*) that, in accordance with the authority of the Sub-Committee, the following additional lettings had been approved by the Chairman:—

Open Space.	Applicant.	Particulars of Letting.	Charge.
Lyttelton Playing Fields.	Borough of Hendon Girls' Training Corps.	Hockey Pitch — Saturday afternoon, 22nd April, 1944.	10/6d.
	H.C.R. HQ. Sports and Social Club.	Cricket Pitch — alternate Wednesday evenings.	£10 10s. 0d. (incl.)
	Maccabi Association.	Tennis Court on Sundays—Summer season.	£7 7s. 0d. (incl.)
Northway Gardens.	Fourth Finchley Club.	Tennis Court—Summer season.	£10 10s. 0d. (incl.)

(*b*) that, in connection with the letting of the cricket pitch (south of the Finchley Football Club Ground) to Simms' Social Club, a letter had been received from the Director of Education stating that he understood that it was possible that the Club might be prepared to allow the Education Committee to have the use of the ground on four afternoons each week;

RECOMMENDED that in that event no objection be raised by the Council to the sub-letting of the ground to the Education Committee.

583 **Finchley Victoria Ladies' Bowling Club:**

A letter was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the above Club enclosing a copy of the Annual Report and expressing the Club's grateful thanks for all the amenities afforded to them by the Council.

584 **Glebe Land:**

The Town Clerk reported that, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, permission had been granted for a charge to be made for admission, on Whit Monday, to the portion of the above land leased to Simms' Social Club, on the occasion of the holding of a fête in aid of the Finchley Civil Defence Memorial Fund;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

585 **Catering—Brook Farm:**

An application was submitted from Mr. V. W. Vincent for a renewal of the tenancy of the Refreshment Room in the Pavilion at above for a further period of twelve months from the 1st April, 1944, on the same terms as hitherto;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

586 **Newstead House:**

It was reported that the Chairman of the Committee had agreed to the above premises being used as a Fire Guard Sector Point;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

587 **Brook Farm—Cricket Pitches:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that cricket pitches had been let at Brook Farm for the forthcoming season as follows:—

Pitch No.	Applicant.	Charge.
1	Finchley Crusaders Bible Class.	10/6d. plus 5/- for additional dressing cubicle.
5	London Police Court Mission.	10/6d.

588 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report.

12th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence and Major Steward.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman and Wells and Councillor Wilmot.

589 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Committee held on the 16th February, and of a Special Meeting held on the 18th February, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

590 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

591 **National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Services:**

The Town Clerk reported that a circular letter dated 25th February, 1944, had been received from the Association of Municipal Corporations stating that the negotiations which took place for a considerable period of time had resulted in an agreement for the reconstitution of the above-mentioned Council, and enclosing two prints of the new constitution thereof, the form of constitution of a Provincial Council and a list of the present members of the National Council.

He stated that the letter added that only half of the members of the National Council employers' side were appointed by the Associations, the other half being appointed by employers' side of the several Provincial Councils; further, that in these circumstances it obviously desirable that the Provincial Councils should be properly constituted to represent the local authorities within their respective areas and that great care should be taken in the tion of their representatives on the National Council.

The Town Clerk also reported that a circular letter on the same subject had been issued Urban District Councils Association.

592 **Office Accommodation—Valuation Officer:**

It was reported that, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, the partition the Valuation Officer's private office had been raised to ceiling height at an approximate £40;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

593 **Finchley Bowling Club:**

It was reported that the Bowls Match between members of the Council and the Club had been fixed for Wednesday, the 19th July, at 5.30 p.m.

594 **The Association of Municipal Corporations:**

It was reported that the Annual Meeting of the above-mentioned Association would be held the 18th May, 1944, at 11 a.m. at the City of London Guildhall;

RECOMMENDED that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend on of the Council and that, if necessary, the Chairman of the Committee deputise Mayor.

595 **Assistance Board:**

It was reported that the local office of the above-mentioned Board was removed from Ballards Park Road to 1, Helenslea Avenue, Golders Green, on the 27th March, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk communicate with the Board expressing that an Office will again be opened within the Borough as soon as circumstances

596 **Post War Development:**

A meeting of the Post War Development Sub-Committee was fixed for Wednesday, May, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

597 **National Women Citizens' Association:**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of Notice of the Third Conference of Women members Local Government Authorities which was to be held in London on the 20th May, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that Councillors Mrs. Legge and Mrs. Roberts be appointed to the Conference on behalf of the Corporation.

598 **Urban District Councils Association—Election of Executive Council:**

Voting Paper in connection with the above was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left to the Town Clerk to deal with.

599 Fire Watching—Council Premises:

The Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Guard Orders, a revised Scheme had been prepared in respect of Corporation property, and that this was being put into effect at an early date.

It was intimated that additional expenditure would need to be incurred in connection with the provision of helmets, bedding, etc., and that certain payments under the old Scheme would need to be continued for a further period of fourteen days;

RECOMMENDED that an expenditure of £100 be approved in respect thereof.

Arising thereon, the Committee decided to send a supplemental estimate for £100 to the Finance Committee.

600 Cost of Living Index Figure:

In accordance with instructions, the Borough Treasurer submitted the following statistics from the Index Number Table published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939 ...	55	55	53	53	53	53	56	55	55	69	69	73
1943 ...	99	99	99	98	99	98	100	99	98	99	99	99
1944 ...	99	100	100									

601 Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,
Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

13th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Councillors Bryson and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A., and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

602 Apologies for Absences:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grobel and Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

603 Minutes:

The Minutes of a meeting held on 13th March, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

604 School Management and Works Sub-Committee:

The Report of a meeting held on 3rd April, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:—

(*a*) ACCOUNTS.—That accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

(*b*) LETTING.—That a letting, particulars of which are entered in the Minutes of the Committee, had been approved.

(*c*) ADDITIONAL CLEANING ASSISTANCE.—That the following additional cleaning assistance during the Easter Holidays had been allowed:—

(i) Holy Trinity School—16 hours.

(ii) St. Mary's School (at Hertford Lodge Annexe)—6 hours.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*d*) REPAIRS AND REQUISITIONS.—That the above, according to the list submitted, had been approved.

(*e*) FUEL CONTRACTS EXTENSION, 1944-45.—That Messrs. Gray Bros., East Finchley, Ltd., and Messrs. John Hudson & Co., Ltd., were prepared to extend their existing contracts for a year, subject to any variations in prices and conditions imposed by the appropriate Authorities during the period.

Coke and coal contracts expire on the 30th June and 31st July respectively.

RECOMMENDED that the above-mentioned terms be agreed upon.

(*f*) APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS FROM TRAINING COLLEGES—BOARD OF EDUCATION QUOTA.—That the Board of Education had notified the Authority that the quota of newly trained teachers allocated to Finchley was two.

(*g*) FURNITURE FOR INFANT CHILDREN.—That there was a shortage of infant furniture and to meet immediate needs it was desirable to purchase a limited amount;

RECOMMENDED that, subject to the release of the necessary material, approval be given to the purchase of 40 dual tables and 80 chairs for infant children, at an estimated cost of £100.

(*h*) MARTIN JUNIOR SCHOOL—IMPROVEMENTS IN HOT-WATER ARRANGEMENTS.—That the Director of Education had reported on this matter, and had stated that the North Middlesex Gas Co. had given an estimate of £93 for the installation of (1) a hot water system (including boiler), to serve a range of children's wash basins and the staff cloak-room, and (2) a fire in the staff room;

RECOMMENDED that approval be given to the carrying out of the work and that the estimate of the North Middlesex Gas Co. be accepted.

(*i*) PROVISION OF MEALS.—

(i) Martin School—Scullery arrangements.—That a proposal, recently approved by the Committee, to ask the Board of Education to provide and erect a standard pattern scullery had now proved to be impracticable, and the Director of Education had suggested, as an alternative, the conversion of a small cloakroom for the purpose. The adaptation could be made without much difficulty, and the cost, if approved by the Board, would be met by them;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Director of Education's suggestion be approved;

(2) that the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare an estimate for submission to the Board of Education, and if approved, to arrange for the work to be carried out, subject to report.

(ii) Dining Huts.—That the Director of Education had referred to the difficulties arising from the use of school halls for dining purposes, and had suggested that in one or two cases room might be found for the erection of dining huts, or, alternatively, nearby premises might be hired. The Board of Education would, in approved cases, meet the full cost of supply and erection of huts and of the rental of any buildings that might be hired;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to make application to the Board of Education for the supply and erection of dining huts, or for the hiring of suitable premises in any case where either course was desirable and practicable.

(iii) Kitchen Staff Changes.—That particulars of changes in the Kitchen Staff had been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee.

(*j*) CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL.—That the Chairman had referred to the temporary arrangements made to accommodate children of the above-named school. The Sub-Committee had expressed satisfaction at the expeditious way the matter had been dealt with.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

605 **School Medical Service:**

It was reported that a letter from the Board of Education, dated 16th March, 1944, stated that the Board had had under consideration a report made by one of their Medical Staff Officers, after a recent visit of inspection of the Authority's School Medical Service, and that the Board had expressed their appreciation of the good work which was being done by the Authority's School Medical Staff. The Committee congratulated the School Medical Officer and his staff upon this every satisfactory report.

606 **Education Bill:**

The Chairman referred to the amendment recently accepted by the House of Commons at the Committee stage whereby the qualification for claiming to be an "excepted area" had been altered. The amendment substitutes the population figure as at June 30th, 1939, for the 1931 census figure, and he stated that by this change the Council would be in the position, should the Bill become Law, of claiming that Finchley shall be an "excepted area".

607 **Appointment of Teachers from Training Colleges, 1944:**

The Chairman reported that, in accordance with authority given, two teachers from Training Colleges had been appointed;

RESOLVED that, subject to medical examination, the under-mentioned persons be appointed Assistant Teachers in the full-time service of the Finchley Education Authority exclusively in the capacity of teachers, salaries to be paid in accordance with Scale IV of the Burnham Arbitration Award, and the decisions of the Board of Education relating thereto, or upon terms and subject to the conditions of any other scale of salaries that may be adopted by the Authorities, and subject to the terms and conditions approved by the Council in September, 1927, the appointments to date from the commencement of the Autumn Term, 1944:—

Miss J. M. Ewens, Bishop Otter College, at Bromley.

Miss E. M. Roxburgh, Bishop Otter College, at Bromley.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Report.

14th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Reeves.

608 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report considered.

609 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

610 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

611 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 9 Weeks ended 1st April, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

(i) ATTENDANCES AT CENTRES.

	1944. North Finchley.	1944. East Finchley.	1944. Church End.	1943. North Finchley.	1943. East Finchley.	1943. Church End.
Children under 1 year ...	593	836	1059	766	894	551
Children over 1 year	433	505	405	438	585	339
Total attendances	1026	1341	1464	1204	1479	1190
New babies	46	42	67	51	67	57
Seen by doctors	341	495	325	439	482	367

(ii) ATTENDANCES AT DAY NURSERY.

	1944	1943
Children under 3 years	1217	1186
Children over 3 years	270	139
Total attendances	1487	1325
Average attendance per day ...	33	29.4
Total receipts from mothers ...	£57 16s. 3d.	£50 13s. 9d.

(iii) ATTENDANCES AT ANTENATAL CLINIC.

	1944	1943
	706	777

(iv) CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

	Mothers.	Children.
Number on register on 3rd February	30	29
Number added	1	3
Number removed	—	5
Number on register on 5th April	31	27

(b) National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality Annual Conference.—

That a letter had been received from the above Association inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference on the 13th and 14th July, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Reeves be appointed to attend conference in question.

(c) Charing Cross Hospital—Admission of Finchley Maternity Cases.—

That owing to the fact that the above hospital admits many maternity cases from Finchley, Secretary had written to request the Council to accept financial liability.

In view, however, of the accommodation which will soon be available in The Bishop's Avenue, it was

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in the matter.

(d) Care of Premature Infants—Ministry of Health Circular No. 20/44.—

That the above circular had been received suggesting that certain provisions should be made for dealing with domiciliary cases;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Medical Officer of Health to obtain the necessary equipment, subject to report.

(e) Clothing Coupons for Expectant Mothers.—

That with reference to Minutes Nos. 968 of 1942/43 and 168 of 1943/44, the question of the transfer of the distribution of clothing coupons for expectant mothers from Health Departments to Food Offices had again been raised and that the Erith Borough Council had requested the opinion of this Council on the matter; further, that the Erith Borough Council felt that the advantage of establishing personal contact with every expectant mother owing to the issue of coupons being made from the Health Department was of such tremendous importance as to justify this method of issue despite the arguments against.

The Committee were in sympathy with the view expressed by the Erith Borough Council, but owing to the fact that their previous protest had proved unfruitful, it was

RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken.

(f) Care of Illegitimate Children—Conference regarding co-operation among Welfare Authorities.—

That the Middlesex County Council had invited three representatives of this Authority to attend the above conference to be held on the 9th May, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman (Councillor J. Gordon Bryson), Councillor Mrs. Roberts and the Medical Officer be appointed.

(g) The Rushcliffe Report on Midwives' Salaries.—

That a letter had been received from the Middlesex County Council setting out the decisions reached by the County Council regarding its discretionary powers under the above report.

(h) Proposed Maternity Home—The Bishop's Avenue, N.2.—

That the County Medical Officer of Health had forwarded a letter stating that owing to the fact that Doctors and Midwives could not be obtained, the Home would be used as an Annexe to the North Middlesex County Hospital.

J. GORDON BRYSON,
Chairman.

Public Health Committee's Report.

14th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

Non-members: Councillor Wilmot and Mrs. Reeves.

612 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a Quorum of the Committee was not present;

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being considered.

613 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

614 White Paper Proposals for a National Health Service:

A Joint Report (circulated) by the Town Clerk and the Medical Officer of Health was submitted setting out the general effect of the proposals.

After full discussion it was

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Officers concerned, in consultation with the Chairman, to take such steps as are necessary to secure that administration of the personal health services shall be retained by the Corporation.

On the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs. Reeves, a co-opted member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, was present during this discussion.

615 Requisitions:

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

616 Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 9 Weeks ended 1st April, 1944:

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

Population, June, 1942—59,990.

	N.	1944. E.	W.	Total.	1942
(i) DEATHS.					
Number registered	23	33	50	106	84
Infants under one year	1	3	1	5	7
Infectious disease	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) BIRTHS.					
Number notified under Public Health Act, 1936	46	64	74	184	179
(iii) INFECTIOUS DISEASE.					
Total cases notified	19	37	37	93	236
Scarlet Fever	6	19	6	31	34
Diphtheria	1	—	2	3	—
Pneumonia	3	4	5	12	11
Erysipelas	1	—	1	2	6
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	2	4	1
Malaria	—	—	1	1	—
Smallpox	—	—	3	3	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	1
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	1	3	3	7	216
Whooping Cough	6	10	14	30	22
(iv) TUBERCULOSIS.					
Pulmonary cases	7	9	4	20	15
Non-pulmonary cases	3	1	—	4	—
(v) PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.					
Number in hospital on the 3rd February				16	19
Number admitted				44	46
Number discharged				35	39
Number in hospital on the 5th April				25	23

(b) Water Supply.—

That a sample of water was taken from a tap on the Barnet District Gas and Water Company's main on the 23rd February, 1944, for bacteriological examination and that the report was satisfactory.

(c) Houses without proper dustbins—Public Health Act, 1936, Section 75.—

That the house at 64, Naylor Road, N.20, was not provided with a proper dustbin and that the house at 61, Friern Park, N.12, required a further dustbin;

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that a notice be served upon the respective owners of these properties requiring a strong iron dustbin with suitable cover to be provided in the former case and an additional strong iron dustbin with suitable cover to be provided in the latter case;

(ii) that, failing compliance with such notices, legal proceedings be taken under the above Act.

(d) Statutory Nuisances—Public Health Act, 1936.—

That the following premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance:—

5, Leicester Road, N.2.
135, Etchingham Park Road, N.3.
61, Ballards Lane, N.3.

RECOMMENDED that a statutory notice be served upon the respective owners of the above-mentioned properties requiring them to execute the works detailed by the Medical Officer within the time specified by such notice.

(e) Defective Water Closet—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 45.—

That the water closet provided at 5, Leicester Road, N.2, was in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;

RECOMMENDED that notice be served on the owner requiring him to carry out the works indicated by the Medical Officer within the time specified in the notice.

(f) Basement Bakehouses—Factory Act, 1937—Section 54.—

That an application had been received from Messrs. A. Jones & Son, of 820, High Road, N.12, for the renewal of the certificate of suitability in connection with their basement bakehouse, which certificate expires on the 18th April, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the certificate be allowed to continue to operate for a further period of 5 years subject to the conditions indicated by the Medical Officer.

(g) Places of Public Entertainment.—

That in accordance with the suggestion contained in Circular 120 issued by the Ministry of Health, the places of public entertainment in the district had been inspected and at five of these premises sanitary defects had been discovered; further, that the work necessary to remedy these defects had been carried out and the result of the inspection communicated to the Middlesex County Council, who are the licensing authority in this district.

(h) Unsound Food.—

That the following diseased and unsound meat and other miscellaneous foodstuffs had been dealt with since the last meeting of the Committee:—

Bovines.
79 lbs. Beef (Tuberculosis), 105 lbs. Beef (Unsound), 20 lbs. Veal (Abscesses).

Miscellaneous (Unsound).
1 chicken.
7 lbs. pork sausage.
56 lbs. lard.
1½ cwt. pea flour.
1—6 lb. tin corned beef.
8—12 oz. tins pork luncheon meat.
1—6 lb. tin ox tongue.
2 tins meat loaf.
9 tins hot lunch.
14 tins pilchards.
10 tins mackerel.
11 tins peas.
14 tins jam.
308 tins evaporated milk.
4 bottles coffee essence.
9½ lbs. liver sausage.
15 jars horseradish cream.
10 lbs. biscuits.
323 lbs. oranges.
15—6 lb. tins pork luncheon meat.
9—2½ lb. tins pork luncheon meat.
2 tins stewed steak.
1 tin brisket and beans.
18 tins soup.
6 tins salmon.
5 tins herrings.
1 tin crayfish.
6 tins beans.
3 tins marmalade.
22 tins household milk.
8 oz. Pascall's fruit drops.

Damaged by enemy action.
11 tins salmon.
52 lbs. sugar.

(i) Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919.—

That since work under this Act had commenced on the 1st February, 1944, more than [illegible] complaints received had been dealt with involving a total of 343 visits; further, that [illegible] festations were well under control and that proofing of four buildings had been carried [illegible] mainly at food shops.

617 **Petroleum Inspector's Report:**

The Petroleum Inspector reported as follows:—

(a) Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.—

That an application had been received from the firm named in his report for a licence to keep additional 1,000 gallons of petroleum spirit in bulk at the premises indicated;

RECOMMENDED that the application be granted for the period ending 30th June [illegible] subject to the conditions prescribed by the Petroleum Officer being observed.

(b) Use of Electricity in Premises where Petroleum is Worked and Stored—Home Office Circular No. 43,44.—

That the above Circular and appendix provides (inter alia) a draft code of rules for the use of electricity in premises where petroleum is worked and stored; and suggests that the relevant clauses should be included in the conditions of licence issued by the Council and that certain inspections should be carried out;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the proposals outlined in the above Circular be adopted; and

(*b*) that the Petroleum Officer be authorised to obtain the assistance of a qualified electrician when necessary.

618 **Greater London Advisory Council for Smoke Abatement:**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the above Council inviting non-constituent authorities in the Greater London Area to appoint two delegates to attend a conference on "Post-war Smoke Prevention in Greater London" to be held on the 8th May, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that any member wishing to attend should notify his intention to the Medical Officer, who will make the necessary arrangements.

619 **Finchley Civil Defence Memorial Fund Committee:**

A letter from the Publicity Manager of the above Fund was submitted suggesting that the Finchley Council might wish to advertise the Swimming Pool in the programme of the above Committee for Whit Monday;

RECOMMENDED that the suggestion be not adopted.

620 **Nurses Act, 1943—Part II—Section 13(4)—Licensing of Agencies for the Supply of Nurses:**

The Town Clerk read a resolution adopted by the Middlesex Borough and District Council Association that constituent authorities should apply to the Middlesex County Council for their agreement to the delegation to local authorities of the functions of the County Council under the provisions of Part II of the above Act when in force;

RECOMMENDED that the Council make application for the delegation to them of the functions under Part II of the above Act in due course.

621 **Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Report:**

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported as follows:—

(a) Salvage-Tonnage Sold.—

	January, 1944. T.	C.	Q.	January, 1943. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	37	11	1	60	19	2
Bones	1	15	—	1	11	1
Textiles	2	4	1	1	—	2
Bottles	10	3	—	8	19	—
Cullet	6	2	—	—	—	—
Tins	6	11	—	12	13	3
Boots and shoes	—	7	—	—	—	—
Ferrous metals	—	—	—	1	4	—
Rubber	—	—	—	1	10	—
	64	13	2	87	18	—
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	363	4	7	458	3	0
Council's share of net profits	44	15	9	91	5	2

	February, 1944. T.	C.	Q.	February, 1943. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	37	17	2	55	13	3
Bones	—	—	—	—	12	3
Textiles	2	—	2	—	—	—
Bottles	6	3	—	13	15	—
Cullet	1	8	2	3	17	—
Tins	6	18	2	15	7	2
Ferrous metals	—	—	—	2	9	—
Rubber	—	—	—	1	14	—
	54	8	—	93	9	—
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	337	18	11	408	12	2
Council's share of net profits	40	15	9	79	10	0

(b) Pig Food Disposals.—

	1944. T.	C.	Q.	1943. T.	C.	Q.
January	75	2	2	65	15	1
February	69	11	1	60	19	3

(c) Sewage Analysis.—

That a sample of sewage effluent had been taken by the Lee Conservancy Board on the 8th February, 1944, at the point of discharge to the Strawberry Vale Brook and that the analysis figures of the check sample were satisfactory.

(d) Bin for storage of pig food at Sewage Disposal Works.—

That the pig food receptacle at the Sewage Disposal Works was inadequate and, as a result of this, material had to be placed at times outside the bin, thereby encouraging rats and aggravating smells; further, that the cost of a new bin was £70.

The Committee felt that this expenditure should be incurred on hygienic grounds and decided to submit a supplemental estimate to cover the cost of the bin, to the Finance Committee at their next meeting;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(e) Squires Lane Swimming Bath—Use by Elementary School Children.—

That the Director of Education had submitted a time-table for the 1944 season to which there appeared to be no objection;

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor adopt the time-table submitted by the Director of Education.

(f) Open Air Pools—Date of Opening.—

RECOMMENDED that the Pools be opened on Wednesday, the 10th May, 1944.

(g) Contracts for Collection of House and Trade Refuse, Salvage and Pig Food.—

That, in accordance with instructions given under Minute No. 377(*f*) of 1943/44, Messrs. Robert Deards, Ltd., had been approached with regard to the extension of the above Contracts after the 31st March, 1945, and, Messrs. Deards being agreeable, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Contracts be renewed for a period of three years after the 31st March, 1945.

J. GORDON BRYSON, Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

17th APRIL, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. ... J.P.), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Langlands and ... Roberts.

622 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

623 **Irrecoverable Accounts:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement of accounts which he recommends should be written off as irrecoverable in respect of the period ended 31st March, 1944:—

	£	s.	d.
Allotments	15	7	9
Ambulance Service	44	8	6
Disinfection	0	7	0
Private Street Works	0	7	5
Private Works, etc.	25	19	3
Trade Refuse	4	0	0
Lost A.R.P. Equipment	4	7	2
	£94	17	1

RECOMMENDED that such sums be written off as irrecoverable subject to the individual items being first scrutinised by the Chairman of the Committee.

624 **Housing Rents—Arrears:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement in respect of the above;

RECOMMENDED that it be referred to the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Housing Committee to deal with, subject to report.

625 **National Savings—" Salute the Soldier " Campaign:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that in accordance with the authority of the Council a sum of £4,700 had been invested in 3% Savings Bonds during the above Campaign in respect of the undermentioned accounts:—

Housing Repairs Fund (Nos. 1 and 2 Schemes)	£800
,, ,, ,, (Nos. 3 to 8 Schemes)	£1,400
Mechanical Vehicles and Plant and Depot Accounts ...	£2,500

626 **General Rate:**

(a) **Rate Collection for Half Year.—**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1st Oct., 1942 to 31st Mar., 1943.

£		
18,462		Arrears brought forward
264,923	(5/10d. in £)	General Rate levied ... ...
£283,385	=100%	Total Collectible ... ...

£	Percentage	
256,888	90.65	Cash Collected ... ...
10,207	3.60	Empty Allowances ... ...
2,185	0.77	Revision of Assessments ... ...
1,132	0.40	Otherwise Irrecoverable ... ...
12,973	4.58	Recoverable Arrears carried forward
£283,385	100.00	

1st Oct., 1943 to 31st Mar., 1944.

£	
8,137	
258,162	(5/8d. in £)
£266,299	=100%

£	Percentage
251,516	94.45
5,946	2.23
2,880	1.03
915	0.35
5,042	1.89
£266,299	100.00

Arising thereon the Committee observed that the percentage of recoverable arrears had been reduced to the extremely low figure of 1.89;

RECOMMENDED that the congratulations of the Council be accorded to the Borough Treasurer and the Members of his staff upon this achievement.

(b) Rate Product.—

The Borough Treasurer reported that the product of a penny rate for the year ended 31st March, 1944, amounted to £3,613 10s. 8d. as against an estimate of £3,600.

627 **Consolidated Loans Fund Accounts:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the accounts of the Consolidated Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

The following is a summary of the main transactions of the Fund during the year:—

CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS.

	£	£
Loans raised:—		
Increase of Debt to Bank		62,586
Receipts from Borrowing Accounts in reduction of outstanding advances:—		
From Capital Accounts	20,429	
From Revenue Accounts	84,155	
		104,584
		167,170
Balance unapplied at 1st April, 1943		75,000
		242,170
Less Loans paid to outside Lenders	164,767	
,, Advance to Borrowing Account	2,403	
		167,170
Balance unapplied at 31st March, 1944		
Invested in 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65		£75,000

REVENUE TRANSACTIONS.

Interest paid on Loans:—		
To outside Lenders	43,596	
To other Corporation Funds	3,063	
		46,659
Contribution in respect of Corporation Bond discounts		4,219
		50,878
Less interest received		2,250
Net interest chargeable to Borrowing Accounts		£48,628
At contractual rates on Instalment Loans		15,755
At average rate of 3.33% on "pooled"		32,873
		£48,628
Financing Expenses charged to Borrowing Accounts at average rate of 0.0729%		£665

OUTSTANDING DEBT.

Net Debt at 1st April, 1943	1,394,132
Add Advance to Borrowing Account (see above)	2,403
	1,396,535
Less Amount repaid during year by Borrowing Accounts in reduction of outstanding advances (see above)	104,584
NET DEBT at 31st March, 1944	£1,291,951

Supplemental Estimates:

The Committee considered Supplemental Estimates in respect of the following items of expenditure:—

FINANCE (*contd.*)

Committee.	Item.	Amount.
Civil Defence (Emergency)	Static Water Tanks	£60 0 0
	Ladders for use with trailer and wheel-barrow pumps	£3 10 0
General Purposes	Helmets, Bedding, etc., for Fire Guards (Council property) ...	£100 0 0
Public Health	Bin for Pig Food at Sewage Disposal Works	£70 0 0

RECOMMENDED that Supplemental Estimates be approved in respect of the expe[illegible] involved.

628 **Chief Internal Auditor's Report:**

This report was submitted.

629 **Statement of Bank Balances—15th April, 1944:**

The following statement was submitted by the Borough Treasurer:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance £
General Rate Fund Revenue			
Electricity Revenue	45,249 3 3	66,819 6 11	[illegible]
Housing Revenue			
General Rate Fund Capital	5,589 — 8	288 14 8	
Electricity Capital			
Consolidated Loans Fund	98,433 3 5	5,799 3 10	
Superannuation Fund			
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		1,512 2 10	
Salaries		488 10 5	
Advance		3,085 — 2	
Suspense		973 1 2	
Loan Interest		— — —	
A.R.P. Canteen		— — —	
Communal Feeding	1,537 5 4		
Wages	620 17 8	4,099 6 11	
	£151,429 10 4	£83,065 6 11	Dr. £68,364 [illegible]

630 **Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:**

(a) **Interim Order on Treasurer.**—

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Com[illegible] an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £43,858 0s. 7d., made up as follows, [illegible] approved by the Committee:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	35,090 19 1
Electricity Revenue	4,362 6 3
Consolidated Loans Fund	1 5 —
Superannuation Fund	1,013 7 6
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	16 12 6
A.R.P. Canteen	435 14 6
Communal Feeding	2,937 15 9
	£43,858 — 7

(b) **Order on Treasurer.**—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council [illegible] countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the seve[illegible] sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £14,565 5s. 2d.:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	2,888 1 9
Electricity Revenue	11,677 3 5
	£14,565 5 2

HERBERT W. STEWARD, Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
16th May, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 22nd day of MAY, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th day of April, 1944.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 2nd May, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 2nd May, 1944.

(*c*) **Education** of the 8th May, 1944.

(*d*) **Finance** of the 11th May, 1944.

(*e*) **Housing** of the 16th May, 1944 (if any).

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

FINANCE (*contd.*)

Committee.	Item.	Amount.
Civil Defence (Emergency)	Static Water Tanks	£90 0 0
	Ladders for use with trailer and wheel-barrow pumps	£3 10 0
General Purposes	Helmets, Bedding, etc., for Fire	

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider the Reports of the following Committees:

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 2nd May, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 2nd May, 1944.

(*c*) **Education** of the 8th May, 1944.

(*d*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 9th May, 1944.

(*e*) **Housing** of the 16th May, 1944 (if any).

(7) To consider recommendations of the Council and Staff Committee as contained in a Report dated 11th May, 1944.

(8) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(9) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 24th day of APRIL, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Captain L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.
H. H. Wilmot.

631 **Prayers:**

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank opened the proceedings with prayer.

632 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on the 27th day of March, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

633 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Alderman Briant, Councillor Baines, C.C., and Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

634 **Death of Mr. H. Wood Barter, Former Town Clerk:**

The Mayor reported, with deep regret, the death of Mr. H. Wood Barter, former Town C the Borough, which took place at Worthing on the 7th April, 1944.

He recalled that Mr. Barter entered the service of the late Urban District Council in Committee Clerk; that in 1920 he was promoted to the position of Deputy Clerk and in 1932, to the Clerkship; further, that on an intimation being received that a Charter of poration was to be granted to Finchley, he was appointed Charter Town Clerk, and subse Town Clerk of the newly created Body.

He stated that those who had worked with Mr. Barter knew his charm of manner, courtes understanding; that it was a matter of great regret to the Council that he had to res appointment in March, 1939, owing to ill-health, and that it was indeed unfortunate that he not spared for a longer period in which to enjoy the retirement which he so well deserved. added that Mr. Barter's devotion to the public service was such that he was co-opted a ber of the Worthing Corporation in 1941, and that he rendered valuable service to that Co tion up to the time of his death.

Alderman Pike also paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Barter and, in doing so, referred to the which the Local Government Service generally had sustained by his passing.

The members of the Council then stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of deceased.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that the Council, having heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. H. W Barter, the former Town Clerk, tender to his widow and family their sincere sym with them in the sad loss which they have sustained.

635 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adop as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Town Planning** of the 3rd April, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 552(1) (Non-Conforming Use of Land and Premise Scheme 1—Garages at rear of 168, Nether Street, N.3), the Town Clerk ported that, since the date of the meeting, a resolution in the following had been received from the Joint Committee of Finchley Ratepayers' and Re dents' Associations as follows:—

> "That this Committee views with grave concern the application for co sent to use premises at the rear of 168, Nether Street, for indus purposes, and asks the Council to use its best endeavours to prev such a negation of the basic principle of Town Planning."

Arising out of paragraph 554 (Re-Printing of Finchley Planning Scheme N and the Varying Scheme No. 1) it was

RESOLVED that the following words be added to the recommenda "and that, in the circumstances, a contract be dispensed with."

(*b*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th April, 1944.

(*c*) **Electricity** of the 4th April, 1944.

(*d*) **Public Libraries** of the 5th April, 1944.

(*e*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 11th April, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 582 (Lettings Sub-Committee); Councillor Langlands intimated his desire to raise a point on the matter, in Committee;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

(*f*) **General Purposes** of the 12th April, 1944.

(*g*) **Education** of the 13th April, 1944.

(*h*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 14th April, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 611(*e*) (Clothing Coupons for Expectant Mothers); an amendment was proposed by Alderman Pike, seconded by Councillor Captain Franks, "that the words 'no further action be taken' contained in the recommendation be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:—'that the Erith Borough Council be informed that the Council support the views expressed by them on the matter.'

On being put, the amendment was carried.

(*i*) **Public Health** of the 14th April, 1944, with the exception of paragraph 621(*g*) (Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Report—Contracts for Collection of House and Trade Refuse, Salvage and Pig Food), which be referred to the Council in Committee for consideration.

(*j*) **Finance** of the 17th April, 1944.

636 **Resignation of the Minister of the North Finchley Congregational Church:**

The Mayor read the following extract from a letter received by him from the Rev. R. Angel Wakely:—

"I am not sure that I am in order, but if the opportunity should occur, I should be grateful if, on my leaving the Borough, you would express to the Aldermen and Councillors my deep appreciation of many kindnesses and much fellowship they have shown me during the last nine years. I have felt it a very great privilege to share in some small way in the public life and service of the town, and have been very proud to be a Finchleian for this period."

637 **"Salute the Soldier" Campaign:**

The Mayor reported receipt of a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the National Savings Movement as follows:—

"It gives me much pleasure to congratulate you and your Borough on the very fine result of your 'Salute the Soldier' Week.

I am grateful for the lead you have given in this great effort; and also for the support you and members of your Council afforded to the Local War Savings Committee during the weeks of preparation, and throughout the 'Week' itself.

The sum invested in your Borough is a noteworthy achievement and a valuable contribution to the War Effort. Equally important is the sense of the debt of gratitude we owe to our gallant soldiers which has been engendered among the people.
Warmest congratulations and grateful thanks."

RESOLVED that the congratulations of the Council be accorded to Alderman Syrett, the Chairman of the Local Savings Committee, on the success attained.

638 **Putting Greens:**

RESOLVED that the charge to be made for the use of putting greens in the various spaces in the Borough during the present season be fixed at 2d. a round at all times.

639 **Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1—Non-Conforming Use of Premises—178, Regent Park Road, N.3:**

The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had dismissed the appeal of the Ashley Company, and had confirmed the decision of the Council regarding the use for storage and ing purposes of the above-mentioned premises.

640 **Valuation of Industrial Hereditaments:**

A letter dated 12th April, 1944, was submitted from the Clerk to the Enfield Urban District Council, enquiring whether the Council would be prepared to send representatives to a conference one were convened by his Council, for the purpose of discussing the above matter;

RESOLVED that a reply be forwarded in the affirmative, and that the Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and the Valuation Officer be appointed to attend.

641 **Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government:**

A report received from the Police Authorities was submitted with reference to an infringement the above-mentioned Bye-Laws in connection with cycling on a footpath;

RESOLVED that legal proceedings be instituted against the offenders.

642 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

(1) Licence (in duplicate) to W. E. and Y. Lawrance to store petroleum spirit bulk at their premises in Green Road, N.20.

(2) Renewal of contracts with Robert Deards, Ltd., for the collection of—
(*a*) House and Trade Refuse; (*b*) Salvage; (*c*) Pig Food;
for a period of three years from 31st March, 1945.

(3) Discharges of Registered Charges or Vacating Receipts (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of—
(*a*) Mortgage No. 76—A. C. A. Nitz, 10, Hamilton Way, N.3.
(*b*) Mortgage No. 24—E. R. Thompson, 34, Woodlands Avenue.

(4) Contract with Messrs. C. Halls and Sons for repairs to 114, Fallowcourt Avenue, N.12.

(5) *Contract with Fitzpatrick & Son (Contractors), Ltd., for resurfacing Pointalls Close.

*See report of Council in Committee.

643 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Major Steward, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

644 Open Spaces—Lettings:

Reference was made by Councillor Langlands to the letting to Clubs of hard tennis courts at Lyttelton Playing Fields and Northway Gardens, and he suggested the desirability of the Sub-Committee refraining from letting any further courts during the forthcoming season exclusively to Clubs.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee undertook to see that the matter was borne in mind.

645 Contracts for Collection of House and Trade Refuse, Salvage and Pig Food:

Paragraph 621(*g*) of the Public Health Committee's Report of the 14th April, 1944, was considered, and a full discussion ensued;

RECOMMENDED that the paragraph be adopted by the Council.

646 Reports of Committees:

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such Reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th April, 1944.

(*b*) **Electricity** of the 4th April, 1944.

(*c*) **Public Libraries** of the 5th April, 1944.

(*d*) **General Purposes** of the 12th April, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 13th April, 1944.

(*f*) **Finance** of the 17th April, 1944.

(*g*) **Housing** of the 18th April, 1944.
Arising out of paragraph 2 (Land, Swan Lane), the Borough Surveyor intimated that he had no definite information to report at present.

Arising out of paragraph 5 the Mayor reported that a candidate had been interviewed and that the Sub-Committee recommended that subject to further enquiries the person be appointed. On hearing a further report from the Chairman, it was

RECOMMENDED that the person in question be not appointed.

647 Resurfacing of Pointalls Close:

The Borough Surveyor reported as follows:—

"Following a request from the N.F.S. that the Council should undertake the above work, 5 tenders were obtained, the lowest amounting to £396 3s. 9d. being submitted by Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Son (Contractors), Ltd., and in a letter dated 12th April, 1944, the N.F.S. approve of this tender and authorise the work being put in hand at the figure quoted, plus the usual supervision charges.
The Town Clerk should be authorised to prepare the necessary contract."

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed, and that the contract be added to the list of documents for sealing.

648 **Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that Handyman (Unskilled) A. G. Kimpton, who would re the age of 65 on the 29th May next, had intimated his intention to retire.

The following particulars were submitted as to the superannuation allowance payable in acco ance with the practice of the Council:—

	Years' Service for pension purposes. Yrs.	Mths.	Amount of pension based on 60ths for contributory and non-contributory service. £	s.	d.		Date on which pension to commence.
C.	20	4	69	10	8)	£139 1s. 4d.	29th May, 1944.
N.C.	19	4	69	10	8)		

RECOMMENDED that a superannuation allowance be granted to the employee in ques as shown in the above statement.

649 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Lawrence, th the Council do now resume in public session; and that the recommendations above s forth be adopted.

22nd May, 1944.

Mayor.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

2nd MAY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), Alderman C. S. Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors the Rev Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks, Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs Roberts.

650 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

651 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the book submitted, be approved.

652 **Fire Guard—Conscientious Objector:**

The Town Clerk reported that, arising out of the instructions given at a recent meeting of the Committee, that legal proceedings should be instituted against a resident who had refused to undertake fire guard duty as a conscientious objector, it had since been ascertained that the person in question had left the Borough.

In the circumstances, it was

RESOLVED that no further action be taken in the matter.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 646(a) of the Council Minutes of 24th April, 1944. 183(a)

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

Mayor.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

4th April, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman) (in the Chair), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors the Rev.Brooksbank, J.P., Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

1. RE-HOUSING:

(a) Release of Requisitioned Premises.-

(i) 72, Ossulton Way.- The Town Clerk reported that the Committee had recently agreed to release the above premises for occupation by the owner but that owing to resumption of enemy activity he was not desirous of bringing his family back to Finchley but wished to sell the premises and with the proceeds purchase another house in a safer area and had made application for the consent of the Council to this proposal. In the special circumstances, it was

RESOLVED that the desired consent be granted subject to the sale being completed and the premises occupied by not later than 24th June, 1944.

(ii) Dollis Lodge, Dollis Avenue.- It was reported that an application had been received for the release of the above-mentioned premises in order that they might be used as a nursing home. After due consideration, it was

RESOLVED that the premises be released for the purpose in question but that the attention of the applicants be drawn to the necessity for obtaining the consent of the Council on Town Planning grounds.

(b) Incidents - 14th/15th March, 1944.-

The Town Clerk reported upon the arrangements which had been made for the re-housing of the persons rendered homeless at Stanhope Road and Torrington Park.

(c) Available Accommodation.-

The following particulars were submitted:-

	Houses.	Accommodation.
Serviced	6	40
" (half-way)	6	135
Unserviced	17	170
	29	345

(d) Staff.-

It was reported that Mrs.M.Knowles had been granted leave of absence without pay for one week whilst her husband was on leave.

(e) No.5, Prospect Parade.-

The Town Clerk reported that the above requisitioned property consisted of four rooms and a shop; that it was proposed to store in the shop the furniture at present accommodated at Pax-Dene, Fitzalan Road thus making these premises available for two large

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families. He intimated that access to the flat at No.6, Parade was through the shop so that it was necessary to reliable tenant for the flat who would act as caretaker furniture. He intimated that accommodation was urgently for Mr.and Mrs. Hughes and daughter (Mr.Hughes being a case) at present living in rooms at 10, New Oak Road and that this family be housed in the flat in question;

RESOLVED that this arrangement be approved.

(f) Re-Housing Officer.-

The Town Clerk reported hereon;

RESOLVED (a) that Mr.Ivan Fooks, the Valuation appointed Re-Housing Officer;

(b) that the thanks of the Committee to Mr.F.C.Goodman, Deputy Re-Housing Offic services whilst acting as Re-Housing Offic cularly in regard to the recent incidents thanks of the Committee be also extended to members of the staff of the Billeting Offic

2. WAR DAMAGE:

(a) 114, Fallowcourt Avenue.- The Borough Surveyor report tenders which had been obtained for the repair of the ab

RESOLVED that the tender of Messrs.C.Halls and S the sum of £298. be accepted, subject to com

(b) Premises - Stanhope Road.- The Borough Surveyor report the roofs of a number of premises in Stanhope Road had been severely damaged as a result of the recent incident and th had necessitated in many cases providing almost a completely roof. He intimated that in several cases the roofs had been defective and had presented a considerable source of and in the circumstances, he was endeavouring to obtain fro owners a contribution towards the cost of re-roofing the p

RESOLVED that the action of the Borough Engineer Surveyor be supported.

3. CAR FOR DISTRICT WARDEN AND A.C.O. - DISTRICT 7.

The Chief Warden reported that it was desirable that District Warden should have some transport available and the Wardens in his district had offered to place his car whi already licensed at the disposal of the District Warden as necessary;

RESOLVED that the use of such car for Civil Defence purposes be recognised by the Council.

4. DEPUTY CONTROLLER - CAR:

RESOLVED that the use by Councillor Grobel, Deputy troller, of his private car for Civil Defence poses be approved.

5. REPORT CENTRE - STAFF:

The Town Clerk reported that there were three vacancies Report Centre staff but that he was unable to obtain the re ments. In view of the seriousness of the position he was to report the matter to the Authorities.

C.S.SYPETT,
Chairman (pro tempore)

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

4th April, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S. Syrett (Chairman), Councillor Fitness (Vice-Chairman), and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-Member: Alderman Pateman.

1.- POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY.-

An Interim Report by the Town Clerk and the General Manager and Engineer was submitted in regard to the above, but it was decided to defer consideration thereof, pending the submission by the General Manager of recommendations for the immediate post war period, and instructions were given for a special meeting to be convened during the month of May and for the Interim Report to be circulated again for that Meeting.

2.- PURCHASE OF CAR.-

The General Manager reported that he had obtained an option for the purchase of an 8 h.p. Morris Car at the sum of £60;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the purchase of the car; that the preparation of a contract in connection therewith be dispensed with and that Standing Order No. 13 be suspended accordingly.

Arising thereon, Councillor Fitness declared that he had an interest in the matter and in consequence did not vote or take any part of the discussion relating thereto.

3.- WAR DAMAGE.-

The General Manager and Engineer reported that, in a recent air attack, the Sub-Station at Fredericks Place sustained minor damage; further, that the sub-station was in operation and that the estimated cost of repairs was £90.

4.- STAFF AND EMPLOYEES.-

The Committee considered and made recommendations to the General Purposes Committee upon a number of matters relating to members of the staff and employees, particulars of which will appear in the report of that Committee.

5.- FUEL ECONOMY.-

The General Manager and Engineer reported receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Fuel and Power referring to the recent restriction placed upon industrial undertakings in

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connection with the use of electricity and requesting him report in the event of any consumer exceeding 90 per cent his normal consumption. The matter was left to the General Manager to deal with.

6.- VISITS BY MEMBERS OF TECHNICAL STAFF TO INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS:-

The General Manager and Engineer reported that it was desirable, as and when opportunities occurred, for members of the technical staff to visit industrial undertakings with a view to becoming more acquainted with engineering methods etc;

RECOMMENDED that the General Manager be authorised to arrange for such visits when possible and that any necessary expenditure in connection therewith be approved.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 646 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 24th April, 1944.

Mayor

This is the report referred to in paragraph 646 (c) of the Council Minutes of he 24th April, 1944.

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Mayor.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

5th APRIL, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M.E. Legge, M.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillors Blunden and the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

Non-Members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

1.- STAFF.-

The Chief Librarian reported upon a number of matters relating to the staff, particulars of which will appear in the report of the General Purposes Committee.

2.- LOCAL HISTORY.-

The Chief Librarian reported as follows :-

"Mr. C.O. Banks states that the section (a comparatively long one) of his History of Finchley, dealing with the old Inns and Public Houses, and related topics, is in its final stages. I have asked Mr. Banks to let me know what he has in mind regarding its publication and hope to be able to report further at your meeting."

Arising thereon the Chief Librarian read a letter received from Mr. Banks.

After full consideration it was

RECOMMENDED (i) that Mr. Banks be invited to submit the section of his manuscript of the History of Finchley dealing with the Parish Church and the old Inns and public Houses and related topics so soon as it has been completed and that he be informed that the Council will be prepared to consider the publication thereof and, if they ultimately agree thereto, to pay him a fee of 100 guineas for the copyright and full publishing rights subject to any necessary consents being obtained;

(ii) that the thanks of the Council be accorded to him for further valuable gifts of local documents.

MARY E. LEGGE,

Chairman.

182(h) This, together with the following two pages, is the report referred to in paragraph 646 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 24th April, 1944.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

12th April, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Hoare) and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lane and Major Steward.

Non-Members: Aldermen Pateman and Wells and Councillor Wilmot.

1.- FINCHLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ACT, 1908.-

Arising out of the decision of the Council in September last that, subject to the Minister of Health raising no objection, a gratuity of a sum not exceeding one year's pay of the late Fusilier W.H. Brown be granted to his parents under the above Act and disbursed at the rate of 7/- a week until June, 1944 when the matter be reviewed, the Town Clerk submitted a communication received from the Ministry of Health intimating that no approval on the part of the Minister was required in the matter;

RECOMMENDED that payment of the gratuity, in accordance with the previous resolution, be now made, but that the review of the amount of the weekly payment be deferred until June, 1945.

2.- LAND - FRITH LANE.-

The Town Clerk submitted a communication dated 23rd April, 1944 received from the War Office stating that the War Department desired to purchase the land in Frith Lane having an area of 3.854 acres which was at present under requisition, and enquiring whether the Council would be prepared to sell to the Department and, if so, upon what terms.

The Committee were of opinion that, in view of the use which was made of the land in peace time by the Finchley Boy Scouts Association, it should be retained for this purpose if at all possible and, to this end, they authorised the Town Clerk, together with the Borough Surveyor and the Valuation Officer to discuss the matter with representatives of the Department;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

3.- MIDDLESEX WHITLEY COUNCIL FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES' ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SERVICES.-

(a) The Minutes of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the above-mentioned Council held on the 24th March, 1944 were submitted.

Arising thereon, the Deputy Mayor, the Council's representative, reported that there was considerable difference of opinion on the Whitley Council arising out of certain proposals to amend the constitution which would have the effect of transferring power from the Provincial Council to the National Joint Council, and he asked for the instructions of the Committee in regard to voting on the matter at the next meeting of the Whitley Council.

The Committee were of opinion that any proposal, the adoption of which would result in the powers of the Provincial Council being transferred to the National Joint Council, should be opposed and instructed the Deputy Mayor accordingly;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) A circular letter dated 27th March, 1944 was submitted from the Secretary of the Whitley Council enclosing copy of an amended Scheme of salary adjustments which it was recommended should be adopted with effect as from the 1st April, 1944 and also suggesting that the normal annual leave of Officers should be restored, subject to a maximum of three weeks.

As regards the amended Scheme of salary adjustments it was decided to refer the matter to the Council and Staff Joint Committee;

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the action taken be approved; and

(2) that, as regards the permanent staff, normal annual leave of officers be restored, subject to a maximum of three weeks and, as regards temporary staff, the following scheme be adopted :-

Newcomers with under 12 months' service - one day per month calculated as from the previous 1st October, subject to increase, where justified, at the discretion of the Chief Officer concerned.

Over 12 months and under 5 years' service - 12 working days and usual general holidays.

Over 5 years' service - 18 working days and usual general holidays, provided the member of the staff concerned is over 25 years of age.

All part-time staff - a proportionate holiday based on the above.

4.- WHITLEY WORKS COMMITTEE.-

Reports of a meeting of the Employers' Side of the Whitley Works Committee held on the 30th March, 1944, and of a meeting of the full Committee held on the same date (copies

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of which are attached) were submitted;

RECOMMENDED that same be adopted.

5.- STAFF.-

(a) Absence through illness.- The names of those of the staff who had been absent, through illness, since last ordinary meeting of the Committee were submitted, with the necessary medical certificates.

(b) Town Clerk's Department.- The Town Clerk reported as follows :-

(i) that Mr. Pedley, the Hall Keeper at the Municipal Offices resumed work on the 13th March, 1944.

(ii) that Mrs. Marks, Telephone Operator, was granted a week's leave, without pay, commencing on the March, 1944 under the terms of the Council's resolution.

(iii) that, arising out of the possibility of D.S. Blakey being called up for service with the Forces, had, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, advertised for an experienced temporary Committee Clerk salary of £300 per annum, plus bonus.

He intimated that indefinite deferment had since been obtained for Mr. Blakey, but that, in his opinion, it would be desirable to appoint an additional temporary Committee Clerk if a suitable applicant could be obtained.

He also reported that only three applications had been received and instructions were given for a further tisement to be inserted in the local Press;

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the action taken by the Town Clerk be approved;

(2) that authority be given for the appointment of a temporary Committee Clerk upon the terms above-mentioned; and

(3) that the Staff Sub-Committee be authorised to make the appointment, subject to

(c) Education Department.- The Director of Education reported that, in accordance with the Council's resolution leave of absence, without pay, had been granted to Mrs. Allen, a temporary Clerk in his Department on the 8th and March, 1944.

(d) Valuation Department.- It was reported that the Valuation Committee at their last meeting considered a reference from this Committee with regard to the question granting to the Valuation Officer a car allowance, when it decided to suggest that Mr. Fooks be granted an allowance mileage basis in accordance with the scale laid down by the Council in June, 1942 from the date on which he purchased car;

RECOMMENDED that the suggestion of the Valuation Committee be adopted.

(e) Electricity Department.- It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Electricity Committee, the General Manager and Engineer reported as follows :-

(i) Death of Mr. R.G. Hoare.- that Mr. R.G.Hoare, who had been a valued member of the clerical staff for 17 years died on the 27th March, 1944, following an operation.

(ii) The late Mr. F. Cooper.- that, with reference to the decision of the Council to award Mrs. Cooper one year's salary, it had, in consultation with the Chairman of the Electricity Committee, been agreed to pay her the amount in full; that this had now been done and that Mrs. Cooper had asked him to convey to the Council her warm appreciation of their generosity.

(iii) Technical Staff.- that Mr. F.G. Sinclair, at present employed as a Draughtsman, under Class G Grade 9A of the N.J.B. Schedule, at a salary of £311.17. -. was engaged on post war reconstruction work, and that he recommended that Mr. Sinclair be re-designated as a Junior Mains Engineer under Class G Grade 9 at a salary of £346.10. -.; that the Electricity Committee had decided to recommend to this Committee accordingly;

RECOMMENDED that the recommendation of the Electricity Committee be adopted, with effect as from the 1st April, 1944.

(iv) Leave of Absence.- that special leave of absence, for 9 days, without pay, had been granted to Mrs. K.E. Johnson, commencing on the 20th March, 1944 whilst her husband was on leave.

(v) Temporary Staff.- that Mrs. B.B. Crisp had been appointed as a part-time clerical assistant in the Consumers' Department, in place of Mrs. Beamish who left on the 11th February last, and that she commenced her duties on the 21st February, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(vi) Illness.- that Mr. H. Sharp, upon whom he reported to the Committee at last meeting, was still absent from duty owing to illness.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Electricity Committee it was

RECOMMENDED that payment of sick pay be continued until the date of the ordinary meeting of the Council in May next.

(vii) War and other Approved Government Service.- that since the issue of his last report, Mr. S. Phillips, a meter reader, had returned to civil duties, having been discharged from H. M. Forces on medical grounds, and that the position of members of the Department, to date, who had joined the Forces, or who had taken up duties in other approved

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Government Service, was :-

Staff	34
Employees	31
Total	65

(f) Public Libraries Department.- It was repo
at the last meeting of the Public Libraries Committee
Chief Librarian reported :-

(i) that one week's special leave, with
had been granted to part-time Assistant Mrs. Lee fro
28th February to the 4th March, 1944 whilst her husb
on leave.

(ii) that part-time Assistant Mrs. Mansfi
resigned from the 1st April, and had been replaced by
A.M. Brookbank from the 3rd April, 1944.

(g) Borough Surveyor's Department.- The Borough
reported as follows :-

(i) that Miss J. Atkinson, Junior Clerk
Department, was likely to be called at an early date
service in H.M. Forces, and that he was endeavouring
the vacancy.

(ii) that Mrs. D. Rogers had been engaged
Accounts Section of his Department as a part-time assi
as from the 6th March, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be app

(iii) that Mrs. E.M. Lewis and Miss J. Cu
been engaged as part-time shorthand-typists as from th
March and 20th March, 1944 respectively;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be app

(h) Finance Department.- The Borough Treasurer r
as follows :-

(i) that Mr. J. Hooker - temporary Junior C
would be called to the Services within the next two or
weeks and Miss B. Burt had been appointed as a substitu

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be appr

(ii) that Mrs.M.F.Pratt, temporary Cashier,
made application for release in order that she might ac
employment in her father-in-law's business whilst her h
was serving in the Forces, and that he had agreed there
subject to a suitable substitute first being obtained;
that in conjunction with the Chairman of the Committee
appointed Mrs. James to fill the vacancy and that she w
commence duty on the 17th April, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approv

(iii) that Miss B. Worth, temporary Internal
Auditor, was being transferred to the Ministry of Aircra
Production on the 17th April, 1944.

6.- SUPERANNUATION - REFUNDS AND TRANSFER VALUES.- The Borough
Treasurer submitted a list of refunds made and transfer
paid and received in respect of certain members of the

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK
Chairman

WHITLEY WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Employers' Side)

30th March, 1944

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.) Alderman Syrett and Councillors Brooksbank Bryson and Lawrence.

1.- CHAIRMAN:

RESOLVED that Councillor A.N.H. Baines, whose absence owing to illness was noted with regret, be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

2.- VICE-CHAIRMAN:

RESOLVED that Councillor W.L. Brooksbank be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Brooksbank thereupon occupied the Chair.

3.- MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th October, 1943, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

4.- AGENDA OF WHITLEY WORKS COMMITTEE - 30TH MARCH, 1944:

The Committee carefully considered the above and decided the point of view to put before the full Meeting regarding the various matters contained therein.

W.L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman, pro tempore.

WHITLEY WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

30TH MARCH, 1944.

Present: Employers' Side

The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett and Councillors Brooksbank, Bryson and Lawrence.

Workpeople's Side

Messrs. J. Connisbee, J. Disbrey, F. Pearce, H.W. Reed, R.J. Stevens and R. Sturrock.

The Mayor occupied the Chair.

1.- APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor A.N.H. Baines was appointed Chairman.

2.- MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 9th October, 1943 were confirmed and signed.

3.- APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Mr. R.J. Stevens was appointed Vice-Chairman and thereupon took the Chair.

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4.- FIREGUARD DUTIES:

It was reported that several meetings had been h by the Workpeople's Side at which officials of the C were present and explained in detail the proposed new bined arrangements in respect of certain Council premi under the Business Premises Order of 1943. Certain p had been raised by the Workpeople's Side and noted for in the draft arrangements. It was stated that a furth report would be made when the arrangements had been approved by the Regional Commissioners and the date for commencement thereof ascertained.

5.- PAY-AS-YOU-EARN SCHEME:

It was reported that a meeting had been held of the Workpeople's Side at which officials of the Council were present to explain the difficulties and increased labour involved in the above scheme. It was pointed out that would be impossible to prepare the pay sheets for payment on Fridays, if the pay week continued to end on Wednesday. The Workpeople's Side had expressed their appreciation of the difficulties and agreed that the best method to adopt would be for the pay week to end, as from the first week in April, on Tuesdays; this involved the temporary loss one day's pay and arrangements had been made whereby the temporary loss was spread over twelve weeks.

6.- NATIONAL SAVINGS - SHILLING IN THE POUND SAVINGS SCH

Alderman Syrett explained to the Workpeople's Side National Movement whereby employees were asked to consi deduction of a shilling in the pound towards National Sav He stressed that such deduction would be quite voluntary the Workpeople's Side suggested that Alderman Syrett sho address a meeting of employees to expound a scheme. Al Syrett stated that he would be most pleased to do this a it was agreed accordingly.

7.- RE-GRADING OF NIGHT WATCHMEN:

The Workpeople's Side requested that watchmen should re-graded, pointing out that surrounding districts were p higher wages per shift and that watchmen did not benefit the same extent as other employees by way of cost-of-livi bonus.

RECOMMENDED that as from the pay week commencing Wednesday the 26th April, watchmen be paid at the rate of 11/6d. per shift, in lieu of the present rate of 9/6d. per shift.

8.- GRANTING OF SICK PAY TO EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO WORK NATIONAL IMPORTANCE:

With reference to the Council's decision hereon in October, 1943, it was reported that the Council's scheme been submitted to the Ministry of Health who expressed do whether section 1 of the Local Government Staffs (War Serv Act, 1939, would enable the Council to compensate an empl for pay lost by reason of absence for which no financial provision has been made in his contract of service with h now employers.

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It was further reported that the matter had been placed before the Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the County of Middlesex, who had decided that no variation should be made in the existing recommendation that authorities should apply to employees transferred to other employment by the Ministry of Labour the same conditions as those appertaining to staff called up for service in H.M. Forces.

Under the circumstances, it was

RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in the matter.

R.J. STEVENS,

Chairman, pro tempore.

This, together with the previous page, gives the reports referred to in paragraph 4 of the Part II Report of the General Purposes Committee referred to in paragraph 646 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 24th April, 1944.

Mayor.

Authority, continuing to conduct their own religious instruction.

He further reported that he had received a letter from the Treasurer of the North Finchley Baptist Church suggesting that, during holiday periods, the rent for the premises should be one-half of the normal weekly rent of £5.5.0, instead of one-third as previously arranged, as two of three halls were quite immobilised by the presence of school furniture.

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This is the report referred to in paragraph 646 (e) of the Council Minutes of the 24th April, 1944.

Mayor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

13th April, 1944.

IN COMMITTEE.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N.Norman),
Councillors Bryson and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A. and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

1. Report of a meeting of the School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting of the above, held on 3rd April, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:-

(a) Staff - Miss B.B.Hilton. That Miss Hilton, Domestic Science Mistress at Northside Senior School, had submitted her resignation to take effect as from the 30th April, 1944. Authority had been given to appoint an assistant mistress from among Training College applicants.

Arising therefrom, the Chairman reported that the Appointments Sub-Committee had interviewed three applicants from Training Colleges for the post, but no appointment had been made. It was agreed that, if necessary, advertisements be issued for the filling of the post.

RECOMMENDED that the Report, as amended, be approved.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

2. Christ Church School - Temporary premises, Dale Grove Hall.

It was reported that arrangements for the accommodation at Dale Grove Hall, North Finchley, of children of the above school, consequent upon its closure by reason of bomb damage received on the night of 14th/15th March, had been reported fully to the Council at the March meeting.

These arrangements, as a matter of urgency, had been approved and the terms agreed, so far as the Council were concerned.

It was further reported that the Borough Treasurer had made the necessary claim under the War Damage Act, 1943, for damage to the Committee's furniture and equipment, estimated at £40 approximately.

In connection with the above, the Director of Education stated that he had met the Chairman of the Managers (who themselves were liable for the rent of the premises) who had informed him that the Managers would be unable to meet the rent charges from their funds. He, the Director of Education, understood that the Authority could, with the sanction of the Board of Education, assume responsibility for the provision of the temporary premises and meet the cost of the rent, the school becoming the Authority's school so long as that responsibility continued, and the Managers, by arrangement with the Authority, continuing to conduct their own religious instruction.

He further reported that he had received a letter from the Treasurer of the North Finchley Baptist Church suggesting that, during holiday periods, the rent for the premises should be one-half of the normal weekly rent of £5.5.0, instead of one-third as previously arranged, as two of three halls were quite immobilised by the presence of school furniture.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that, subject to the consent of the Board of Educati and to the necessary arrangements with the Managers, Authority assume responsibility for the provision of temporary premises and for the rental thereof from t date of occupation, the school to become the Authorit school over the period their responsibility is maint the Managers continuing to conduct their own religio instruction.

(2) that, subject to effect being given to (1) above, th Authority agree to pay, during school holidays, one- of the normal weekly rent of £5.5.0, instead of one- as previously proposed.

(3) that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

3. Glebe Land Cricket Pitch - Schools' Organised Games.

The Director of Education reported that a part of the Gle used by schools for organised games during the winter season, available to them for the summer, it being let, as in recent to Messrs. Simms. He understood that the Parks and Open Spa Committee would raise no objection, in the special circumstan the Education Committee coming to an arrangement with Messrs. for the sub-letting of a part of the ground rented by them fr Council.

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman, the rent to be paid to Messrs. Simms not to exceed £10 for the season.

4. Staff.

(a) Mr. C.A.Wilshaw, School Dentist - Leave of Absence. Cons was given to a request from Mr. Wilshaw for leave of absence f calendar month, not at present specified, so that he might vol to serve with the Emergency Small Harbour Craft Service for th Mr. Wilshaw proposes to include his annual leave in the m question.

RECOMMENDED that one month's leave of absence, inclusive o his annual leave and with full payment of salary, be granted to Mr. C.A.Wilshaw for the purpose named.

(b) Resignation - Mrs. K. McKenna, Temporary Teacher, Our Lady Lourdes School. It was reported that Mrs. McKenna had submi resignation to the Managers to take effect as from the 8th Apr

(c) Appointment - Miss M. Dean, Assistant Mistress, Our Lady o Lourdes School. It was reported that the Managers of Our Lad Lourdes School had appointed Miss Dean as a full-time mistress, that she will commence her duties on the 1st May, 1944.

RECOMMENDED that the Authority raise no objection to the appointment.

(d) Mr. J.C.Dunn - Caretaker, Northside School. The Director Education reported with great regret that Mr. Dunn, who was re missing on the 3rd March, 1943, was now presumed to be killed action at sea. The Director of Education was asked to send a letter to the widow.

5. Staff Absences.

A list of members of the staff absent since the last meeti Committee was submitted, and it was reported that these absence within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED that salaries be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

17th April, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Major H.W. Steward (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Aldermen Syrett and Wells and Councillors Blunden, Fitness, Langlands and Mrs. Roberts.

1.- LOAN - £38,760 - 5¼% - 60 YEARS.
LIVERPOOL VICTORIA FRIENDLY SOCIETY.-

The Borough Treasurer reported that the break clause in the Mortgage securing the above loan would become operative on the 2nd January, 1945 and that the question of the desirability of making provision for re-payment should receive attention.

After full consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

(i) that the Town Clerk be instructed to give formal notice forthwith to the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society of the Council's intention to repay the loan on the 2nd January, 1945;

(ii) that the consideration of the question of raising any further loan in lieu of that to be repaid be deferred for the time being.

2.- FINCHLEY GOLF, SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.-

The Borough Treasurer reported receipt from the Secretary of the Golf Club of a sum of £250 on account of rent, in addition to the amount of the annual compensation received by the Club from the War Department;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Finchley Golf Sports and Social Club Sub-Committee.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 646 (f) of the Council Minutes of the 24th April, 1944.

Mayor.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

18th April, 1944.

PART II.

Present : Alderman A.T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P., (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

1. MINUTES.

The Minutes of meetings of the Committee held on the 1[illegible] October and 15th November, 1943 and 21st February, 1944 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. LAND - SWAN LANE.

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 21st February, 1[illegible] from Messrs. Sturt and Tivendale stating that several years a[illegible] their clients purchased a piece of land in Swan Lane and plans for the erection of ten flats thereon were approved by the Council; that building operations were commenced in 1938 but abandoned owing to the international situation and that no further work had since been carried out. It was intimated t[illegible] the Developers were now prepared to sell the site together wi[illegible] the plans as originally approved for the sum of £1100 freehol[illegible] and that enquiry was made as to whether the Council desired to purchase at the price asked or to submit an offer.

It was pointed out that the land was immediately adjacent to the Council's housing scheme in Swan Lane and in the circumstances, the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor were instructed to negotiate on the question of price and to report thereon at the Council Meeting;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

3. POST WAR HOUSING - FINANCE.

The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from the Clerk of the Blaydon Urban District Council forwarding copy of a resolution which was passed at a local housing conference in which it was suggested that local authorities post war housing programmes should be financed by Government borrowing on the lines of National Savings Certificates and the proceeds lent to local authorities at one per cent interest. The support of this authority was invited to representations proposed to be made to the Government on the subject. After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in the matter.

4. ADVANCE PREPARATION OF HOUSING SITES.

The Town Clerk submitted Ministry of Health Circular No.14[illegible] and Town and Country Planning Circular No.7 drawing attention to the desirability of carrying out works of site preparation including the provision of roads and sewers during the present year and intimating that it was anticipated that the organisation specialist labour and plant of a number of Civil Engineering contractors, until recently engaged on the construction of airfields would shortly be available for this work. It was suggested in the Ministry of Health Circular that local authorities should arrange local conferences to agree grouping in order to provide sufficient sites within a given radius in order to obtain the best results for the purpose of such a contract.

Arising therefrom, the Chairman of the Committee and the Borough Surveyor reported upon a conference which had taken pl[illegible]

between the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health and the Chairmen of Housing Committees in the County together with their Chief Officers on the subject, but it was pointed out that so far as Finchley was concerned, as the immediate housing programme was the completion of the Red Lion Hill Scheme which involved only a small amount of roadwork, of which part could not be commenced until some of the flats were completed, no advantage would be obtained by adopting the scheme.

The Chairman also reported upon certain action which had been taken in other Regions and in Parliament, as well as a Deputation to the Minister from the National Federation of Building Trade Employers, all of which has resulted in a considerable modification of the Scheme by the restoration of freedom of action by Housing Authorities. In the circumstances, therefore, it was

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in regard to the circulars in question but that work upon the Red Lion Hill Scheme be proceeded with as early as possible.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL STAFF.

Arising out of the preceding paragraph, the Borough Surveyor reported that it had not been possible to obtain release from the Forces of Mr. R.H. Francis, the Architectural Assistant who had been engaged on the Red Lion Hill Housing Scheme and that in the circumstances, he had consulted the Ministry of Labour Central Register with a view to obtaining the services of a technical assistant. He intimated that an application had now been received from Mr. D.C. Perrett, Temporary Deputy Borough Surveyor, Haslemere and that there was a possibility of several other applications being received. The Committee were of opinion that it was most desirable that an Architectural Assistant should be appointed as early as possible and it was

RECOMMENDED (i) that authority be given for the appointment of a temporary Architectural Assistant at a salary not exceeding £400 p.a. plus bonus.

and (ii) that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and the Chairman of this Committee be authorised to make the appointment subject to report.

6. SITES FOR POST WAR HOUSING SCHEMES.

The Committee considered several sites which might be suitable for municipal housing purposes and arising thereon it was

RECOMMENDED (i) Bombed Site High Road, East Finchley.

(a) that the Borough Surveyor prepare a scheme for the layout of this site including the use of part for housing purposes and submit same for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, and

(b) that the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor investigate the possibility of acquiring any property adjacent to this site with a view to its being included in a re-development scheme.

(ii) Elmshurst, East End Road. - that the Town Clerk approach the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health with a view to the acquisition of this site for housing purposes.

DLETON HOUSE, HIGH ROAD and BOUCHIER HOUSE, OAK LANE.

he Town Clerk reported that with the approval of the Chairman Committee, Messrs. Simms Motor Units Limited had been granted thly tenancy of two rooms in Myddleton House for purposes of e and packing at a rent of £3. per month inclusive, subject inimum tenancy of six months. He also intimated that the y were desirous of obtaining accommodation for a Drawing Office t it had been suggested that they might be granted a tenancy ground floor of Bouchier House for this purpose.

RECOMMENDED (i) that the letting of Myddleton House be approved; and

(ii) that subject to the approval of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee, authority be given for Messrs. Simms Motor Units Ltd. to be granted a tenancy of the ground floor of Bouchier House for use as a drawing office and that the matter be left to the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to deal with subject to report.

TONAL HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING CONFERENCE.

he Town Clerk reported that the above conference was to take t the Central Hall, Westminster on 29th and 30th June, 1944 t the Council were invited appoint delegates.

RECOMMENDED that the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Mrs. Legge, the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be so appointed.

A. T. PIKE,

Chairman.

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 646 (g) of the Council Minutes of the 24th April, 1944.

Mayor.

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653 **Civil Defence Canteens:**

It was reported that the Communal Feeding Department had relinquished control of the canteens on the 29th April, 1944.

654 **Re-Housing:**

(*a*) Statistics in regard to the above for the quarter ended 31st March, 1944, were submitted.

(*b*) Recovery of billeting costs.—The Borough Treasurer submitted the quarterly statement in regard to the above.

655 **Wages—Statistics:**

Particulars of wages paid to whole-time personnel for the 14 weeks ended 2nd April, 1944, were submitted.

656 **Ambulance Calls—Quarter ended 31st March, 1944:**

Particulars of ambulance calls for the above period were submitted.

657 **Personnel—Service Pay:**

Home Security Circular No. 60/1944 was submitted forwarding particulars of additional service pay to be granted to personnel after completion of one, two or three years' service. Arising thereon, the Medical Officer drew attention to the fact that there were certain personnel engaged for Civil Defence purposes but who were not within the establishment;

RESOLVED that application be made to the Middlesex County Council and the Ministry of Health for authority to extend the provisions of this circular to such personnel.

658 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted copies of circulars which had been received from various Government departments.

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman.

Valuation Committee's Report.

2nd MAY, 1944.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) (Chairman) and Councillors the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., Langlands and Lawrence.

659 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

660 **Valuation Officer's Report:**

The Valuation Officer reported as follows:—

1. **North Middlesex Assessment Committee.**

That at a meeting of the above Committee held on the 24th March, 1944, the claim by the owner of St. Andrew's, Woodside Avenue, that the garden should be treated as an agricultural hereditament, was rejected.

At the same meeting the de-rating claims lodged by the occupiers of the following hereditaments were not opposed by the Rating Authority and they were transferred to Part II of the Valuation List:—

1, Station Mews, Station Road.
Factory and Premises, Stanhope Road.
864, High Road.
417, Long Lane;

further, that at the meeting held on the 28th April, 1944, the Assessment of 79, Queen's Avenue had been reduced to Gross Value £56 Rateable Value £45 on a proposal made by the owner.

2. Statutory Undertakings.

(*a*) Northmet Power Co.—That a letter had been received from the County Valuer dated March, 1944, stating that in view of the difficulty of making the preliminary report available to the Rating Authorities concerned in sufficient time for them to consider the matter and to Proposals before the 31st March, 1944, and having regard to the point of principle which may possibly have to be determined as to which year's accounts should properly be employed, the County Valuation Committee had resolved at a special meeting held on the 27th March, 1944, to take immediate action to safeguard the interests of the Rating Authorities by themselves lodging the aforementioned Proposals; further, that an objection had since been received to the Proposal lodged in respect of the hereditament in the occupation of the Company in Finchley.

(*b*) Metropolitan Water Board.—That a similar letter to that referred to in (*a*) above had been received from the County Valuer in respect of the Metropolitan Water Board and that similar steps had been taken; further, that an objection to this proposal had also been received.

(*c*) Gas Light and Coke Company.—That a communication from the County Valuer regarding the assessments of this undertaking had been received in which it was stated that the Panel Valuers advised that protective proposals should be made before the end of the rate period terminating on 31st March, 1944; further, that a Protective proposal had been lodged in respect of the Company's hereditament in Finchley and an objection thereto had been received;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*d*) Finchley Borough Electricity Undertaking.—That a communication had been received from the County Valuer stating that the Panel Valuers reported that the existing assessment of £[illegible] should not be disturbed for the two years from 1st April, 1942, to 31st March, 1944.

(*e*) Central Electricity Board.—That in response to a communication received from the County Valuer requesting that a protective proposal be lodged in respect of the hereditament in Finchley in the occupation of the Board before the 31st March, 1944, the necessary action had been taken.

RECOMMENDED that this be approved.

(*f*) Tottenham and District Gas Company.—That a letter had been received from the County Valuer stating that, in connection with the protective proposal made on behalf of this Rating Authority in March, 1943, the Panel Valuers were recommending an increase of the existing assessment of Rateable Value £426 to a figure of £447 to operate from 1st April, 1942; further that at the suggestion of the County Valuer a protective proposal had been lodged in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1944; that the Company had lodged an objection thereto, together with a counter proposal; and that an objection to the latter had been made on behalf of the Rating Authority;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the action taken be approved; and
(*b*) that the County Valuer be informed that this Rating Authority is in agreement with the recommendation in respect of the increase in the existing assessment.

(*g*) North Middlesex Gas Company.—That a communication from the County Valuer regarding the assessment of this Undertaking had been received requesting that a protective proposal be lodged in respect of the existing assessment of Rateable Value £4,647; further, that the necessary action had been taken and that an objection to the proposal had been received.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

661 **Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928:**

(a) De-Rating Claim.

It was reported that a de-rating claim had been received in respect of 295, Regents Park Road, and after hearing a report by the Valuation Officer it was

RECOMMENDED that the claim be not opposed by the Rating Authority.

(b) De-Rating of Industrial Hereditaments.

In accordance with the instructions of the Committee, the Valuation Officer submitted a list of de-rated industrial properties showing Net Annual Value and Rateable Value and which indicated that for the financial year ending 31st March, 1944, there was a loss of £17,099 in rateable value to the authority in respect of industrial hereditaments.

R. J. N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

8th MAY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett, Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Roberts and Tyndall;

Miss Davey, M.A., and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

662 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 13th April, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

663 **Children's Care Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on the 20th April, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

664 **Juvenile Employment Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on the 20th April, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

665 **Accounts:**

Accounts were examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment. Note: Councillor Bryson did not vote or take part in discussion.

666 **Lettings:**

Lettings, particulars of which have been entered in the Minutes of the Education Committee, were approved.

667 **School Holidays—Whitsun and Summer:**

(a) Whitsun.

It was reported that the Chairman had authorised the closing of the schools for the Whitsun Holidays, i.e., Monday and Tuesday, 29th and 30th May, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) Summer.

Consideration was given to the schools' Summer Holidays and also to the opening of certain schools during the period as Play Centres;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the schools be closed at the end of the afternoon session of Thursday, and re-opened on the morning of Monday, 21st August, 1944.

(2) that, as last year, four schools, viz., Martin, Manorside, Summerside and Trinity, be opened as Play Centres during the holiday period, the arrangements be left in the hands of the Chairman and Director of Education in consultation with the teachers.

668 **Shakespeare Week:**

It was reported that the Finchley Entertainments Committee, in connection with the forthcoming Shakespeare Week, had offered accommodation up to 1,000 seats at a Matinee on the 19th, 1944, for the use of school children, at a charge of 1/- per child;

RECOMMENDED that, so far as the Elementary Schools are concerned, this offer of the Finchley Entertainments Committee be accepted with thanks, and the Director of Education be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

669 **Hospital Collection in Schools:**

A statement was submitted showing that a total of £29 11s. 5d. had been collected in schools during the year 1943-44 for the Finchley Memorial Cot Fund;

RECOMMENDED that a contribution of £29 11s. 5d. be sent to the Finchley Memorial Hospital.

670 **St. John's School—British Ship Adoption Society:**

The Director of Education submitted a report from the Headmaster of St. John's School in connection with the above.

The Committee expressed their satisfaction with the results of the activities of the society shown by the Report; and

RECOMMENDED that the annual subscription of three guineas be granted for the 1944-45.

Appointment of Miss M. A. Bush—Domestic Subjects Teacher, Northside Secondary School:

In accordance with authority given, it was reported that the Appointments Sub-Committee appointed the above-mentioned teacher, to replace Miss B. Hilton (resigned);

RESOLVED that, subject to medical examination, Miss M. A. Bush be appointed Domestic Subjects Teacher in the full-time service of the Finchley Education Authority and in the capacity of a teacher, salary to be paid in accordance with Scale IV of the Burnham Arbitration Award, and the decisions of the Board of Education relating thereto, upon terms and subject to the conditions of any other scale of salaries that may be adopted by the Authority, and subject to the terms and conditions approved by the Council in September, 1927, the appointment to date from the commencement of the Summer Term, 1944.

671 **The late Mr. H. Rice:**

It was reported, with great regret, that Mr. H. Rice, the caretaker of Manorside School, died on the 17th April, 1944.

The Director of Education was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to the widow.

672 **Education Office—Mr. C. L. Heywood, Temporary Assistant Education Officer:**

It was reported that Mr. Heywood had commenced his duties on the 1st May, 1944.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

11th MAY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), Councillor H. H. Wilmot (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Aldermen Syrett and Wells, and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

673 Minutes:

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

674 Rating and Valuation Act, 1925:

Ministry of Health Circular No. 42/44 was submitted forwarding copy of Rules made by the Minister under Section 58 of the above Act amending the Rating and Valuation (Product of Rates and Precepts) Rules, 1938.

675 Education:

(a) Erection of Temporary Huts for the Accommodation of Scholars from St. Mary's School.

The recommendations of the Education Committee in regard to an expenditure of approximately £4350 in connection with the erection of pre-fabricated huts and the provision of offices, etc., and playgrounds in connection with the above were reported and noted. It was intimated that the whole of the expenditure in question would be reimbursed.

(b) Alternative Premises for Christchurch School:

Arising out of the report made at the last meeting of the Council in connection with the above, it was intimated that the estimated expenditure in respect of rent for the above premises for a period of six months was £125;

RECOMMENDED that a supplemental estimate be approved in respect of such expenditure.

676 Statement of Bank Balances—10th May, 1944:

The following Statement was submitted:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		119,862 13 11	
A.R.P. Canteen	1,312 6 2		
Electricity Revenue	16,552 18 10		
Housing Revenue		2,763 14 —	
General Rate Fund Capital	5,256 18 8		
Communal Feeding		3,446 16 3	
Electricity Capital		5,799 3 10	
Consolidated Loans Fund	98,433 3 5		
Superannuation Fund		2,809 9 3	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		599 8 6	
Salaries		2,760 16 6	
Advance	7,960 18 8		
Suspense	40 10 4		
Loan Interest		— — —	
Wages		1,610 13 2	
	£129,556 16 1	£139,652 15 5	£10,095 19 4

677 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(a) Interim Order on Treasurer.

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council, an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £37,135 2s. made up as follows, was approved by the Committee:—

FINANCE (*contd.*).

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue ...	28,310	2	3
Electricity Revenue ...	6,052	—	9
Consolidated Loans Fund ...	38	—	—
Superannuation Fund ...	336	7	8
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund ...	16	12	6
A.R.P. Canteen ...	354	19	3
Communal Feeding ...	2,026	19	7
	£37,135	2	—

(b) Order on Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £85,916 6s. 4d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue ...	37,926	18	10
Electricity Revenue ...	9,606	15	0
Loan Interest ...	38,382	12	6
	£85,916	6	4

678 **Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:**

(*a*) It was reported that the number of existing mortgages was 159 representing a sum outstanding of £40,826.

(*b*) A statement of arrears as at the 31st March, 1944, was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that this be referred to the Chairman of the Committee and the Borough Treasurer for attention, subject, where necessary, to report.

679 **General Rate:**

(a) Rate Collection, 1st—30th April.

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1943-44. £	1943-44. %		1944-45. £	1944-45. %
12,973	4.82	Arrears ...	5,042	1.93
255,845	95.15	Half-year's Rate ...	256,504	97.98
80	0.03	Additional Assessments ...	244	0.09
268,898	100.00	Total Amount Collectible ...	261,790	100.00
58,774	21.86	Amount collected— 1st—30th April ...	*33,936	12.96
£210,124	78.14	Amount outstanding ...	£227,854	87.04

*Current Rate £33,018
Arrears ... £919

(b) Irrecoverable Amounts.

The Borough Treasurer reported upon the following statement of irrecoverable amounts as at 31st March, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
Empty ...	5,945	17	5
Revision of Assessment ...	2,879	14	3
Absconded ...	193	6	6
Deceased—No Estate ...	59	13	10
Bankrupt—No Assets ...	27	8	5
Remitted ...	515	14	4
Otherwise not collectible ...	118	13	6
	£9,740	8	3

RECOMMENDED that such sums be written off as irrecoverable.

680 **Chief Internal Auditor's Report:**

This report was submitted.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,
Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
20th June, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 26th day of JUNE, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd day of May, 1944.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Communal Feeding** of the 25th May, 1944.
(*b*) **Town Planning** of the 5th June, 1944.
(*c*) **Children's Safety** of the 5th June, 1944.
(*d*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 6th June, 1944.
(*e*) **Public Libraries** of the 7th June, 1944.
(*f*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 8th June, 1944.
(*g*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 8th June, 1944.
(*h*) **Public Health** of the 8th June, 1944.
(*i*) **Education** of the 12th June, 1944.
(*j*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 13th June, 1944.
(*k*) **General Purposes** of the 14th June, 1944.
(*l*) **Finance** of the 15th June, 1944.
(*m*) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 20th June, 1944 (if any).
(*n*) **Co-ordination of Wages (Sub)** of the 21st June, 1944 (if any).

FINANCE (*contd.*).

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue ...	28,310	2	3
Electricity Revenue ...	6,052	—	9
Consolidated Loans Fund ...	38	—	—
Superannuation Fund ...	336	7	8
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund ...	16	12	6
A.R.P. Canteen ...	354	19	3

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain docum (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Cl

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider the Reports of the following Committees

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 6th June, 1944.
(*b*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 8th June, 1944.
(*c*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 8th June, 1944.
(*d*) **Public Health** of the 8th June, 1944.
(*e*) **Education** of the 12th June, 1944.
(*f*) **General Purposes** of the 14th June, 1944.
(*g*) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 20th June, 1944 (if a
(*h*) **Co-ordination of Wages (Sub)** of the 21st June, 1944 (if any).

(7) To receive and consider reports of the Whitley Works Commit (Employers' Side) and the Whitley Works Committee of t 21st June, 1944.

(8) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(9) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Cler

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 22nd day of MAY, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Captain L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt.-Col. J. Hugh Jones.
Squad. Ldr. M. A. B. King-Hamilton.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.
H. H. Wilmot.

681 Prayers:

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

682 Minutes:

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th day of April, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

683 Apologies for Absence:

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor Baines, C.C.

684 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and as as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 2nd May, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 2nd May, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 661(*b*) (Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) 1928—Derating of Industrial Hereditaments) the Chairman of the Committee stated, in reply to a question raised by Alderman Syrett, that the loss of rate present owing to derating was £17,099; that the loss in 1929 on which compensation was received was £5,890, and that therefore £11,209 represented the figure on which no direct compensation was received.

(*c*) **Education** of the 8th May, 1944.

It was thereupon moved by the Chairman of the Committee and duly seconded "that paragraph 5 of the Committee's Report proposed to be considered by the Council in Committee be now dealt with".

On being put the motion was carried.

The paragraph in question was as follows:—

"St. Mary's School—Provision of three pre-fabricated huts on Hendon Lodge Site.—The Director of Education submitted plans and an estimate amounting to £4,350 prepared by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor covering the cost of erection of huts, including the provision of drainage, offices, playground, etc.;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the plans and estimate of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be approved for submission to the Board of Education;

(2) that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be asked to obtain tenders in the event of the Board's approval being given;

(3) that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee."

RESOLVED that the paragraph be adopted.

(*d*) **Finance** of the 11th May, 1944.

685 **Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report:**

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee and duly seconded "that paragraphs 1, 2, 4 of the Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report of the 9th May, 1944, proposed be considered by the Council, in Committee, be now dealt with.

On being put the motion was carried.

The said paragraphs of the Report were as follows:—

1. **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. **"Food for Victory" Committee:**

The Chairman read a letter received from the Honorary Secretary to the above Committee intimating that they hoped, with the co-operation of the Finchley Chrysanthemum Society, again to organise classes of exhibits at the Society's annual show in the Autumn of the present year and to include exhibits of livestock, and requesting the Council to approve a grant not exceeding £40 towards the expenses of the show.

After full discussion it was—

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that, on the condition that the Finchley Chrysanthemum Society grant the necessary facilities for the holding of the show, a sum not exceeding £40 be donated to the "Food for Victory" Committee for this purpose, subject to:—

(a) there being separate sections for cultivators of permanent and war-time plots, provided that an entrant cultivating both types of plots may enter for the permanent plot section only;

(b) the approval by this Committee of the arrangements to be made in connection with the proposed show; and

(c) the production to the Borough Treasurer of supporting vouchers.

(2) that two representatives (not being members of this Committee) from both the "Food for Victory" Committee and the Finchley Chrysanthemum Society be invited to meet this Committee to discuss the matter at a Special Meeting to be convened in June, this Committee to be empowered to approve all arrangements.

4. Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in their Instruction Books, be approved.

RESOLVED that the paragraphs in question be adopted.

686 **Local Government:**

A circular letter was submitted from the Town Clerk of Worthing forwarding a copy of the following resolutions passed by his Council:—

(1) "That this Council view with the greatest concern the proposals of various departments of H.M. Government which in effect will deprive Municipal Authorities such as Worthing of most of their important powers and duties. We refer especially to the Fire, Education and Public Health Services.

In addition, proposals are now under consideration which will take away or weaken municipal control and enterprise in connection with Electricity, Water and Libraries.

The proposals made and those in preparation all tend to culminate in Bureaucratic Dictatorship and are quite contrary to the principles of Democracy which our people are fighting to preserve."

To the Prime Minister.

(2) "That copies of the above Resolution be forwarded to every member of Parliament and to all Municipal Authorities throughout the Country."

RESOLVED that the foregoing resolutions be supported by the Council, and that the Member of Parliament for the Finchley Division be notified of the action taken.

687 **Death of Mr. H. Wood Barter—Former Town Clerk:**

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mrs. Barter expressing her deep appreciation for the kind message of sympathy sent to her by the Council in her recent bereavement.

688 **Non-County Boroughs Association—Election of Executive Committee, 1944:**

Voting paper in connection with the above was submitted;

RESOLVED that it be left to the Town Clerk to deal with.

689 **Closure of Municipal Offices and Public Libraries—Whitsun Vacation:**

RESOLVED—

(a) that the Municipal Offices be closed on Saturday, the 27th May, 1944, and on Whit Monday, subject to a Senior Official being in attendance in each Department on the Saturday morning to deal with any urgent business;

(b) that the Public Libraries be closed on Whit Monday, but opened on the Saturday.

Arising hereon, it was further

RESOLVED that the General Purposes Committee be asked to consider the desirability of submitting to the Council a definite proposal with regard to the closing of the Municipal Offices on public holidays so as to avoid the necessity for a special resolution to be passed on each occasion.

690 **British Legion—Annual Service and Parade:**

The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor had accepted, on behalf of the Corporation, an invitation from the Finchley Branch of the British Legion to attend their Annual Service and Parade to be held on Sunday, the 11th June, at Holy Trinity Church, East Finchley. The Mayor expressed the hope that he would have the support of the Members and Chief Officers on the occasion.

691 **"Salute the Soldier" Week:**

It was reported that a letter had been received by the Mayor from the President of the National Savings Committee as follows:—

> "I write to offer my congratulations upon the successful result achieved by Finchley in its 'Salute the Soldier' Week.
>
> Perhaps you would be good enough to convey to your fellow citizens my warmest thanks for the support they have once more rendered to the War Savings Campaign. We are very much indebted to the Local Authorities for the prominent part they have taken in stimulating interest in this effort and for the assistance they have so generously given to our Savings Committee.
>
> I send both to you and your colleagues my best thanks and appreciation."

692 **Finchley Food Control Committee:**

It was reported that Mr. A. Hurst, the Trades Council representative, had resigned his membership of the above mentioned Committee, and that the Trades Council were desirous of putting forward the name of Mr. H. T. Burns in connection with the filling of the vacancy;

RESOLVED that Mr. Burns be nominated for election to the Committee.

693 **Meeting of Electricity Committee—June, 1944:**

It was reported that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Electricity Committee would fall due in June, but that, as the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts would not be ready in time for presentation at that meeting, the Chairman of the Committee had suggested that the meeting be postponed until the 5th July at 8 p.m. immediately following the meeting of the Highways Committee;

RESOLVED that the suggestion be adopted.

694 **Finchley Bowls Week:**

A letter dated 15th May, 1944, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the above stating that in August last, the Council sanctioned the use of their Greens for a Bowling Week which, besides being a very great success socially had resulted in a sum of One Hundred Guineas being sent to the Red Cross Funds, and making application, on behalf of the Committee, for the same privilege this year from the 14th to the 19th August;

RESOLVED that the application be granted.

695 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

1. Extension of contract with Gray Bros. (East Finchley), Ltd., for the supply of Coke and Coal, 1944/45.

2. Extension of contract with John Hudson & Co., Ltd., for the supply of Coal, 1944/45.

696 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

697 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 2nd May, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 2nd May, 1944, subject to "£19" being substituted for "£17" in sub-paragraph (*c*).

(*c*) **Education** of the 8th May, 1944, with the exception of paragraph 5, "St. Mary's School—Provision of three prefabricated huts on Hertford Lodge Site" which had already been dealt with.

(*d*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 9th May, 1944, with the exception of paragraphs 1, 2 and 4, which had already been dealt with.

(*e*) **Housing** of the 16th May, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 2 an amendment was proposed by Councillor Tyndall and seconded by Alderman Wells "that the matter be referred to the Committee for further consideration." On being put the amendment was lost.

698 **Council and Staff Joint Committee:**

A Report of the Council and Staff Joint Committee dated 11th May, 1944, was submitted and considered;

RECOMMENDED that the Report be adopted.

699 **Holidays at Home, 1944:**

RECOMMENDED that the Avenue House Grounds be closed to the public during "Shakespeare Week," i.e., from the 10th to the 15th July (inclusive), for a period on each day from one hour before the commencement of the performance to the end of the day.

700 **Hutton Grove—Iron Railings:**

The Town Clerk reported upon a serious accident which occurred in Hutton Grove recently when a pedestrian came into contact with the iron railings across the street as a result of which he lost his right eye. He pointed out that the railings were private property and situate on private land and that no responsibility devolved upon the Council in connection with the incident; further, that certain approaches were made to the owner prior to the outbreak of the war with a view to the removal of the railings, but that nothing further had transpired;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be directed to re-open the matter with the owner and report.

701 Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government:

The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

"At your last meeting it was resolved to prosecute three boys for cycling on a [illegible] footpath. On investigation the requisite notice board drawing attention to the relevant [illegible] law was found not to have been in position at the date of the incident as it was then [illegible] going repair.

It was therefore deemed inadvisable to prosecute. Warning letters have been [illegible] to the three boys concerned."

702 Association of Municipal Corporations—Election of Housing Committee:

RECOMMENDED that the Council become a candidate for election on the above-mentioned Committee, and that, if elected, Alderman A. T. Pike be appointed as the Council's representative thereon.

703 Resumption of Council:

RESOLVED on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Alderman Syrett, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

D A A Merry
26/6/44
Mayor.

Communal Feeding Committee's Report.

25th MAY, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Councillors Blunden, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

704 Minutes:

The Minutes of last Meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

705 Accounts—Quarter and Year Ended 31st March, 1944:

The Trading Account and Balance Sheet for the above periods were submitted and the following Statement summarises the results of the operations of the Civic Restaurants from their inception until the 31st March, 1944:—

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

	Hamilton.	Gainsboro'.	The Park.	Essex.	Lyttelton.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure Incurred	2,006	2,551	2,465	2,068	1,089	*10,239
Pool Equipment supplied by Ministry of Food	391	392	381	970	—	2,134
	£2,457	£2,943	£2,846	£3,038	£1,089	£12,373

*Of this amount £7,650 has been received from the Ministry of Food.

This is the report of the Education Committee referred to in paragraph 697(c) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

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Mayor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th May, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman).

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CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

2nd May, 1944.

PART II.

Present : Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B., (Chairman), Alderman C.S. Syrett (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Captain Franks, Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. and Mrs. Roberts.

1. FIRE PREVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

The report of a meeting of the above Sub-Committee held on the 22nd April, 1944 was submitted as follows :-

" Present : Alderman C.S. Syrett in the Chair and Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P.

(a) REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEALING WITH INCENDIARY BOMBS:

A confidential Home Security Circular No.43/1944 was submitted drawing attention to the need for dealing immediately not only with incendiary bombs falling upon premises but also those falling in open ground having regard to the fact that the latter if not dealt with might serve as target indicators for other enemy raiders.

It was pointed out that a scale was laid down in the Circular for the issue of sandbags to street fire parties and business premises for dealing with these bombs and the question of providing and filling sandbags was considered.

The Fire Guard Officer reported that there was a stock of approximately 100 cubic yards of sand at the Central Depot which had been provided for dealing with Butterfly Bombs and it was suggested that some of this should be used.

It was intimated that assistance could be provided by the Fire Guards in connection with the distribution of the sandbags but that there was no labour available for filling.

After full consideration, it was decided that in the first instance 7,500 sandbags should be filled and that these would be sufficient for half of the scale issue referred to in the Circular amd it was left with the Chairman and Officers to arrange with the Borough Surveyor for the filling of the bags. With regard to the issue of sandbags for business premises, it was agreed that these could be filled and delivered at a fixed price of 9d. per bag

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701 **Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government:**

The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

"At your last meeting it was resolved to prosecute three boys for cycling on a footpath. On investigation the requisite notice board drawing attention to the law was found not to have been in position at the date of the incident as it was going repair.

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when and if transport was available. The price of sandwiches unfilled would be 4½d. each as authorised.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) RELAXATION OF FIRE GUARD DUTIES.

The Fire Guard Officer reported that the arrangements in regard to relaxation and enforcement throughout the Borough to a large extent, dependent upon the action taken with regard the "King Edward Hall Group" which involved important Council premises. It was also reported that Mr. Harman who had been appointed Sector Captain was taking over his duties from the on the 29th April, 1944 and it was decided to consider the question of relaxation further in a few weeks time.

(c) SECTOR POST, BOURCHIER HOUSE.

Reference was made to a proposal to let the ground floor Bourchier House to Messrs. Simms Motor Units and the Fire Guard Officer reported that a sector point had been established at the premises. In view of the proposed letting, however, he was instructed to find an alternative sector point in nearby premises.

(d) FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR CLERICAL WORK PERFORMED BY STREET PARTY LEADERS AND BLOCK LEADERS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR FIRE GUARD DUTIES :

Home Security Circular No.33/1944 was submitted in regard to the above stating that where, in the opinion of the Local Authority the performance of clerical work was necessary they might refer to the street fire party leader or the block leader concerned of postage and telephone calls and might supply him with any necessary stationery etc., and that expenditure incurred in connection therewith might be included in the claim for grant.

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the supply of stationery where necessary and for the reimbursement of the cost of postage and telephone calls.

C.S. SYRETT,

Chairman (pro tempore)"

RESOLVED that the report be adopted and that the expenditure referred to in paragraph 1 (a) be referred to the Finance Committee.

This is the report of the Education Committee referred to in paragraph 697(c) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

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Mayor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th May, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman).

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2. CIVIL DEFENCE STAFF - ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had agreed to reimburse the salary of the Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Civil Defence on a scale of £500 to £650 p.a. for the period July, 1939 to 10th July, 1944 when the matter would be reviewed.

RESOLVED that application be made for reimbursement for a further period.

3. RE-HOUSING.

(a) Requisitioned Properties.

The Committee had before them a number of applications for the release of premises which had been requisitioned for the housing of homeless persons. After very careful consideration, it was

RESOLVED (i) that the following premises be not released at the present time:

24, St. Paul's Way
33, Ossulton Way
Northernhay, Dollis Avenue
52, Middleway

Arising out of No.24 St. Paul's Way, the Chairman intimated that he had an interest therein and in consequence did not vote or take any part in the discussion relating thereto, the chair being occupied by the Vice-Chairman during the consideration of that item.

(ii) that the ground floor flat at 63, Dollis Park be released.

(iii) that owing to the condition of No.19 Westbury Road, the premises be released as soon as they are vacated by the present occupier and that he be required either to transfer to other requisitioned premises or to find his own accommodation elsewhere.

(iv) that No.24 Ludlow Way be released to the owner subject to its being occupied by the 1st July, 1944.

701 **Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government;**

The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

"At your last meeting it was resolved to prosecute three boys for cycling on a footpath. On investigation the requisite notice board drawing attention to the law was found not to have been in position at the date of the incident as it was

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(b) Available Accommodation.

Particulars hereof were submitted.

4. BOURCHIER HOUSE - PROPOSED LETTING TO SIMMS MOTOR

The Committee considered the reference from the Housing Committee in regard to the above.

RESOLVED that the proposal be approved in principle that the matter be left to the Chairman of the Committee and the Officers to deal with subject report.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

This (with the previous page) is the report of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee referred to in paragraph 697(a) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

Mayor.

This is the report of the Education Committee referred to in paragraph 697(c) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

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Mayor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th May, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman).

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VALUATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

2ND MAY, 1944.

PART II.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) (Chairman) and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Langlands and Lawrence.

ASSESSMENTS:

The Valuation Officer reported as follows :-

(a) 26, Highwood Avenue.

That the occupier of the above property had objected to the proposal made by the Rating Authority.

(b) 2, Moss Hall Grove.

That an application had been received for the garage at the above premises to be separately assessed. After hearing the Valuation Officer's report it was

RECOMMENDED that the application be not granted.

(c) 3, Dollis Road.

That the occupier of this property had lodged a proposal for a reduction in the assessment on account of the house having been rendered uninhabitable by enemy action and other causes;

RECOMMENDED that the assessment be reduced from £55 Gross, £44 Rateable, to £26 Gross, £17 Rateable.

(d) 52, Swan Lane.

That a letter had been received from the occupier of this property asking for a reduction in the rates on account of the installation of a fertilising machine in the adjacent nursery grounds;

RECOMMENDED that the request be not granted.

701 **Bye-Laws—Good Rule and Government:**

The Town Clerk reported as follows:—

"At your last meeting it was resolved to prosecute three boys for cycling on a ... footpath. On investigation the requisite notice board drawing attention to the relevant law was found not to have been in position at the date of the incident as it was then ...

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(e) St. Barnabas Vicarage - Gainsborough Road.

That the Finchley Boy Scouts Association were considering the acquisition of the above disused vicarage as a District Headquarters, and had made enquiries as to whether the assessment could be reduced in view of the nature of the proposed user;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the matter cannot be considered until such time as the Association have actually acquired an interest in the property.

(f) List of Proposals made prior to the 31st March, 1944.

That in accordance with the instruction given by the Committee at their meeting on the 7th March, 1944, the above list which was circulated had been approved by the Council.

(g) Properties for Assessment and Revision of Assessment.

RESOLVED that the new assessments and alterations in assessment shown in the list now presented by the Chairman of the Committee be approved and that the Valuation Officer be instructed to make a proposal where necessary in accordance with the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Acts.

R.J.N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

This is the report of the Valuation Committee referred to in paragraph 697(b) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

Mayor.

This is the report of the Education Committee referred to in paragraph 697(c) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

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Mayor.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th May, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
Alderman Syrett,
Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Roberts and Tyndall;
Miss Davey, M.A. and Mrs. Miall, B.A.
Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

1. Burglary - Manorside School.

It was reported that a burglary had taken place at the above school on the night of 20th/21st April, 1944, and that a small quantity of Handicraft tools had been stolen.

The matter had been reported to the Town Clerk for purposes of insurance.

2. School Meals - Appointment of a temporary part-time Clerical Assistant (Woman).

The Director of Education intimated that owing to the increase in the School Meals Service some clerical assistance was now desirable, as the School Meals' Organiser was unable to carry out all the clerical duties imposed upon her and at the same time devote her full attention to the organisation of the service.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that a temporary part-time clerical assistant (woman) be appointed to assist the School Meals' Organiser, for a maximum of 24 hours per week, at a salary in accordance with that of part-time clerical assistants in the Council's service.

(2) that the appointment be left in the hands of the Chairman and Director of Education.

3. Juvenile Employment Bureau.

(a) Resignation of Miss D. Whitehorn. It was reported that Miss D. Whitehorn had submitted her resignation to take effect as from the 31st May, 1944.

The Committee authorised the issue of advertisements for the appointment of an assistant woman officer on the permanent staff at a salary of £180 per annum (the maximum of the grade at present applicable) plus current war bonus.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the action taken be approved.

(2) that the appointment be left in the hands of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and the Chairmen of the following Committees:-

General Purposes.
Education.
Juvenile Employment.

(b) Re-organisation of the Department. The Director of Ed... referred to the need for some re-organisation of the Depart... near future, and it was agreed that a report be submitted o... matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

4. Clerical help to Head Teachers.

In accordance with authority given, the Chairman report... two part-time clerical assistants (women) had been appointe... the 10th May, 1944.

5. St. Mary's School - Provision of three pre-fabricated huts on Hertford Lodge Site.

The Director of Education submitted plans and an estimat... to £4,350 prepared by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor cove... cost of erection of huts, including the provision of drainag... playground etc.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) that the plans and estimate of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be approved for submission to the Board of Education.

(2) that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor be asked to obtain tenders in the event of the Board's approval being given.

(3) that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

6. Education Office - Mr. D. Baxter.

(a) Leave of Absence.

RECOMMENDED: that leave of absence be granted to Mr. D. Baxter, with full payment of salary, to enable him to sit for the London Matriculation Examination on the 30th and 31st May, 1st and 2nd June, 1944.

(b) Military Service. The Director of Education reported th... Mr. Baxter was due to be called into the Services at any tim... subsequent to 3rd July next.

RECOMMENDED: that authority be given to the Director of Education to make the necessary appointment to fill the vacancy when necessary.

7. Supply Teaching Appointments.

RECOMMENDED: that the list submitted to the Committee of the supply teaching appointments made during the period 4th January to 31st March, 1944, be approved.

8. Staff Absences.

A list of the members of the staff absent since the last ... was submitted and it was reported that they were within the t... the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED: that salaries be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

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COUNCIL AND STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

11th MAY, 1944.

PART II.

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ALLOTMENTS AND FOOD PRODUCTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9TH MAY, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor W.C. Fitness (Chairman), Mr. J.S. Sunderland (Vice-Chairman), Aldermen Grocott and Pateman, Councillors Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot and Messrs. Hewitt and Rolfe.

Non-Member: Councillor Lawrence.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. "FOOD FOR VICTORY" COMMITTEE:

The Chairman read a letter received from the Honorary Secretary to the above Committee intimating that they hoped, with the co-operation of the Finchley Chrysanthemum Society, again to organise classes of exhibits at the Society's annual show in the Autumn of the present year and to include exhibits of livestock, and requesting the Council to approve a grant not exceeding £40 towards the expenses of the show.

After full discussion it was

RECOMMENDED 1. That, on the condition that the Finchley Chrysanthemum Society grant the necessary facilities for the holding of the show, a sum not exceeding £40 be donated to the "Food for Victory" Committee for this purpose, subject to:-

(a) there being separate sections for cultivators of permanent and war-time plots, provided that an entrant cultivating both types of plots may enter for the permanent plot section only;

(b) the approval by this Committee of the arrangements to be made in connection with the proposed show, and

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(b) Re-organisation of the Department. The Director of Ed... referred to the need for some re-organisation of the Depart... near future, and it was agreed that a report be submitted o... matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

4. Clerical help to Head Teachers.

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(c) the production to the Borough Treasur... of supporting vouchers.

2. That two representatives (not being members of this Committee) from both the "Food for Victory" Committee and the Finchley Chrysanthemum Society be invited to meet this Committee to discuss the matter at a Special Meeting to be convened in June, this Committee to be empowered to approve all arrangements.

3. POST WAR DEVELOPMENT - LAND LET TO THE FINCHLEY MANOR ALL... SOCIETY LIMITED:

With reference to the instruction contained in Minut... 541 (d) of the Council Meeting held on the 27th March, 19... the Town Clerk reported upon an interview he had had with... representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries... who had intimated that at the present time an application... a Loan Sanction to purchase the above land for allotment... purposes would not be entertained and there would be litt... prospect of a Compulsory Purchase Order being confirmed.

4. INSTRUCTIONS:

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in their Instruction Books, be approved.

W.C. FITNESS,

Chairman.

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This is the report of the Allotments and Food Production Committee referred to in paragraph 697(d) of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

Mayor.

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COUNCIL AND STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

11th MAY, 1944.

PART II.

This is the Part II report referred to in paragraph 697 (e) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 22nd May, 1944. 195(o)

Mayor

HOUSING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

16th May, 1944.

PART II.

Present : Alderman A.T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. and Mrs. Roberts.

1. MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. ELMSHURST, EAST END ROAD.

(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had now received a communication from the Ministry of Works intimating that the Department did not intend to proceed further with the proposal to utilise the above estate.

(b) The Chairman of the Committee reported upon an interview which the Town Clerk, the Borough Surveyor and he had had with the Ministry of Health in regard to the possible acquisition of the above estate for housing purposes from which it appeared that if the Council decided to submit to the Ministry a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the estate, there was every likelihood of the order being confirmed although the Department could not give any undertaking at the present time as to what the attitude of the Government would be to a proposal to erect houses of a better type than those usually ranking for subsidy.

The Committee considered the whole matter very carefully and having regard to the possibility of the land being acquired either by a department of the Government similar to that referred to in (a) above or by some other authority who might wish to develop it as a housing site in a manner which would be detrimental to adjoining property, the Committee were of opinion that it was eminently desirable to acquire the land immediately in order to safeguard it for housing purposes for the immediate benefit of the Borough. It was pointed out that if at a later date the Council did not wish themselves to develop the land, they could re-sell it and at the same time place a restriction upon the type of development to be permitted.

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(b) Re-organisation of the Department. The Director of Sc referred to the need for some re-organisation of the Depart near future, and it was agreed that a report be submitted o matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

4. Clerical help to Head Teachers.

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It was, therefore,

RECOMMENDED (a) that the Elmshurst Estate be a by the Council either by private arrangem by Compulsory Purchase Order and (b) that the officers be instructe negotiate with Messrs. Comben and Wakelin the present owners, and to report.

3. WAR DAMAGE.

(a) The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from Regional Manager of the War Damage Commission forwardi provisional list of the properties within the Borough had been classified by the Commission as total losses.

(b) Properties - Stanhope Road.

The Town Clerk reported as to the desirability of the being scheduled under the War Damage Act in order to e the re-development of the area.

RECOMMENDED that application be made to the Wa Commission for scheduling of the area in question under Section 20 of the War Damag 1943 and that the Borough Surveyor be inst to prepare the necessary plan defining the involved.

4. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.

(a) Arising out of the authority given at the last meeting the Council in connection with the above, the Borough Surveyor reported that three candidates had been inter After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED that Mr. Charles S. MacNab of East be appointed on the terms already approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor also reported that in order that immediate progress might be made with regard to the Re Hill Scheme and upon the preparation of preliminary pr for the re-development of the bombed site at East Finch he had arranged for Mr. Henry A. Newman, the former De Borough Surveyor to assist in the office from time to upon an hourly basis, at 5/- an hour.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved a authority be given for the arrangement to be continued as and when necessary.

A.T. PIKE, Chair

COUNCIL AND STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

11th MAY, 1944.

PART II.

Present :

Council Representatives.

Alderman A.J. Briant (Chairman)
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.)
Alderman Syrett
Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

Staff Representatives

Mr. P.T. Harrison (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. S.V. French
Mr. J. Gray
Mr. T.C. Judge
Mr. L. Smith
Mr. W.A. Stokes.
Miss N.H. Twist.

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1. MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VALUATION OFFICER.

Arising out of the proposals submitted to the Council from the last meeting of this Committee, it was reported that such proposals had not been adopted by the Council and the reasons therefor were submitted.

3. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

The Committee considered the following amended scheme of salary adjustments which was recommended by the Middlesex Whitley Council for adoption by local authorities with effect as from the 1st April, 1944 and which had been referred to them by the General Purposes Committee.

	Existing bonus p.w. s. d.	Amended bonus p.w. s. d.
Junior Male Officers under 21 years of age.	8. 9.	9. 6.
Junior Female do.	7. 0.	7. 9.
Adult Male Officers - remuneration not exceeding £500.	17. 6.	-----
" " £700.	-------	19. 0.
" Female " £500.	14. 0.	-------
" " " £700.	-------	15. 6.
	per ann.	per ann.
" Male & Female Officers - remuneration exceeding £500.	£33.16. 0.	-------
" " " " £700.	---	33.16. 0.

It was pointed out that the amended scheme was subject to the usual conditions as regards officers in receipt of emoluments, etc. After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED (a) that the abovementioned amended scheme be adopted with effect as from 1st April, 1944 and

(b) that the scheme be applied pro rata to part-time staff.

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It was reported that in the event of the foregoing recommendations being adopted the additional cost during the present financial year for which provision had been made in the Estimates, would be as follows :-

	£.	s.	d.
Finchley Rate Fund	656.	0	0.
Rechargeable	109.	0.	0.
Electricity	187.	0.	0.
	£952.	0.	0.

4. SALARY SCALES AND GRADING SCHEME.

The Committee considered the reference from the General Purposes Committee in regard to the desirability of revising the salary scales and grading scheme in several particulars and it was decided to refer the whole matter to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Syrett and Messrs. French and Smith for investigation and report.

A.J. BRIANT,

Chairman

PERCIVAL T. HARRISON,

Vice-Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 698 of the Council Minutes of 22nd May, 1944.

Mayor.

TRADING RESULTS, MARCH QUARTER, 1944.

Revenue.						
Total number of meals supplied	40,485	43,027	43,883	44,450	—	171,845
Total Income	£1,875	£2,027	£2,047	£2,019	—	£7,968
Expenditure.						
Total working Expenses	£,1643	£1,942	£1,837	£1,835	£32	£7,289
Excess of Revenue over working and management expenses						£679
Provision for depreciation on Capital Expenditure to be provided on instructions of the Ministry of Food						£338
Administration Grant						£341
						£679

706 **Statistics:**

The Communal Feeding Officer submitted the following report relating to the years 1941-1943, inclusive:—

"In 1941, three Civic Restaurants were opened in Finchley:—

Restaurant.	Seating Capacity.	Opened by.	Date.
Hamilton	100	The late Lady Maureen Stanley.	May, 1941.
The Park	200	Lady Woolton.	July, 1941.
Gainsborough	200	Mr. Frederick Grisewood.	Sept. 1941.

In 1942, a fourth restaurant was opened:—

Essex	175	Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey.	Nov., 1942.

The restaurants were visited by the High Commissioner for Australia, Mr. S. M. Bruce and Mrs. Bruce, accompanied by Lord and Lady Woolton in 1942, and in 1943 by the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. W. J. Jordan.

Total meals served from 10th May, 1941 to 9th May, 1944 = 1,489,234

Extract from the above figure—

Total school children = 169,705
Total Cash and Carry = 192,156

The highest daily attendances at the four Civic Restaurants occurred on—

26th February, 1943 ... 2,782
8th October, 1943 ... 2,831

Details as follows.

	Hamilton.	The Park.	Gainsborough.	Essex.
26. 2. 43	601	847	652	682
8. 10. 43	640	707	720	764

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE.

	£	£	£
Total Revenue Received.			
1941—42	10,723		
1942—43	21,288		
1943—44	29,555	51,566	
Total Expenditure.			
1941—42	10,357		
1942—43	19,621		
1943—44	26,699	46,677	
Gross Profit			4,889
Total Amortisation.			
1941—42	1,311		
1942—43	473		
1943—44	1,443	3,227	

COMMUNAL FEEDING (*contd.*)

Administration Charge. 1941—44	2,083	
		5,310
Balance Oustanding.		£421
Total Capital Expenditure (four restaurants)	£11,284	
Lyttelton restaurant (estimated) ...	£6,500	
		£17,784."

707 Losses and Breakages:

A summary of losses and breakages which had occurred during the past Quarter was sub and instructions were given for copies to be handed to the Press.

708 Letting of Restaurant Premises:

The Communal Feeding Officer reported upon difficulties which had been experienced in co tion with the letting of the Restaurants for social functions and a full discussion ensued;

RESOLVED that, without prejudice to the arrangements made with the Authorities of Jude's Church regarding the Lyttelton Restaurant, the Restaurant premises be co for stage shows or public dances and that, subject to the foregoing, future letting left to the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee and the Communal Fee Officer.

709 Lyttelton Restaurant:

(*a*) The Communal Feeding Officer reported that very considerable delays had been experie in obtaining licences for the supply of the necessary materials and equipment in connection w the above which had necessitated the postponement of the opening of the restaurant.

The Committee were seriously concerned that such delays should have arisen and gave ins tions for the facts to be forwarded to the Member of Parliament with the suggestion that he the matter in the House of Commons.

(*b*) The Communal Feeding Officer reported upon certain discussions which he had had wit Authorities of St. Jude's Church in regard to the terms and conditions under which the Ch might have the use of the Restaurant on Sundays and certain evenings, and it was agre adhere to the terms and conditions contained in a letter addressed by the Town Clerk to Vicar of St. Jude's on the 25th September, 1943.

Certain further conditions were suggested by the Committee and the Communal Feeding Of as being desirable in the light of experience since gained in connection with the letting of Restaurant, and it was agreed that on same being approved by the Church authorities a for agreement be entered into between the Council and the Church authorities.

710 Purchase of Supplies:

It was reported that a Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the above been held on the 23rd May, 1944, and the following report was submitted and considered:—

"Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett and Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

Chairman:

Alderman Syrett was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

Purchase of Supplies:

The Communal Feeding Officer reported fully upon the existing arrangements for purchase of supplies and the Sub-Committee considered the whole matter in detail.

After making a number of suggestions the Sub-Committee were of opinion that the exi arrangements were satisfactory and gave instructions for them to be continued with co possible exceptions, which were left to the discretion of the Communal Feeding Officer;

RECOMMENDED that the action be approved.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman."

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

711 Service of Meals to School Children at Restaurants:

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that during certain hours the capacity of the Restaurants was very severely taxed and that it was known that many children who could obtain a meal at school nevertheless attended the Restaurants. After due consideration it was

RESOLVED that, subject to the Ministry of Food agreeing thereto, children from Schools at which adequate facilities for meals are provided be not served at the Restaurants.

712 Quarterly Attendances and Revenue:

The following statement in respect of the four Restaurants for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1944, as compared with the previous Quarter, was submitted:—

Restaurant.	Total Meals.		Cash Receipts.		Average price per meal.		Average meals per day.	
Quarter:	Dec. 1943.	March 1944.	Dec. 1943.	March 1944.	Dec. 1943.	March 1944.	Dec. 1943.	March 1944.
			£	£	d.	d.		
Hamilton ...	39,992	40,485	1,829	1,864	10.98	11.04	519	519
Gainsborough	42,788	43,027	1,916	1,956	10.75	10.91	556	552
The Park ...	42,391	43,883	1,937	2,025	10.96	11.07	550	562
Essex ...	43,632	44,450	1,961	1,995	10.78	10.78	567	570
Total ...	168,803	171,845	7,643	7,840	10.87	10.95	2,192	2,203

"CASH AND CARRY" MEALS.

Restaurant.	Dec. 1943 Qtr. 77 days.	March 1944 Qtr. 78 days.
Hamilton	4,532 ...	4,258
Gainsborough ...	6,585 ...	6,601
The Park	7,878 ...	7,334
Essex	6,419 ...	5,733
Total	25,414 ...	23,926

713 Costing Statistics:

A statement was submitted analysing the average cost per meal served at each Restaurant for the past two quarters.

714 Accounts:

RESOLVED that the accounts submitted be approved and certified by the Chairman for payment.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman.

Town Planning Committee's Report.

5th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Alderman A. J. Briant (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.) and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness and Capt. Franks.

715 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

716 **Deposited Plans:**

Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situate.	Owner.
(*a*) 10788	Conversion into two self-contained flats.	14, Friern Park, N.12	Mr. W. S. Cook
(*b*) 10793	Additional W.C.	60, Avenue Road, N.12.	Messrs. Walter B. and Co.
(*c*) 10794	Factory extensions.	Oak Lane, N.2.	Messrs. Simm Units Ltd.
(*d*) 10796	Three houses.	Nos. 3, 5 and 7, Holly Park Gardens, N.3.	Mr. G. Payne
(*e*) 10797	Extension of existing gate house.	Friern Park, N.12.	Mr. A. H. Nor Messrs. Spe Ltd.

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that the plans be approved;

(ii) that in the case of (*d*) consent be given under Clause 43 of the Finchley Pla Scheme No. 1 to build nearer than 3ft. to the south boundary of all three pl

(iii) that in the case of (*e*) consent be granted under the Public Health (Buildi Streets) Act regarding the infringement of the building line, subject to the entering into an agreement with the Council to pull down the building if and called upon by the Council so to do.

(*f*) 10795	Two Houses.	Etchingham Park Road, N.3.	Mr. A. H. No

The Borough Surveyor reported that the site forms part of a land unit which includes Et ham Court and Etchingham Lodge and that when in 1934 flats were erected on the Etchi Court site an additional number of flats was permitted on condition that one house only be built on the site which is the subject of the present application;

(*a*) **RECOMMENDED** that the plan be approved so far as the Building Byelaws are cerned; and

(*b*) **RESOLVED** that consent be withheld under Finchley Planning Scheme No. 1 fo reasons stated above.

717 **Non-Conforming Use of Premises:**

1. Scheme 1.—

15, Etchingham Park Road.—The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported upon an appli for permission to use the above premises as a Headquarters for the Finchley Unit No. 141 of Sea Cadet Corps. The Committee carefully considered the application but were of the op that the proposed user would detract from the amenities of the surrounding neighbourhood.

After full discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED that consent to the application be refused as such proposal contra the character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

2. Scheme 6.—

The Borough Surveyor reported upon the following applications:—

(*a*) 4, Victoria Avenue, N.3.—Application for permission to convert these premises into two in connection with war damage repairs; and

(*b*) Methodist Church, 142, High Road, N.2.—Application for permission to use these pre as a warehouse and distributing depot in connection with the manufacture of toys;

RECOMMENDED that consent to these applications be granted subject in the case of to the necessary plans being first approved by the Council and in the case of (*b*) s

(i) there being nothing carried on or done on the property which in the opinion of the Council would be a nuisance to neighbouring residents or occupiers;

(ii) the period of consent being limited to three years; and

(iii) the applicants entering into an agreement with the Council embodying (inter alia) the above terms in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk.

(*c*) Finchley Lodge—48, Gainsborough Road, N.12.—Two applications for the use of the above premises were submitted as follows:—

(i) Application from the Finchley Boy Scouts Local Association to use the premises as a District Headquarters; and

(ii) application from the Middlesex County Council to use the premises as a Chest Clinic in connection with the Treatment of Tuberculosis.

The Committee carefully considered each application but were of opinion that either of the proposed users would detract from the amenities of the surrounding neighbourhood. It was therefore

RECOMMENDED that consent to the application be refused as the suggested users contravene the proposed character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

718 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

A. J. BRIANT,

Chairman.

Children's Safety Committee's Report.

5th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Langlands and Lawrence; Miss Davey, M.A., Miss Dennis, Mr. Berrey and Inspector Harrison.

Non-members: Councillors Blunden and Capt. Franks.

719 **Constitution of Committee:**

The constitution of the Committee for the current Municipal Year was reported.

720 **Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:**

RESOLVED that Councillor P. Lawrence and Mr. C. A. Berrey be appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the current Municipal Year.

721 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S. Graham Rowlandson, M.B.E., F.C.A., C.C., and Mr. O. T. Leslie.

722 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on 11th May, 1942, circulated, were confirmed and signed.

723 **Government Road Safety Campaign:**

As a reference from the Council, a letter, dated 4th May, 1944, from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents was submitted.

The Society offered a grant of £7 for the purpose of encouraging road safety, by means of plays, films, talks, etc., in respect of activities undertaken before the 30th September, 1944.

The Committee, after consideration, agreed to appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Langlands and Miss E. D. Dennis, with power to make necessary arrangements;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the action taken be approved;

(2) that the Education Committee be asked to approve expenditure up to £5 towards the cost of those activities concerned with school children.

(3) that the Council be asked to approve expenditure up to £10 towards the cost of other activities.

724 **Safety Training Exhibition:**

As a reference from the Council, correspondence from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and the Town Clerk was submitted. The Director of Education reported on an interview he had had with a representative of the Society in connection with their offer to give a Safety Training film display to the children of the elementary schools of Finchley. The Society would be prepared to provide the films, projector and the lecturer, no cost falling upon the Council.

The Committee approved the suggestion and requested the Director of Education to arrange with the Society to reserve the 3rd-6th July, 1944, inclusive, for the Film display, subject to the approval of the Education Committee;

RESOLVED—

(1) that the Education Committee be asked to approve the proposed arrangements mentioned above; and

(2) to refer matters of detail, if necessary, to the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 723 above.

725 **Estimates:**

It was reported that a sum of £25 had been included in the annual estimates of the Education Committee.

P. LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

6th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), Alderman C. S. Syrett (Vice-Chairman), and Councillors the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

726 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

727 Requisitions:

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the books submitted, be approved.

728 Fire Prevention:

The Report of the meeting of the Fire Prevention Sub-Committee held on the 20th May, 1944, as under-printed, was submitted:—

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett (Chairman) and Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B.

Relaxation of Fire Guard Duties during the Hours of Daylight:

Arising out of the consideration given to this matter at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, it was pointed out that no relaxation should be granted between the period ½-hour before backout until ½-hour after blackout, but that at other times outside normal working hours relaxation could be permitted at business premises provided one person was on duty for each business premises having separate fire prevention arrangements and for the whole of the premises included in joint arrangements.

Arising further out of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee the Chief Warden reported that the King Edward Hall Sector (No. 832) was now working very satisfactorily.

After due consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the provisions of London Region Circular No. 855, paragraph 6(c) (11) as outlined above, be applied to all business premises in approved schemes unless there be exceptional circumstances;

(2) that upon receipt of application in writing the Fire Guard Officer be authorised at his discretion in exceptional circumstances to permit further relaxation so that "duty on the premises" might be varied to "available in the immediate vicinity" subject to report in each case.

"Tower" and "Green Trees," The Bishop's Avenue:

The Fire Guard Officer reported that the above premises had been adapted as an annexe of the Maternity Section of the North Middlesex Hospital and that accommodation had been provided for 25 mothers with babies at each of the premises. He pointed out that at "Tower" there was only one staircase and that a fire at the premises might have serious consequences. It was intimated that the Council were not the appropriate authority under the Business Premises Order, but in view of the Fire Guard Officer's report, the Sub-Committee instructed him to notify the appropriate Authority and the National Fire Service of the position and to inform the County Council that this Council view with alarm the fact that having regard to the user of the premises "Tower" has only one staircase;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

Repetition Tyre Company:

The Fire Guard Officer reported that stocks of rubber tyres were stored at the above premises and that an outbreak of fire would constitute a grave risk to the premises in Winifred Place, as the only outlet from Winifred Place was past the Company's premises. He intimated that the National Fire Service had inspected the premises and had made certain suggestions to the Company with a view to reducing the danger. The Fire Guard Officer was instructed to ensure that the suggestions of the National Fire Service were carried out and if necessary to report further on the matter to the Sub-Committee;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman.

RESOLVED that the Report be adopted.

729 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted a number of circulars which had been received since last meeting from various Government Departments.

730 **Wardens' Post No. 42:**

The Chief Warden reported that the above Post was in need of redecoration and that the Wardens had indicated their willingness to carry out the work if the cost of materials, estimated at £3, was reimbursed. He intimated that the estimate appeared reasonable and it was

RESOLVED that authority be given for the carrying out of the works and that the Council be informed accordingly.

731 **Atlas of Air Raid Injuries:**

The Chairman reported that the Ministry of Home Security had now issued the above publication which contained photographs of faked casualties which had been prepared by the Finchley Casualty Service. He intimated that the Medical Officer of Health had received several messages from Officials of the Ministry of Home Security expressing appreciation of the assistance rendered which had made the publication of the Atlas possible.

The Medical Officer of Health stated that a large amount of the work of preparing the casualties had been done by Mr. W. Wykes;

RESOLVED that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Medical Officer of Health and to Mr. Wykes.

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman.

Public Libraries Committee's Report.

7th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E. (Chairman), Aldermen Grocott, Syrett and Wi[illegible] and Councillors Blunden and Capt. Franks.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillors Lawrence and Wilmot.

732 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

733 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

734 **Chief Librarian's Report:**

The Chief Librarian reported that

(a) **Statistics.**—

The statistics for the month of May, 1944, were as follows (the figures in parenthesis referring to May, 1943):—

LIBRARY	READERS				BOOK ISSUES.	
	Adult.	Junior.	Total	(Total 1943).	May 1944.	(May 1943).
Church End ...	4,752	1,059	5,811	(4,452)	14,812	(13,455)
North Finchley ...	6,511	915	7,426	(7,475)	16,009	(17,792)
East Finchley ...	5,024	1,015	6,039	(5,836)	15,177	(16,201)
TOTALS ...	16,287	2,989	19,276	(17,763)	45,998	(47,448)

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(b) Stock—Replacements and Withdrawals (April-May).—

The total number of volumes permanently withdrawn from stock was 362 and that 135 had been withdrawn and replaced by new copies.

(c) Pianos.—

In accordance with authority given at the last meeting of the Committee, the pianos had been sold to the firm making the highest offer, viz.—Messrs. W. Jelks & Sons, Ltd., North Finchley, who offered £55 for the two instruments; further, that the Borough Treasurer had reported on the question of reserving the proceeds towards the cost of the purchase of a new piano or other amenity for the Lecture Halls;

RECOMMENDED that the proceeds derived from the sale of the pianos be reserved towards the cost of the purchase of a new piano or other amenity for the Lecture Halls.

(d) Local Collection.—

In response to the recent appeal made by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. P. W. Flowerdew of 50, Coleridge Road, N.12, had presented to the Libraries two interesting pictures of Finchley (Cobley's Farm, 1897, and By the Dollis Brook, 1886, both by G. R. Smith);

RECOMMENDED that the thanks of the Council be accorded to Mr. Flowerdew for his generosity.

(e) Talks to Children.—

At the request of the Headmistress, a class of children from the Kingsley School, Kingsley Way, N.2, had visited the East Finchley Library on 18th May for a talk on books and the use of the library, and that it was interesting to note that this was the first occasion on which such a request had come from a local private school.

(f) East Finchley Lecture Hall.—

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Finchley Council of Youth asking for a refund of £1 17s. 6d. being part of the hiring fee for the use of the East Finchley Lecture Hall, May 15th-20th;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

735 Mural Decoration:

The Chairman of the Committee drew attention to a coloured frieze which had been painted for the decoration of the East Finchley Junior Library by girls aged from 14-17 attending Wimbledon High School, and which had been presented by them through Miss Littlewood, M.A., the Headmistress. The Committee expressed their appreciation of the work of Miss K. B. Brown, the Acting District Librarian, in suggesting and obtaining the gift;

RECOMMENDED that the thanks of the Council be accorded to Miss Littlewood and the students responsible for the decoration.

736 Annual Report:

The Annual Report (circulated) of the Chief Librarian on the work of the Libraries for the year ended 31st March, 1944, was submitted, and the congratulations of the Committee were extended to him thereon.

737 Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk and the Chief Librarian, as entered in their respective Instruction Books, be approved.

MARY E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Report.

8th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Grocott, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mesdames Gotch, Reeves and Sladden.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

738 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

739 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

740 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 8 Weeks Ended 27th May, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

(i) ATTENDANCES AT CENTRES.

	1944. North Finchley.	1944. East Finchley.	1944. Church End.	1943. North Finchley.	1943. East Finchley.	1943. Church End.
Children under 1 year ...	749	702	869	804	850	869
Children over 1 year	390	424	387	392	521	387
Total attendances	1139	1126	1256	1196	1371	1256
New babies	50	49	44	53	61	44
Seen by doctors	318	410	244	389	423	244

(ii) ATTENDANCES AT DAY NURSERY.

	1944.	1943.
Total attendances	1213	1232
Average attendance per day ...	31.9	32.4
Total receipts	£46 1s. 3d.	£48 3s. 0d.

(iii) ATTENDANCES AT ANTENATAL CLINIC.

	1944.	1943.
	525	561

(iv) CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

	Mothers.	Children.
Number on register on 5th April	31	27
Number added	1	1
Number removed	1	1
Number on register on 1st June	31	27

(b) Home Helps—M.O.H. Circular No. 58/44.—

That the above Circular had been received referring to the campaign being launched by the Ministry of Labour and National Service in order that more suitable women may be made available as Home Helps, enumerating certain suggestions to further the campaign and authorising an extension of the Scheme where the need arises through the presence of young children under five years of age.

The Medical Officer also read a letter received from the Finchley Council of Social Service requesting that the Finchley Borough Council should make them a grant towards the furtherance of their Home Helps scheme for mother and baby cases;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that in view of the above-mentioned circular the Medical Officer endeavour to engage a further full-time Home Help and to extend the scheme so as to meet the needs of mothers with children up to five years of age; and

(*b*) that a reply be forwarded to the Finchley Council of Social Service to the effect that as the Town Council are themselves providing sufficient Helps to meet the needs of mothers with children up to five years of age, the Committee could not see their way to accede to the request.

741 **Clothing Coupons for Expectant Mothers:**

The Town Clerk reported that with reference to Minute 611(*a*) of April, 1944, as amended by the Council at their meeting on the 24th of that month, a reply had been received from the Ministry of Health regarding the issue of these coupons and stating that the Minister saw no reason to depart from the arrangements in force under which clothing coupons for expectant mothers were issued at Food Offices.

742 **Care of Illegitimate Children—Conference regarding Co-operation among Welfare Authorities:**

Further to Minute 611(*f*) of April, 1944, the Chairman reported upon proposals put forward at the above Conference and the Committee were in agreement therewith.

743 **Co-Option:**

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Finchley and Friern Barnet Labour Party requesting that the Council should consider the appointment of Mrs. Miller of 44, Addington Gardens, N.12, as a co-opted member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the Finchley and Friern Barnet Labour Party explaining that at the moment such application could not be considered as there was no vacancy.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Public Health Committee's Report.

8th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Grocott and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.
Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

744 **Quorum:**

Attention was drawn to the fact that a quorum of the Committee was not present;
RECOMMENDED that Standing Order 2(4) be suspended to permit of the report being considered.

745 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

746 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

747 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 8 Weeks ended 27th May, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

Population: June 1942—59,960.

	1944. N.	E.	W.	Total.
(i) DEATHS.				
Number registered	17	23	17	57
Infants under one year	1	1	—	2
Infectious disease	—	—	—	—
(ii) BIRTHS.				
Number notified under Public Health Act, 1936	63	63	53	179
(iii) INFECTIOUS DISEASE.				
Total cases notified	36	29	30	85
Scarlet Fever	6	7	5	18
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	4	5	10
Erysipelas	1	—	1	2
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	—	—	1	1
Dysentery	—	1	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	1	—	1
Measles	9	1	1	11
Whooping Cough	19	14	17	50
(iv) TUBERCULOSIS.				
Pulmonary cases	3	5	7	15
Non-pulmonary cases	—	—	—	—
(v) PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.				
Number in hospital on the 5th April				25
Number admitted				18
Number discharged				32
Number in hospital on the 1st June				11

(b) Water Supply.—

That samples of water were taken from a tap on the Barnet District Gas and Water main on 25th April and 23rd May, 1944, for bacteriological examination and that the report was satisfactory.

(c) Houses without proper dustbins—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 75.—

That the following houses were not provided with proper dustbins:—

18, Crooked Usage, N.3.
44, Claverley Grove, N.3.
81, Lichfield Grove, N.3.
23, Brownlow Road, N.3.
1192b, High Road, N.20.
10, Chamberlain Road, N.2.
124a and 124b, High Road, N.2.
75, Manor Park Road, N.2.
11, Park Road, N.2.

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that a notice be served upon the respective owners of these properties requiring a strong iron dustbin with suitable cover to be provided in each case; and

(ii) that failing compliance with such notices legal proceedings be taken under the above Act.

(d) Statutory Nuisances—Public Health Act, 1936.—

That the following premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance:—

7, 23 and 29, Elmfield Road, N.2;
10, Richmond Road, N.2;

RECOMMENDED that a statutory notice be served upon the respective owners of the above-mentioned properties requiring them to execute the works detailed by the Medical Officer within the time specified by such notice.

(e) Game Licences.—

That the following applications had been received for licences to deal in game:—

Name.	Address.
Stanley George Allen.	829, High Road, N.12.
R. H. Friday, Ltd.	1275, High Road, N.20.
Thomas Henry Griffin.	33, Market Place, N.W.11.
Mac Fisheries, Ltd.	148, High Road, N.2.
Mac Fisheries, Ltd.	783, High Road, N.12.
Mac Fisheries, Ltd.	92, Ballards Lane, N.3.
J. Sainsbury, Ltd.	84-86, Ballards Lane, N.3.
Arthur Richard Yates.	688, High Road, N.12.

RECOMMENDED that the applications be granted for the period ending 30th June, 1945.

(f) Unsound Food.—

That the following diseased and unsound meat and other miscellaneous food stuffs had been dealt with since the last meeting of the Committee:—

167 lbs. Beef.
31½ lbs. Pork.
19 lbs. Pork Sausage.
18 ozs. Butter.
4½ lbs. Tea.
127 lbs. Oranges.
13½ lbs. Prunes.
3¾ lbs. Pearl Barley.
24 lbs. Batter and Scone Flour.
6 bags Cake Mixture.
6 packets Batter Flour.
180 packets Pudding Mixture.
3 packets "Friquix."
3½ lbs. Mustard.
47 tins Barley Powder.
41 lbs. Chocolate Biscuits.
5½ lbs. Boiled Sweets.
2 jars Sandwich Spread.
5 jars Pickles.
7—6 lb. tins Chopped Ham.
18—12 oz. tins Chopped Ham.
1—24 oz. tin Pork Sausage Meat.
4—12 oz. tins Beef Loaf.
4 tins Stewed Steak.
8 tins Vegetable Stew.
33 tins Soup.
1 tin Beetroot.
23 tins Peas.
20 tins Salmon.
35 tins Pilchards.
168 tins Condensed Milk.
3 tins Jam.
21 tins Apricot Pulp.
65 lbs. Ox Livers.
1 Hand of Pork.
6 stone Dogfish.
7 lbs. Sugar.
8 lbs. Cheese Trimmings.
25 lbs. Apricots.
30 lbs. Semolina.
21 lbs. Self-Raising Flour.
6 bags Self-Raising Flour.
58 packets Cake Mixture.
45 lbs. Pudding Mixture.
20 packets Egg Substitute.
3 lbs. Curry Powder.
59 packets Soup Powder.
1—5 lb. tin Onion Substitute.
11—2 oz. bars Milk Chocolate.
144 Bars Nougat.
1 jar Bloater Paste.
1 bottle Coffee.
1—6 lb. tin Ham Loaf.
12—2½ lb. tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
1—4 lb. tin Brisket.
2 tins Beef Roll.
2 tins Meat and Vegetable Dinner.
1 tin Tomato Savoury Roll.
3 tins Carrots.
22 tins Beans.
1 tin Tomatoes.
19 tins Sardines.
7 tins Herrings.
9 tins Fruit.
5 tins Marmalade.
1 Cask Sweet Orange Pulp.

(g) Pollution of Dollis Brook.—

That owing to war damage to the Barnet Sewage Disposal Works a serious pollution was taking place due to the presence of crude sewage. The Town Clerk had reported the matter to the National Fire Service asking them to remove some of the temporary dams for the time being in order to allow a freer flow of water;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk communicate with the Middlesex County Council and the Ministry of Health complaining of the pollution and that copies of the correspondence be forwarded to the Barnet Urban District Council for information.

748 Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928:

The Petroleum Inspector reported that applications, as shown in the list circulated, ha[illegible] ceived for licences to keep petroleum spirit and/or carbide of calcium for the year ende[illegible] June, 1945;

RECOMMENDED that the applications, as listed, be granted to store such [illegible] petroleum spirit and/or carbide of calcium as are set opposite to the names of [illegible] spective applicants for the period ending 30th June, 1945, subject to the usual [illegible] being observed.

749 Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Report:

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported as follows:—

(a) Salvage Tonnage Sold.—

	March, 1944. T.	C.	Q.	March, 1943. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	36	7	1	54	15	[illegible]
Bones	1	7	3	—	19	[illegible]
Textiles	3	7	3	3	6	[illegible]
Bottles	4	13	0	10	5	[illegible]
Cullet	2	16	0	4	15	[illegible]
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	6	0	—	11	[illegible]
Ferrous metals	—	—	—	9	8	[illegible]
Tins	7	7	0	17	9	[illegible]
	56	4	3	101	9	[illegible]
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	391	11	4	491	11	[illegible]
Council's share of net profits	39	12	1	113	9	[illegible]

	April, 1944. T.	C.	Q.	April, 1943. T.	C.	Q.
Paper	35	1	2	44	9	[illegible]
Bones	1	6	3	—	11	[illegible]
Textiles	2	16	0	2	11	[illegible]
Bottles	10	9	0	13	1	[illegible]
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	—	—	—	5	[illegible]
Tins	8	3	0	14	15	[illegible]
	57	16	1	75	15	1
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	366	6	11	402	13	1
Council's share of net profits	45	14	7	46	11	11

(b) Pig Food Disposals.—

	1944. T.	C.	Q.	1943. T.	C.	Q.
March	66	18	1	65	4	1
April	74	15	2	67	12	3

(c) Sewage Analysis.

That a sample of sewage effluent had been taken by the Lee Conservancy Board on the [illegible] April, 1944, at the point of discharge to the Strawberry Vale Brook and that the analysis [illegible] of the check sample were satisfactory.

(d) Factory Act, 1937—Means of escape in case of fire.—

(i) Merry Miller Bakeries, Ltd., The Walks, East Finchley, N.2.—That these premises had [illegible] inspected in conjunction with an Officer of the National Fire Service and that the means of e[illegible] were satisfactory;

RECOMMENDED that a certificate under Section 34 of the above Act be issued to the Co[illegible] pany concerned.

(ii) Messrs. Lindsay Bros., 925, High Road, N.12.—That the certificate as to means of escape which had been issued under the authority of Minute No. 706(*c*) of 1943 required amendment as the premises at No. 880, High Road, N.12, included in the certificate had been extended to incorporate 878, High Road, N.12, involving an increase in the number of persons employed on the premises;

RECOMMENDED that as the means of escape were satisfactory a certificate under Section 34 of the above Act be issued to Messrs. Lindsay Bros.

(e) Open Air Pool—Swimming Gala.—

That an application had been received from the Honorary Secretary of the Finchley Local Youth Committee for the use of the Pool for the purposes of a swimming gala on Monday, 17th July, 1944, commencing at 7.30 p.m., which would necessitate the public vacating the pool by 7 p.m.; that the application also included a request that facilities might be given for heats to be run off from 8 p.m. onwards on Monday, the 10th July, 1944; and that permission was also sought to purchase a number of admission tickets to be distributed as prizes and that the Council was asked if they would be good enough to present season tickets to the Boy and Girl Champions in both the Senior and Junior Sections as was done last year;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the facilities required be granted to the Local Youth Committee on payment of a fee of £5 5s. 0d., subject to the heats being run off after 8.30 p.m. on the 10th July, 1944; and

(*b*) that an award be made of four season tickets.

(f) Squires Lane Swimming Baths.—

That an application had been received from the Director of Education of the Hornsey Borough Council for the use of these Baths by St. Michael's School and by the Highgate Mixed School together with a request for the services for instructional purposes, of Mr. Kavanagh, the Senior Assistant at the Baths.

In view of the fact that if consent be granted the Director of Education for Hornsey would appreciate the use of the baths as soon as possible, the Committee agreed to the following:—

(i) that the baths be let for the use of St. Michael's School on Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at a charge of 3d. per head and that Mr. Kavanagh's services, if required, be paid for direct at the rate of 2/6d. per hour;

(ii) that the baths be let for the use of Highgate Mixed School on Fridays between 9.50 a.m. and 11.0 a.m. at an inclusive fee of £1 per period and that Mr. Kavanagh's services be made available on the terms outlined above;

(iii) that these arrangements be seasonal only and subject to the scholars being accompanied by a responsible teacher; and

(iv) that at the end of the season the Finchley Education Committee be credited by this Committee with a sum equal to the amount received from the Hornsey Authority in respect of the reservation of the Baths on Fridays, as the period on that day is covered by the lump sum payment made by the Finchley Education Committee.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor also reported that employees of the firm of Messrs. F and Glass wished to share with employees of the firm of Simms Motor Units, Ltd., the period allocated to the latter Company;

RECOMMENDED that this arrangement be agreed subject:—

(i) to Messrs. Simms Motor Units, Ltd., giving their consent in writing; and

(ii) to the payment for admission at the rate of 4d. per head by employees of Mess Frazer and Glass.

750 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the instructions given to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, a entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Day Nurseries Sub-Committee's Report.

8th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E. (Vi Chairman) and Councillors Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

751 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

752 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 17 Weeks Ended 27th May, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

ATTENDANCES AT NURSERIES.

	1944.			1943.		
	Moss Hall.	Regents.	Torrington.	Moss Hall.	Regents.	Torrington.
Children under 2 years ...	673	573	1404	935	821	—
Children over 2 years ...	2778	3821	3027	3424	1910	—
Total attendances ...	3451	4394	4431	4359	2731	—
Average attendance per day	35.2	44.8	45.2	44.5	27.8	—
Total receipts	£172. 7 0.	£219 13. 0.	£223 18. 0.	£219 0. 0.	£133 11. 0.	—

(b) Provision of Sick Bay for Day Nurseries.—

That a letter had been received from the Finchley and Friern Barnet Labour Party requesting that a Sick Bay might be provided for the use of children attending Day Nurseries.

The Medical Officer also reported that owing to the difficulty of finding suitable staff and accommodation he felt that the Minister of Health would not accede to the application. It was therefore

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk forward a reply to the Finchley and Friern Barnet Labour Party in accordance with the Medical Officer's report.

753 Regents Nursery:

The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had approved acceptance of the estimate in the sum of £40 19s. 5d. in respect of repairs and decorations to this Nursery.

754 Torrington Nursery:

The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had approved the expenditure of an amount not exceeding £90 for improving the play space at this Nursery subject to certain minor adjustments being effected.

755 Superannuation and Salaries of Teaching Staff:

The Town Clerk submitted a memorandum received from the Ministry of Health regarding the payment by teachers of superannuation on bonus and other allowances, and the continuance of the present salary agreements subject to certain alterations.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

12th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett, O.B.E., Councillors Grobel, Hugh Jones and Mrs. Roberts;

Miss Davey, M.A.

756 Minutes:

The Minutes of a meeting held on 8th May, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

757 School Attendance Sub-Committee:

The Report of a meeting held on 15th May, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

758 School Management and Works Sub-Committee:

The Report of a meeting held on 5th June, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:—

(*a*) ACCOUNTS.—That accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

(*b*) LETTINGS.—That lettings, particulars of which had been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been approved.

(*c*) SCHOOL MEALS.—

(i) Kitchen Staff.—That particulars of changes in the Kitchen Staff had been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee.

(ii) Supply of Provisions to Kitchens—Tenders.—That, in accordance with a[illegible] given, the Sub-Committee had made arrangements for the supply of provisions to the [illegible]chens for the next twelve months.

(*d*) BOARD OF EDUCATION STATISTICS—MEALS AND MILK, 1944.—That statistics for the [illegible]sumption of meals and milk and the percentage of children present on a selected [illegible] February, 1944, taking meals and milk were as follows:—

	Meals.		Milk.	
	1944.	1943.	1944.	1943.
Elementary Schools (England and Wales)	30.1	20.7	78.3	78.9
Elementary Schools (Finchley) ...	41.9	34.9	87.4	86.4

(*e*) CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL.—

(i) That in a letter dated 25th May, 1944, the Board of Education had authorised [illegible] necessary work for the repair of the school and that the Managers were proceeding to [illegible] matter.

(ii) That, in a letter dated 16th May, 1944, the Board of Education had appro[illegible] as a temporary emergency arrangement, under Section 23 of the Education Act, 1921, [illegible] Authority's proposals for the hiring of premises at Dale Grove Hall for the use of chi[illegible] attending Christ Church School, as from 27th March, 1944.

(*f*) BOARD OF EDUCATION CIRCULAR 1654 (12.5.44).—EXTENSION OF SCHOOL LIFE IN SU[illegible] CASES AND THE SUPPLY OF TEACHERS.—That the above Circular, which had been submi[illegible] dealt with the need for providing continued education for suitable children now in S[illegible] Elementary and other Schools, largely with a view to recruiting from among them ent[illegible] into the teaching profession.

Arising therefrom, the Director of Education reported upon a preliminary talk he [illegible] had with Head Teachers concerned, and it was agreed to defer further consideration of [illegible] matter to a later meeting.

(*g*) APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT TEACHERS.—That applications had been received, through [illegible] Middlesex Education Committee, from Miss Doreen J. Adams and Miss Joan L. Gre[illegible] land (both of Finchley), for appointment as student teachers for one year, from 1st Au[illegible] 1944; that the Director of Education had interviewed the applicants and had recomme[illegible] their appointment.

That subsequently a further application had been received in respect of Miss S[illegible] Brown, of Finchley;

RECOMMENDED that Miss Doreen J. Adams and Miss Joan L. Greenland be [illegible] pointed student teachers for one year from 1st August, 1944, at the usual ra[illegible] salary, plus war allowance, and that, subject to interview by the Director [illegible] Education, Miss Sheila Brown be similarly appointed.

(*h*) FACILITIES FOR ORGANISED GAMES.—That there were now no suitable facilities for [illegible]ganised games for children attending Manorside Senior and Our Lady of Lourdes Sch[illegible] and that this position would constantly arise in the summer.

That the Committee had had the use of land south of the Finchley Football G[illegible] ground during the winter season, but this was not available in the summer, being let, it [illegible] been understood, to Messrs. Simms Motor Units, Ltd.

It was agreed to ask the Parks and Open Spac land referred to for the exclusive use of the Education ommittee to reserve the piece of nmittee.

(*i*) CLERICAL ASSISTANCE TO HEAD TEACHERS.—That an experi four departments in accordance with the scheme already appr had been carried out in Education had stated that the allocation of hours, i.e., on the b That the Director of day meals and milk meals served daily, had proved satisfactory an of the number of mid- help given would undoubtedly enable Head Teachers to concentrat ufficient, and that the normal duties; more fully on their

RECOMMENDED that the remainder of the scheme for clerical as stance to Head Teachers be put in operation as and when possible.

The Committee considered the above recommendation and gave autho v for the scheme to be proceeded with forthwith.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

759 Children's Safety Committee:

(i) Safety Training Exhibition.

Consideration was given to a request from the Children's Safety Committee for permission to show Safety Training Films in Elementary Schools in the Borough during the period 3rd—6th July, under arrangements to be made by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in consultation with the Director of Education. The necessary permission was granted.

(ii) Government's Road Safety Campaign.

Approval was given to the expenditure of £5 in respect of such activities as might affect school children, in support of a grant of £7 which would be allocated by the Royal Society for the activities as a whole.

760 Use of Squires Lane Bath by Hornsey Schools:

The Director of Education reported that arrangements had been made for the use of the Squires Lane Bath by the Hornsey Education Committee for a part of Friday morning for the remainder of the season, the services of the woman instructor to be available if required, at a fee, payable to the Committee, of 5s. 0d. an hour.

The action taken was approved.

761 St. Mary's School—Proposed erection of huts, Hertford Lodge Site, for temporary school premises:

Three letters were submitted from owners of property in The Avenue, N.3, expressing concern at the above proposal, on the ground of loss of amenities to the tenants, and the possibility of damage to property by school children. The Committee appreciated the point of view expressed, but, while every effort would be made to protect the position of owners and tenants, they could not meet two points raised in the letters, i.e., that the temporary provision would cease to be required at the end of hostilities and that the entry to the temporary school should be by way of East End Road.

With regard to the last point, the Committee felt that, as over half of the children aged between 5 and 7 years, it would be unreasonable to add to the already considerable distance many of them would have to travel.

762 **Education Bill—Adjustment of Variations of Local Rates:**

The Chairman reported on the effect of certain new provisions in the above Bill designed to give some measure of relief to those areas where the transfer to the County Council of Education functions would give rise to excessive variations in local rates in the period after the April, 1945. He estimated that their effect would be to alleviate to a small extent the anticipated heavy increase in burden on the ratepayers of Finchley. The amount of the relief was estimated at approximately 4½d. in the £ for a period of one year.

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Parks and Open Spaces Committee's Report

13th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor P. Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman G. H. Pateman (Vice-Chairman), Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.) and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J. Tyndall and Wilmot.

763 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

764 **Lettings Sub-Committee:**

The report of a Meeting of the above-mentioned Sub-Committee held on the 2nd May, 1944, underprinted, was submitted:—

"Present: Councillor P. Lawrence (Chairman), and Alderman Pateman.

Open Spaces—Lettings:

The Sub-Committee considered applications on behalf of Local Youth Clubs for the hire of hard tennis courts during the forthcoming season and it was—

RESOLVED that the following lettings be approved:—

Open Space.	Applicant.	Particulars of Letting.	Charge.
Glebe Land.	Finchley Co-operative Youth Club.	Hard Tennis Court for 2½ hours on Wednesday evenings for 12 weeks.	1s. an h.
Glebe Land.	Finchley Local Youth Committee.	Hard Tennis Court for 2½ hours on Friday evenings for 13 weeks.	1s. an h.
Lyttelton Playing Fields.	Finchley Local Youth Committee.	Hard Tennis Court for 2½ hours on Tuesday evenings for 13 weeks.	1s. an h.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

765 Lyttelton Playing Fields—Lockers:

The Chairman of the Committee reported that a number of lockers in the dressing-room of the Pavilion at the Lyttelton Playing Fields were in a defective condition and that, on his suggestion, a letter had been forwarded by the Town Clerk to each of the Clubs concerned enquiring whether, in the event of the Council putting the lockers in order and supplying new keys, they would be prepared:—

(a) to request the members of the Club to take all reasonable care to protect and preserve the Council's property in the Pavilion; and

(*b*) to give an undertaking that, in the event of any damage to the lockers or any other part of the Council's property being caused by the Members, the Club would bear the cost of the necessary repairs.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk intimated that only two of the Clubs had, so far, replied and that such replies were in the affirmative.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of putting the lockers into a serviceable condition was £10;

RECOMMENDED that, in the event of satisfactory replies being received from the other three Clubs, the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to give instructions for the carrying out of the necessary repairs, at the cost indicated.

A supplemental estimate for the sum of £10 was accordingly referred to the Finance Committee for approval.

766 Damage in Parks and Open Spaces:

A letter dated 17th May, 1944, was submitted from the Town Clerk of Southgate stating that his Council were gravely concerned at the increasing amount of wilful damage which was being caused in their Parks and Open Spaces and that they had resolved to press the Home Office to provide adequate police protection therein; further, that they would be glad of the support of this Council;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

767 Open Spaces—Facilities for Band Practices:

A letter was submitted from the Captain of the Boys' Brigade, 1st Finchley Company, enquiring whether the Council could offer the Brigade the use of a suitable site on which to hold band practices in the open air;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Education Committee with the suggestion that they might consider the possibility of granting the Brigade the use of the Stanley Road Playing Fields on one night a week for the purpose in question.

768 Glebe Land—Tennis Courts:

It was reported that, on the authority of the Chairman, Simms' Social Club had been granted the use of a second tennis court at above, for a period of twelve months from April, 1944, at a charge of £30 (incl.);

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

769 "Elmshurst" East End Road—Condition of Pond:

The Town Clerk reported that, at the last meeting of the Committee, it was agreed that a ... ing should be held with the N.F.S. on the site to discuss the above matter; that the ... took place on the 12th May, when the N.F.S. representatives admitted that the condition of ... pond was due to excavations carried out to clean and deepen the pond, which resulted in a ... holding water and that, although they would be prepared to fill in the pond, the cost of ... it watertight would be prohibitive.

He intimated that it was ultimately agreed that the Borough Surveyor should prepare a ... showing a small artificial pond and that, at a later date, application should be made to L... Region to bear the cost of the construction thereof, in lieu of making compensation for the ... of the original pond.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that he hoped to have the necessary plan prepared in time ... the next meeting of the Committee, and the Town Clerk was instructed to notify the N... accordingly.

770 Swan Lane Open Space:

Reference was made to a letter received from Mr. W. Hester drawing attention to certain ... ances which were being caused by youths in the above Open Space;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Chairman of the Committee and the Town Clerk be asked to interview ... Police authorities on the matter; and

(2) that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the ground to be patr... by a Council employee on two or three evenings a week until further notice.

771 Glebe Land—Fencing:

The Town Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the Chairman of the Fin... Football Club with regard to the fencing around the Club's ground and that, arising the... the Chairman of the Committee had inspected the fencing in company with a member of ... Borough Surveyor's Department.

The Borough Surveyor intimated that the fencing concerned was that on the south side of ... ground and that temporary repairs could probably be carried out, at a nominal cost, b... the next football season;

RECOMMENDED that, if possible, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange accor... ingly, and that the Town Clerk notify the Club that any work done will be with... prejudice to the position under the tenancy Agreement.

772 Avenue House Grounds:

The Chairman of the Committee reported that, in connection with the Shakespearean Festi... the Joint Entertainments Committee were arranging for certain temporary fencing to be erec... in the above grounds along the frontage to East End Road and that it had been suggested ... the opportunity might be taken of fixing such fencing in a more permanent manner and allow... it to remain after the Festival so that the grounds could be closed each evening. This wo... undoubtedly lead to better control and save a good deal of damage occasioned in the late ev... ings.

Arising thereon, the Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of providing chestnut p... fencing 4ft. high and erecting it in a more permanent manner than that originally intended ... the Joint Entertainments Committee would be approximately £50.

In view of the advantage which would accrue as a result of the grounds being closed at night, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the erection of the fencing, and that a sum equal to one-third of the cost be charged to the Joint Entertainments Committee.

A supplemental estimate for £33 6s. 8d. was referred to the Finance Committee for approval.

773 Football Pitches—Season 1944/45:

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to deal with any applications which may be received for the hire of football pitches at Brook Farm during next season, and that applications for pitches elsewhere be referred to the Lettings Sub-Committee for consideration, with power to act, subject to report.

774 Garage adjoining "Newstead House" High Road, N.2:

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of a letter from Mr. T. C. Warren making application for permission to rent the garage at above and stating that he would be prepared to carry out such repairs as were necessary to make the building usable; to pay a nominal rent of 2s. a week (incl.) and to cover the structure by insurance;

RECOMMENDED that the garage be let to Mr. Warren on a weekly tenancy at a rental of 2s. a week inclusive.

775 Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

The Borough Surveyor reported that Park-keeper A. Thompson, aged 69, was due to retire on the 30th June, 1944, but was desirous of continuing in the Council's service;

The Committee decided to suggest to the General Purposes Committee that the services of Mr. Thompson be retained for a further period of one year.

776 Static Water Tank—Park Road Open Space:

The Borough Surveyor reported on an application which had been received from the N.F.S. for permission to construct a static water tank on the above Open Space;

RECOMMENDED that he be instructed to reply to the effect that the Council do not consider that the site in question is suitable for the purpose proposed in view of its present user and its position in relation to the area of East Finchley which has been scheduled under Section 7 of the War Damage Act, 1941.

777 Victoria Recreation Ground—Shelter:

Reference was made to the condition of the roof of the shelter in Victoria Recreation Ground:

RECOMMENDED that the matter be dealt with by the Borough Surveyor in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

778 Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report.

14th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman C. S. Spr O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), and Coun Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence and Tyndall.

Non-member: Alderman Pateman.

779 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

780 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

781 **Finchley and Friern Barnet Citizens' Advice Bureau:**

A copy of the Bureau's Balance Sheet for the financial year 1943/44 was submitted.

782 **Closure of Municipal Offices on Public Holidays:**

The Town Clerk reported that, at the last meeting of the Council, it was resolved, on the sugg tion of Alderman Syrett, that the Committee be asked to consider the possibility of submit to the Council a definite proposal with regard to the closure of the Municipal Offices on pu holidays so as to avoid the necessity for a special resolution being passed on each occasion.

He intimated that a resolution was passed by the Council in July, 1938, and that had it not be for the abnormal conditions prevailing in consequence of the War, it would have continued have been acted upon as a matter of course;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the resolution in question be rescinded; and

(2) that, in future, the Municipal Offices be closed, without further authority, on Easte Monday, Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday and on the Saturdays pri thereto; on Good Friday and the Saturday immediately following, and on Christm Day and Boxing Day; further, that in the event of Christmas Day falling on a Su day, the Offices also be closed on the following Tuesday.

783 **Urban District Councils' Association—Conference—5th and 6th July, 1944:**

The Town Clerk reported that the above-mentioned Conference had been postponed in view o prevailing conditions.

784 **Association of Municipal Corporations—Annual Meeting—May, 1944:**

The Town Clerk reported upon a number of matters which were dealt with at the Annual Me ing of the above-mentioned Association.

785 Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services:

A copy of the Minutes of a meeting of the above-mentioned Council held on the 5th May, 1944, was submitted.

786 Totteridge Preservation Society:

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a letter received from the Clerk of the Barnet Urban District Council forwarding, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter sent by him to the Clerk of the Hertfordshire County Council with reference to the future planning of the Parish of Totteridge and the reservation of lands for Open Spaces.

787 Cost of Living Index Figure:

In accordance with instructions, the Borough Treasurer submitted the following statistics from the Index Number Table published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939 ...	55	55	53	53	53	53	56	55	55	69	69	73
1943 ...	99	99	99	98	99	98	100	99	98	99	99	99
1944 ...	99	100	100	100	100							

788 Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944:

The attention of the Committee was drawn by the Borough Treasurer to the above-mentioned Act which provided for certain increases in the pensions payable by the Council under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and the Fire Brigade Pensions Act, 1925.

He intimated that, owing to the short time which had elapsed since the passing of the Act and to the fact that the increases depended to a large extent on the personal circumstances of the pensioners, it was not possible to give the Committee any details of the cost to the Council, but that these would be submitted at a subsequent meeting.

789 Local Government Superannuation Act—Periodical Valuation of Superannuation Fund:

The Borough Treasurer reported that the Superannuation Fund became due for actuarial investigation at the 31st March, 1944, and that the necessary data would be furnished to the Actuary before the end of the present month.

790 Whitley Works Committee:

The Town Clerk reported that a meeting of the Employers' Side of the Whitley Works Committee was to be held on the 21st June, 1944, to be followed by a meeting of the full Committee.

It was suggested that authority might be given for the reports to be submitted direct to the Council;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

791 Employees—Accidents:

The Borough Surveyor submitted details of accidents which had occurred to three employees since last meeting.

792 **Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Acts, 1920-1939:**

The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health continued to urge local authorities to make full use of their powers under sections 10 and 11 of the Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920. He stated that during the past six months, advice had been given in some cases of unfurnished lettings and some six cases of furnished lettings; that the majority of cases were concerned with the Standard Rent; some 15 cases involved possession; in a number of cases adjustments and repayments of rent had been effected, including two cases of recovery of overcharged rent amounting to £8 and £11 odd and that in some 30 cases letters had been written on behalf of tenants and documents inspected and that, of the six cases relating to furnished lettings, none had involved a rent sufficiently extortionate to merit a prosecution.

He also reported that it was understood from recent statistics that there had only been one prosecution per three local authorities throughout the War in respect of extortionate lettings of furnished premises, but that the facilities for advice under the Rent Acts generally still appeared to fulfil a much-felt need and that the assistance and help given to tenants had been received with grateful appreciation.

793 **Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:**

In accordance with references from the appropriate Committees, the Committee considered the cases of Park-keeper A. Thompson who was due to retire on the 30th June, 1944, and Mr. Norman, Waterman, who was due to retire on the 6th September, 1944, each of whom was desirous of continuing in the Council's service;

RECOMMENDED that the services of these employees be retained for a further two months.

794 **Meetings of Committees:**

Reference was made to the desirability of arranging, if possible, for several Meetings of Committees to be held on the same evening to enable members to attend more frequently than at present, and the Committee were of opinion that the matter should be referred to a Sub-Committee for investigation and report;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that this be agreed;

(2) that Standing Order No. 2(2) be suspended; and that the Sub-Committee be constituted as follows:—

The Mayor;
The Deputy Mayor;
The Chairman of the Committee;
The Vice-Chairman of the Committee;
Alderman Briant;
Councillor Langlands;
" Lawrence.

795 **Middlesex County Council—Reports of Committees:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to correspondence which he had had with the Clerk of the County Council in regard to the issue to Local Authorities of the reports of Committees of the County Council and he intimated that the question was under consideration by the Middlesex Borough and District Councils' Association;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk for the time being, and that he be instructed to report further thereon in due course.

796 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

15th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), Councillor H. H. Wilmot (Vice-Chairman), Aldermen Syrett, O.B.E., and Wells and Councillors Fitness, Langlands and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

797 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

798 **Statement of Bank Balances—14th June, 1944:**

The following Statement was submitted:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance. £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		154,280 17 10	
A.R.P. Canteen	614 16 —		
Electricity Revenue	10,912 1 10		
Housing Revenue		3,718 1 1	
General Rate Fund Capital	4,598 14 1		
Communal Feeding		3,700 5 9	
Electricity Capital		5,799 3 10	
Consolidated Loans Fund	155,704 12 10		
Superannuation Fund		5,584 12 2	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		646 17 10	
Salaries		3,299 3 4	
Advance	16,288 18 8		
Suspense	— — —		
Loan Interest		47,152 7 3	
Wages		1,898 11 11	
	£188,119 3 5	£226,080 1 —	£37,960 17 7

799 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(a) Interim Order on Treasurer.—

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Co[illegible] an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £94,372 9s. 8d. made up as follows [illegible] approved by the Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	78,671	13	7
Electricity Revenue	3,941	14	9
Consolidated Loans Fund	21	16	8
Superannuation Fund	4,158	7	4
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	550	7	6
Loan Interest	4,374	18	5
A.R.P. Canteen	225	18	6
Communal Feeding	2,427	12	11
	£94,372	9	8

(b) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council [illegible] countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the sec[illegible] sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £32,117 16s. 9d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	5,205	15	10
Electricity Revenue	9,473	19	2
Loan Interest	17,438	1	9
	£32,117	16	9

800 Superannuation Fund Investments:

The Borough Treasurer reported that in accordance with the authority of the Council, £4[illegible] London and North-Eastern Railway 4% Debenture Stock had been purchased at 106¾ per c[illegible] He intimated that the sum invested in Railway Debenture Stock since general authority [illegible] given in September last was £11,913 14s. 8d. in respect of the Superannuation Fund [illegible] £833 0s. 0d. on account of the Fire Brigade Pensions Fund. In regard to the former Fund, h[illegible] ever, a sum of £2,946 3s. 9d. was invested in Railway Debenture Stock in 1934, making a [illegible] of £14,859 18s. 5d. exclusive of Fire Brigade Pensions Fund of £833 0s. 0d.

The Borough Treasurer was instructed to submit at the next meeting of the Committee a list [illegible] investments in the Fund in order that the question of future investments might be considered.

801 Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Annual General Meeting, 194[illegible]

The Borough Treasurer reported for the information of the Committee upon several interes[illegible] items which were considered at the above General Meeting.

(a) Rate Collection—1st April to 31st May.—

802 **Financial Rating:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following comparative statement:—

1943-44. £	1943-44. %		1944-45. £	1944-45. %
12,973	4.82	Arrears	5,042	1.92
255,845	95.02	Half-year's Rate	256,504	97.92
426	0.16	Additional Assessments	417	0.16
269,244	100.00	Total Amount Collectible	261,963	100.00
111,630	41.46	Amount collected— 1st April—31st May	*127,479	48.66
£157,614	58.54	Amount outstanding	£134,484	51.34

*Current Rate ... £126,088
Arrears 1,391

(b) **General Rate—Half-year ending 31st March, 1945.—**

The Borough Treasurer reported hereon;

RECOMMENDED that the above matter be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Committee and the Rate made at the ordinary meeting of the Council in July, 1944.

803 **Supplementary Estimates:**

The Committee considered references from the under-mentioned Committees in respect of the matters indicated below:—

Committee.	Matter.	Cost Involved.
Parks and Open Spaces.	Lyttelton Playing Fields Pavilion—Repair of lockers and provision of keys.	£10 0 0
,, ,,	Avenue House Grounds—Provision of fencing along East End Road frontage (⅔ of cost).	£33 6 8
General Purposes.	Gratuity to widow of deceased employee (Education Dept.)	£271 0 0

804 **Education Bill, 1944:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that an amendment had been included during the final stages of the consideration of the above Bill in the first House with a view to giving some measure of relief where the transfer to the County Council of all education functions would give rise to excessive variations in the incidence of local rates in the period after the 1st April, 1945, as compared with previous years.

It was pointed out that relief would only be granted for the year 1945-46 and would amount to half of the difference between the rate poundage represented by a local authority's elementary education expenditure in 1938/39 and what would have been the poundage in that year if the expenditure on elementary education throughout the County of Middlesex had been spread uniformly over the whole County and that on this basis the relief was estimated at approximately 4½d. It was added that the Bill provided that the provisions in question would apply to a County District Council and after consultation between the Minister and the County Council concerned; by means of an Order of the Ministry of Education upon application by the County Council or any

RECOMMENDED that in the event of the Bill with the provisions in question becoming law, the Town Clerk make application at the appropriate time for an Order to be made applying such provisions to the County of Middlesex.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

20th JUNE, 1944.

Present: Councillor W. C. Fitness (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Roberts and Willm[illegible] Messrs. Fairchild, Hewitt and Rolfe.

805 **"Food for Victory" Committee—Proposed Autumn Show:**

In accordance with the recommendation approved by the Council at their meeting on the [illegible] May, 1944, the Committee met members of the "Food for Victory" Committee and the Fa[illegible]ley Chrysanthemum Society to consider detailed arrangements in connection with the prop[illegible] Autumn Show, and the proposals as shown on the schedule (circulated), were agreed.

W. C. FITNESS,

Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
18th July, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 24th day of JULY, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 26th day of June, 1944.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*c*) **Highways** of the 5th July, 1944.

(*d*) **Town Planning (Special)** of the 5th July, 1944.

(*e*) **Housing** of the 6th July, 1944.

(*f*) **Electricity** of the 12th July, 1944.

(*g*) **Education** of the 17th July, 1944.

(*h*) **Finance** of the 18th July, 1944.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain docum (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Cl

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:-

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*c*) **Housing** of the 6th July, 1944.

(*d*) **Electricity** of the 12th July, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 17th July, 1944.

(*f*) **Finance** of the 18th July, 1944 (if any).

(7) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(8) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 26th day of JUNE, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett, O.B.E.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Captain L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt.-Col. J. Hugh Jones.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
H. H. Wilmot.

806 **Prayers:**

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

807 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd day of May, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

808 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Wells and Councillors A. N. H. Baines, C.C., Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E., and G. F. Tyndall.

809 **Alderman C. S. Syrett—Award of O.B.E.:**

Reference was made by the Mayor to the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire which had recently been conferred on Alderman C. S. Syrett by H.M. The King and, on behalf of the Council, he extended to him congratulations thereon. He stated that Alderman Syrett had rendered public service for over a third of a century, nine years of which had been spent during world crises, and that he felt sure that everyone would agree that he deserved the high tribute which had been paid to him.

Alderman Syrett thanked the Mayor for his kind sentiments.

810 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Communal Feeding** of the 25th May, 1944.

(*b*) **Town Planning** of the 5th June, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 717(2)(*c*) (Non-conforming use of premises, Finchley Lodge—48, Gainsborough Road, N.12), an amendment was proposed by Councillor Langlands, seconded by Councillor Wilmot, "that all the words after 'that' in the recommendation be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:—

'notwithstanding the character zoning provisions proposed for the area in which these premises are situated, consent be given to their use by the Girl Boy Scouts' Association as District Headquarters subject to an undertaking that no noise or disturbance shall be created which, in the opinion of the Council, would be prejudicial to the interest of the residents of the area; that the application of the County Council be refused on Town Planning grounds, viz.:—that the suggested use of the premises contravenes the proposed character zoning provisions of the Scheme'."

On being put, the amendment was not carried, six voting in favour, and against.

A further amendment was proposed by Councillor Wilmot, seconded by Councillor Major Steward, "that all the words after 'that' in the recommendation be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:—

'the applications be referred to the Committee for further consideration'

On being put, the amendment was carried.

It was thereupon put as a substantive motion, and carried.

(*c*) **Children's Safety** of the 5th June, 1944.

(*d*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 6th June, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 731 (Atlas of Air Raid Injuries), the Chairman of the Committee drew the special attention of the Council to the Atlas therein referred to and it was

RESOLVED that the Council do place on record their thanks to the Medical Officer of Health and his Staff for their work in connection with the publication.

(*c*) **Public Libraries** of the 7th June, 1944;

(*f*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 8th June, 1944.

(*g*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 8th June, 1944.

(*h*) **Public Health** of the 8th June, 1944.

(*i*) **Education** of the 12th June, 1944.

(*j*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 13th June, 1944.

(*k*) **General Purposes** of the 14th June, 1944, subject to the deletion of the words "and the Saturday immediately following and on" contained in the third line of recommendation (2) in paragraph 782.

(*l*) **Finance** of the 15th June, 1944.

(*m*) **Allotments and Food Production (Special)** of the 20th June, 1944.

811 Councillor Squadron-Leader M. A. B. King-Hamilton—Leave of Absence:

The Town Clerk reported that, in December last, the Council granted leave of absence to Councillor Squadron-Leader King-Hamilton for a further period of six months, and that his position remained unaltered;

RESOLVED that Councillor Squadron-Leader King-Hamilton's reason for his failure to attend meetings of the Council, as previously indicated, be formally approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 63(1) of the Local Government Act, 1933, and that leave of absence be granted to him for a further period of six months.

812 Lyttelton Playing Fields—Pavilion:

A letter was submitted from the Secretary of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue making application for the hire of the upper floor of the above Pavilion for use for Overflow Services on the Jewish New Year, the 18th and 19th September, from about 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.; on the evening of Tuesday, the Day of Atonement, and on the whole of the 26th and 27th September;

RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee for consideration.

813 Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd.—Vacancy on Board of Directors:

RESOLVED that Mr. F. A. Copley be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Board of Directors of the above-mentioned Club in place of the late Mr. G. Dominy.

814 Death of Ex-Councillor Mrs. Murphy:

Reference was made, with regret, to the death of ex-Councillor Mrs. Murphy, which took place on the 7th June, 1944;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be directed to convey to Mr. Murphy an expression of the Council's deep sympathy with him in his sad loss.

815 Food Control Committees (Constitution) Order, 1943:

A letter dated 9th June, 1944, was submitted from the Ministry of Food, stating that Mr. Herbert Thomas Burns had been approved by the Minister for appointment to the Finchley Food Control Committee;

RESOLVED that Mr. Burns be appointed a member of the Committee for the year 1944, with effect from the 26th June, 1944.

816 **Economy in the Use of Water:**

The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice from the Metropolitan Water Board that in consequence of the present unusual drought and/or the fact that the continuance of the usual mentioned non-domestic supplies would interfere with the sufficiency of the water required for supplied for domestic purposes, they had decided to suspend, until further notice, the authority granted to consumers to use or draw water:

(i) through or by means of any hose, movable pipe or mechanical apparatus for, or in connection with:—

(*a*) the watering of any garden, sports area or allotment;

(*b*) the washing of any vehicle including a railway vehicle;

(*c*) the cleansing of any pavement which is part of a street;

(ii) in connection with a Fountain or any ornamental purpose;

817 **Byelaws—Good Rule and Government:**

A report was submitted from the Police Authorities with regard to an infringement of the above mentioned Byelaws concerning the fouling of a footpath by a dog;

RESOLVED that legal proceedings be instituted against the offender.

818 **Staff—Electricity Department:**

Reference was made by the Mayor to the death of Mr. A. Cumber, Commercial Assistant in the Electricity Department, which took place on the 19th instant, the news of which he stated had come as a great shock to the Council.

He spoke in most appreciative terms of the marked ability which Mr. Cumber had at all times shown during his very long period of service with the Council, and stated that the loss of his services would be felt keenly by the Department.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED that the Council, having heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. Cumber, tender to his widow and family their sincere sympathy with them in the sad loss which they have sustained.

819 **Middlesex County Council Bill:**

The Town Clerk reported that this Bill had been considered by the Unopposed Bills Committee of the House of Commons, and that the last date for petitioning against it in the Second House was the 28th June, 1944.

He added that certain of the Council's objections were still outstanding and that, in the event of their not being met, he would be glad if the Council would authorise a Petition being lodged in the Second House;

RESOLVED that this course be agreed, and that the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to deal with.

820 **Home Security Circular No. 73/1944—Position of Members of Local Authorities in Relation to the Civil Defence Services of the Authority of which they are Members:**

The Town Clerk reported that he had received from Councillor C. P. Grobel, Deputy Controller, his formal resignation from membership of the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee in view of the terms of the above Circular;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that Councillor Blunden be appointed a member of the Committee in place of Councillor Grobel; and

(*b*) that the Council do place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor Grobel during his membership of the Committee.

821 **Temporary Staff:**

The Town Clerk reported that Lieut. G. Malcolm Burr, at one time a member of the Temporary Staff of the Council, was fatally injured in an accident on the 20th June, 1944.

He stated that Lieut. Burr was in the employ of the Council from the 9th October, 1939, to the 21st February, 1942, when he volunteered for service in H.M. Forces and that he rendered excellent service particularly in connection with the Information Centre;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be directed to communicate with the parents of the deceased expressing the Council's deepest sympathy with them in their sad loss.

822 **Game Licence:**

The Medical Officer of Health reported that an application had been received from the undermentioned trader for a licence to deal in game:—

George Richard Elder Brown, trading as John Gow, Ltd. ... ... 358, Regents Park Road, N.3.

RESOLVED that the application be granted for the period ending 30th June, 1945.

823 **Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928:**

An application, as shown in a report submitted by the Petroleum Inspector, for a licence to keep petroleum spirit was considered;

RESOLVED that the application be granted for the period ending 30th June, 1945, subject to the usual conditions being observed.

824 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following Documents:—

1. Discharge of Registered Charges or Vacating Receipts (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of:—

   Mortgage No. 792—26, Wentworth Park, N.3.
   ,, 890—51, Abbots Gardens, N.2.
   ,, 57—46, Brent Way, N.3.
   ,, 71—34, Brent Way, N.3.
   ,, 957—"St Kilda," East End Road, N.3.

2. Agreement with Specialloids, Ltd., re extension of existing gate house, Friern Park, N.12.

3. Agreement with A. H. Post on behalf of Style Toys, Ltd., in regard to the use of 142, High Road, N.2, as a warehouse and distributing depot in connection with the manufacture of toys.

4. Agreement with the Authorities of St. Judes Church for the use of the Lyn[illegible] Restaurant for certain Church activities.

5. Licences (in duplicate) to deal in Game to the persons or firms mentioned in [illegible] report of the Public Health Committee of the 8th June, 1944, and also to G. R. [illegible] Brown, trading as John Gow, Ltd., of 358, Regents Park Road, N.3.

6. Licences (in duplicate) to store petroleum and/or carbide of calcium to the [illegible] or firms referred to in the report of the Public Health Committee of the 8th [illegible] 1944, and also to the person referred to in the Petroleum Inspector's report.

7. Petition in the House of Lords against the Middlesex County Council Bill.

825 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about [illegible] be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, [illegible] exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Langlands and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

826 **Town Planning Committee:**

RECOMMENDED that a Special Meeting of the Town Planning Committee be held [illegible] Wednesday, the 5th July, 1944, at 8 p. m.

827 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the undermentioned Committees be received [illegible] adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that [illegible] reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

Annexed.

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 6th June, 1944.

(*b*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 8th June, 1944.

(*c*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 8th June, 1944.

(*d*) **Public Health** of the 8th June, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 12th June, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 2 (School Attendance Sub-Committee—Care and Protection Cases), the Council expressed their appreciation of the action by the Director of Education and his Staff in connection with the matter.

(*f*) **General Purposes** of the 14th June, 1944.

(*g*) **Co-ordination of Wages (Sub)** of the 21st June, 1944.

828 **Whitley Works Committee:**

Reports of the Whitley Works Committee (Employers' Side) and the Whitley Works Committee of the 21st June, 1944, were submitted and considered;

Annexed.

RECOMMENDED that such reports be adopted.

829 **Staff:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a secret letter received from the Ministry of Health concerning a certain member of the Staff.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (a) 232(a) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

6th June, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), Alderman C.S. Syrett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P., Grobel, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. and Mrs. Roberts.

1.- RE-HOUSING:

(a) Applications for Release of Requisitioned Properties.-

(i) 24, St. Paul's Way;
(ii) 16, Middleway;
(iii) 33, Southway;
(iv) 55, Southbourne Crescent;
(v) 54, Ossulton Way;
(vi) 39, Vivian Way;
(vii) 57, Church Crescent;
(viii) 186, Regents Park Road.

It was reported that applications had been received from the respective owners for the release of the above-mentioned premises;

RESOLVED

(1) that as regards No. 24, St. Paul's Way the case be submitted to the Ministry of Health for their instructions;

(2) that as regards No. 33, Southway, the premises be released but that the owner be informed that if the proposed sale has not been completed and the premises occupied within two months from the date of release, the premises will again be requisitioned; and

(3) that as regards the remaining premises, the applications for release be not granted.

Arising out of No. 24, St. Paul's Way, the Chairman of the Committee declared that he had an interest therein and in consequence thereof did not vote or take any part in the discussion relating thereto, the Chair being occupied for the time being by the Vice-Chairman.

(b) Available Accommodation.- Particulars of the available accommodation for homeless persons was submitted.

(c) Billeting Arrears - No. 2, Nether Close.- The Town Clerk reported that, as a result of proceedings at the Barnet County Court by reason of arrears of £18.16s.0d. having accrued, an Order for possession of the above premises within fourteen days was made against the occupier, a Mrs. White who had been re-housed there since March, 1941, after being rendered homeless by bombing at Bow;

RESOLVED that the necessary steps be taken to enforce the Order forthwith.

232(b)

2.- BOURCHIER HOUSE:

The Town Clerk reported further in regard to the le of the above premises to Simms Motor Units, Ltd. and int that it had now been agreed that the Fire Guard Sector Ro might remain in the premises subject to a separate entra being provided from the front garden to the room in ques and for the doorway leading from the room into the rest o building being bricked up; further, that the necessary w was being carried out by direct labour;

RESOLVED that the action taken be approved.

3.- RECEPTION OF SECOND FRONT CASUALTIES:

The Medical Officer reported that a request had bee received from Group for the assistance of Mr. Gray, the Ambulance Officer, and Mr. Jackson, the Casualty Services Officer, as and when necessary in connection with the abo

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

4.- WARDENS - PART TIME MESSENGER - CHAMBERLAIN:

The Chief Warden reported that the above Messenger with an accident whilst on duty as a result of cycling in the back of an unlighted American Army Car and that in consequence he had lost four days' pay amounting to £1.16

RESOLVED that the sum in question be reimbursed Chamberlain and that the Officers take up th matter with the American Army Authorities.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

232(c)

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

DAY NURSERIES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th June, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. M.E. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

STAFF:

The Medical Officer reported as follows:-

Appointments.-

Name.	Position.	Salary. p.a.	Commenced duties.
Miss Pittam	Nursery Nurse, Torrington Nursery.	£150.	14. 2.44.
Mrs. Hughes	Nursery Assistant, Torrington Nursery.	£135.	28. 3.44.
Miss Hutton	Probationer, Moss Hall Nursery	£65.	24. 4.44.
Miss Zisserman	Probationer, Regents Nursery	£65.	22. 5.44.
Mrs. Hughes	Promoted to Nursery Nurse, Torrington Nursery.	£150.	29. 5.44.

Resignations.-

		Date of Resignation.
Mrs. Victor	Probationer, Regents Nursery	18. 3.44.
Miss Eva Bridger	Nursery Assistant, Moss Hall Nursery.	14. 4.44.
Miss Merfeld	Nursery Nurse, Torrington Nursery.	27. 5.44.

The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. E.M. Brown had been appointed to the position of Warden in the Regents Nursery as from the 12th June, 1944, at a salary appropriate to her position on the Burnham Scale, and that Miss W.R. Batten, a Warden at the Torrington Nursery, would be resigning on the 19th August, 1944.

J. GORDON BRYSON,
Chairman.

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(2) that negotiations with a view to a combined scheme of Divisional Administration for Finchley and Friern Barnet be pursued and that the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee, together with the Town Clerk and the Director of Education be authorised to discuss the matter further with representatives from Friern Barnet and, if deemed advisable, with the County Council, and report further as soon as possible.

232(d) This is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (c) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

Mayor.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th June, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Grocott, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mesdames Gotch, Re and Sladden.

Non-Member: Councillor Lawrence.

1.- STAFF:

The Medical Officer reported that Miss J. Hull, He Visitor and School Nurse, would reach the age of 60 on th December, 1944, on which date she desired to retire.

The Committee noted the retirement with regret and to refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee;

RECOMMENDED (a) that the action taken be approve
(b) that the Medical Officer be give authority to advertise in due co for another Health Visitor and S Nurse.

2.- INSTRUCTIONS:

RECOMMENDED that the instruction given to the Me Officer of Health, as entered in his Instru Book, be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

This, together with the following page, is the report 827 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 232(c)

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

8th June, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J.G. Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. M.E. Legge, M.B.E., (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Grocott and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

Non-Member: Councillor Lawrence.

1.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1937 - WATERMAN C. NORMAN:

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported that the above employee was due to retire on the 6th September, 1944, but desired to remain in the Council's service ; the Committee agreed that Mr. Norman's services be retained for a further period of 12 months, subject to the approval of the General Purposes Committee to whom the matter was referred;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

2.- RODENT DESTROYER:

The Medical Officer gave a favourable report upon the services performed by Mr. N. Dunton and the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that Mr. Dunton's salary be increased from £4. 10s. 0d. to £5 per week as from 1st August, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

3.- INSTRUCTIONS:

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Medical Officer of Health, as entered in his Instruction Book be approved.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

(2) that negotiations with a view to a combined scheme of Divisional Administration for Finchley and Friern Barnet be pursued and that the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee, together with the Town Clerk and the Director of Education be authorised to discuss the matter further with representatives from Friern Barnet and, if deemed advisable, with the County Council, and report further as soon as possible.

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Mayor

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

PART II.

12th June, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
Alderman Syrett, O.B.E.,
Councillors Grobel, Hugh Jones and Mrs. Roberts;
Miss Davey, M.A.

Education Bill - Joint arrangements with Friern Barnet.

The Mayor referred to a letter which the Town Clerk had received from the Clerk of the Friern Barnet Council stating that his Council had suggested a conference between representatives of Finchley and Friern Barnet to discuss the educational problems of the two districts following on the passing of the Education Bill.

He intimated that as a result of this letter a conference had been arranged at which there were present the Chairman of the Education Committee, the Town Clerk and himself on behalf of Finchley and the Chairman of the Friern Barnet Council, Councillor Simmonds, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Foley and the Clerk, Mr. Fletcher. He reported that there had been a free discussion on the matter and that Friern Barnet felt that the educational position in the new Bill called for a review of the existing arrangements and that they were of the opinion that a combination of the two authorities would be for the general benefit of education in the districts and that if a reasonable arrangement could be come to they would be prepared to join in with Finchley, if that were possible, and Finchley were agreeable thereto.

The Friern Barnet representatives asked that in such an event - (a) Finchley would give them a proper representation on the new Divisional Executive Committee and (b) whether Finchley were thinking of linking up with Hornsey.

As regards the latter, the Mayor stated that the Council were not pursuing this matter any further having regard to the new amendment to the Bill submitted by the Government under which Finchley was now able to claim to be an "excepted" district and that as regards (a) he was quite sure the Council would be prepared to give a suitable and fair representation to Friern Barnet.

The Committee then considered the matter and were of the opinion that if it could be arranged, it would be of benefit to both areas, particularly as any reorganisation in the northern parts of the Borough would be greatly assisted if Friern Barnet were included in the Scheme, but they felt that in any case the rights of the Council to become an "excepted" district should not be prejudiced and it was accordingly

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the Town Clerk be instructed to make at the appropriate time the necessary claim that the Borough should be "excepted" from any scheme of Divisional Administration to be made by the County Council;

(2) that negotiations with a view to a combined scheme of Divisional Administration for Finchley and Friern Barnet be pursued and that the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee, together with the Town Clerk and the Director of Education be authorised to discuss the matter further with representatives from Friern Barnet and, if deemed advisable, with the County Council, and report further as soon as possible.

2. School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 15th May, 1944, was sub
Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) Care and Protection Cases.

(i) That, with reference to previous reports on the ca
arrangements for the boarding-out of a second child, Frances
had now been completed through the agency of the Waifs and
Society, Pinner. Further, that in the circumstances the c
becomes committed to the care and custody of the Finchley E
Authority as a "Fit Person", as from the 25th April, 1944.

(ii) That on 25th April, 1944, three children named Sa
aged 8, 6 and 3 years respectively, were brought before the
Court by the N.S.P.C.C. as being in need of care and protec
On behalf of the Finchley Education Authority, unwillingness
as a "Fit Person", in the present difficult circumstances,
expressed.

M. E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED
that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

3. School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 5th June, 1944, was subm
Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) School Meals.

(i) Kitchen Staff Wages. That the question of wages to
in school canteens was under consideration by the Middlesex
Industrial Council but that a report on the matter was not ex
for some little time. In the meantime, and to meet the pres
position, the Director of Education had suggested that incre
be granted, more especially as it was now very difficult to
the necessary labour.

RECOMMENDED that the following increases on wages be gra
as from 1st July, 1944, the mid-day meal, as at prese
to be an additional emolument.

	Present wage per week.	Increase per week
Kitchen Maids	£2. 0. 0.	5s. 0d.
Assistant Cook at Martin School	£2.10. 0.	5s. 0d.
Cook at Ballards Lane Kitchen	£3. 0. 0.	5s. 0d.
Cook at Martin School ...	£3. 5. 0.	5s. 0d.

(ii) Summerside School Kitchen (under construction). The
above Kitchen would probably be ready for use within the next
weeks and that the Director of Education had suggested that th
initially should be a cook and two kitchen maids.

RECOMMENDED
(1) that the proposed staff be approved.
(2) that a cook be appointed at a wage of £3 a week (plus
mid-day meal), the appointment to be left in the hands
of the Director of Education, who would consult the
Meals' Organiser.

(b) Care of Sports Equipment at Summerside School. That, owing to shortage, arrangements had been made to pool the sports equipment of such schools using the school playing field. The apparatus required considerable attention, and the Director of Education had approved a payment of 2s.6d. a week, as from October last, to the caretaker for this work. The scheme had proved very successful and should be continued in the interests of the schools concerned.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(c) Manorside School - Employment of Caretaker. That consideration had been given to the question of the continued employment of Mr. W. Lawford, engaged during the illness of the late Mr. Rice.

RECOMMENDED that the services of Mr. W. Lawford be retained for a further three months and the matter be reviewed at the September meeting of the Education Committee.

(d) Staff - Resignation of Mrs. O. Shaw, Martin Junior School That Mrs. Shaw had submitted her resignation to take effect on the 30th June, 1944, in order to take up an appointment as Headmistress under the West Suffolk Authority.

Further, that it was desirable to fill the post and that the Chairman had authorised the issue of advertisements.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved, the appointment to be left in the hands of the Appointments Sub-Committee.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

4. Miss J. Hull - School Nurse.

The School Medical Officer intimated that Miss J. Hull would, in all probability, be retiring in December next, when she reaches the age of 60.

The question of superannuation was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

5. Juvenile Employment Bureau - Appointment of Woman Officer (Assistant).

Miss Ruth W. Ashton Jinks has been appointed to the above-mentioned permanent post, in accordance with the terms of the authority given.

6. Mr. G. Froome - Superintendent School Attendance Officer and Juvenile Employment Officer.

It was reported that Mr. Froome was due to retire on 9th August next, when he would reach the age of 65 years. Arising thereon, the Committee considered certain proposals of the Director of Education concerning a revision of the present organisation of the School Attendance section of the Department and the Juvenile Employment Bureau so as to provide for their separation.

The Committee were in accord with the suggestions, and decided to refer the whole matter to the General Purposes Committee.

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7. The late Mr. H. Rice and the late Mr. J. Dunn (Caretakers) - Compassionate Grants.

Consideration was given to the position of the widows of The matter was referred to the General Purposes Committee wi recommendation, in the case of the widow of the late Mr. Rice compassionate grant be given to her of an amount equal to one wages. In the case of Mrs. Dunn, full information was not and further consideration was deferred until the next meeting

8. Staff.

(a) Miss J.M.Canning, Domestic Subjects' Mistress, Alder Scho was reported that Miss Canning had secured a post in a second and would shortly be resigning. Authority was given to adve for a successor.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved, the appointment to be left to the Appointments Sub-Committee.

(b) Staff Absences. A list of the members of the staff absen the last meeting was submitted and it was reported that, with exception of certain cases noted in the list, they were withi terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED that salaries be paid for those periods of absence within the Committee's regulations.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

This, together with the following two pages, is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (f) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

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Mayor.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

14th June, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E., (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.) and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence and Tyndall.

Non-Member: Alderman Pateman.

1.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFFS (WAR SERVICE) ACT, 1939:

(a) The Town Clerk reported that it had been agreed that supplementation of pay in the case of J.C. Dunn, Caretaker at the Northside School, who was posted as "missing at sea" in March, 1943 and of D.J. Shea, Junior Clerk in the Valuation Department, who was reported as "missing in Batavia" early in 1942, be extended for a further period of 13 weeks from the 27th March, 1944.

He also reported, with regret, that Mrs. Dunn had received a notification from the Military Authorities in April last that her husband was now reported "presumed killed in action at sea";

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the question of making a gratuity to Mrs. Dunn be considered at next meeting; and
(2) that supplementation of pay in the case of D.J. Shea be continued for a further period of 13 weeks from the 26th June, 1944.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. J.C. Mackinder (4th Engineering Assistant, Surveyor's Department) now a Major in the Royal Engineers, had been overpaid the sum of £50 in consequence of incorrect or insufficient information furnished to the Department with regard to his service pay; further, that from time to time over a long period he had communicated with Mr. Mackinder, both by letter and telephone, and that promises had been made by him to call with a view to making arrangements for repayment, but that nothing had materialised. He added that arrears of superannuation contributions had accumulated at the same time but that Mr. Mackinder was meeting his current liability in this respect;

RECOMMENDED that legal proceedings be instituted against Major Mackinder in the matter.

2.- COUNCIL EMPLOYEES - COMPASSIONATE GRANTS:

The Borough Surveyor submitted a statement of compassionate grants in respect of which authority for payment would expire at the meeting of the Council;

RECOMMENDED that the persons enumerated in the undermentioned statement be granted, until the date of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in June, 1945 or until such time as the sum available is exhausted, whichever be the earlier, the gratuities set opposite to their respective names:-

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Name.		Amount of Gratuity.
J.H. Aldridge	....	12s. 2d.
R. Beaumont	....	8s. 3d.
A.J. Bourner	....	12s.11d.
Mrs. E. Burbridge	....	5s.
A. Deaton	....	7s. 4d.
F. Dickens	....	8s. 3d.
H. Down	....	9s. 9d.
T. Hillier	....	11s. 9d.
R. Holt	....	9s. 7d.
Mrs. R.D. Mulley	....	10s.
W.F. Smith	....	14s.10d.
Mrs. E. Whiting	....	10s.
J.L. Lindsay	....	10s. 8d.
Mrs. E.A. Biddle	....	15s.
R.L. Farebrother	....	18s. 9d.

3.- SUPERANNUATION - REFUNDS AND TRANSFER VALUES:

The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of refunds ma transfer values paid and received in respect of certain me of the Staff.

4.- FINCHLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ACT, 1908:

It was reported that the Education Committee at their meeting had agreed to recommend to the Committee that, in t case of the widow of Mr. H. Rice, former Caretaker at the H side School, a compassionate grant be made to her of an amo equal to one year's pay of her late husband;

RECOMMENDED

(1) that a gratuity of a sum equivalent to one year's pay of the deceased be granted to t widow under Section 70 of the above-mentio Act;

(2) that the question of the method by which t amount be disbursed be left in the hands o Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of Education Committee and the Director of Ed tion; and

(3) that, in the event of the death of the wid prior to the disbursement of the full amou of the grant, no further payments be made.

Arising hereon, a supplemental estimate for £271 was referred to the Finance Committee for approval.

5.- STAFF:

(a) Absence through illness.- The names of those memb of the staff who had been absent, through illness, since th last meeting of the Committee were submitted, together wit necessary medical certificates.

(b) Town Clerk's Department.- The Town Clerk reported follows:-

(i) that Mrs. Harris, part-time temporary Clerk, had be granted leave of absence, without pay, for a period of two weeks from the 8th May, 1944, owing to the illness of her hus band.

(ii) that Mrs. K.E. Stuart, part-time temporary typist, had left the service of the Council on the 2nd June, 1944, for domestic reasons;

(iii) that Miss O.M. Stockman, shorthand-typist, who was called up for National Service in September, 1943 to be appointed a full-time Red Cross Nursing Auxiliary at Kingswood Sick Bay had recently been invalided out of this Service and had been given permission by the Ministry of Labour and National Service to resume her former duties in the Department as from the 1st June, 1944.

(iv) that he had received notification from the Ministry of Labour and National Service that deferment in the case of Miss J. Rowe, temporary General Clerk, could not be continued; further, that she had been called for interview;

RECOMMENDED that, in the event of her being transferred, the filling of the vacancy be left to the Town Clerk to deal with.

(c) Education Department.-

(i) The Town Clerk reported that the Director of Education had received a letter from Mrs. G.Andrews (nee Froome), resigning her appointment on the Staff of the Education Department as from the 31st May, 1944.

(ii) The Committee considered certain recommendations of the Education Committee arising out of the impending retirement of Mr. G. Froome, Superintednent of School Attendance Officers and Juvenile Employment Officer.

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following particulars as to the approximate superannuation allowance payable to Mr. Froome in accordance with the practice of the Council:-

Period of Service: 20 years' Contributing and 19 years' Non-contributing;

Average Remuneration: £522. 5s. 8d. per annum;

Estimated Allowance:

	£.	s.	d.
$\frac{20}{60} + \frac{19}{120}$ of £522. 5. 8.	256.	15.	10.
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RECOMMENDED

(1) that a superannuation allowance of approximately £339.9.9. per annum be granted to Mr. Froome as from the 10th August, 1944;

(2) that, as from the 10th August next, the joint post of Superintendent of School Attendance Officers and Juvenile Employment Officer cease;

(3) that, notwithstanding the resolution passed by the Council in March, 1941 to the effect (inter alia) that, during the period of the War and for six months thereafter, there be no alteration in the establishment of any Department of the Council, the establishment of the Education Department be varied by the creation of a post in Section I of the Senior Grade (£330-£390 by £15 increments) in lieu of one in Section I of the Intermediate Grade;

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(4) that, subject to the consent of the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. J.S. Salt, present designated as Clerk in the Juvenile Employment Bureau, be appointed Juvenile Employment Officer and that he be placed in Section 1 of the Senior Grade (£330 to £390 by £15 increments) with effect as from the August, 1944; and

(5) that, as from the 17th August, Mr. Froome be appointed in a temporary capacity for duties in the Attendance Section of the Department at a remuneration at the rate of £250 per annum, bonus, and that this appointment be reviewed prior to the 31st March, 1945.

As regards the appointment of a Superintendent of Attendance Officers, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that administrative changes under the Education might affect the position of the Council on the 1st April but that if an appointment were made, the Director of Education had suggested that Section 1 of the Senior Grade (£330 to £ by £15 increments) would be appropriate, this being a section lower than that in which Mr. Froome was placed;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(iii) Public Health Department.-

(a) The Town Clerk reported that, at the last meeting of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, it was reported that J. Hull, Health Visitor and School Nurse would reach the age of 60 on the 30th December, 1944, on which date she desired to retire - she having elected, when the Superannuation Act came into operation, to retire at that age.

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following particulars as to the approximate superannuation allowance payable to Miss Hull, in accordance with the practice of the Council, and in addition, the annual compensatory allowance under Section 16 of the Act, which provides that where 40 years' service has been completed by the person on retirement at the age of 60 an annual amount may be granted to her not exceeding the difference between the superannuation allowance to which she is entitled and that to which she would have been entitled had she continued in the service of the Authority until the age of 65:-

Period of Service: 21 years Contributory and 4 years Non-contributing.

Average Remuneration: £342 per annum.

Estimated allowance:

	£.	s.	d.
$\frac{21}{60} + \frac{4}{120}$ of £342	131.	2.	-.
Added sum - $\frac{4}{120}$ of £342	11.	8.	-.
	142.	10.	-.
Amount which may be added under Section 16(2) - $\frac{5}{60}$ of £342	28.	10.	-.
	171.	-.	-.

RECOMMENDED that a superannuation allowance of approximately £171 per annum be granted to Miss Hull, as from the 31st December, 1944.

(b) It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Public Health Committee, it had been decided to recommend to the Committee that the salary of Mr. N. Dunton, Rodent Destroyer, be increased from £4. 10s. to £5 a week as from the 1st August, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Iris Jacksor, a Clerk in the Department, had been notified to appear for interview at the Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service and that he would therefore be glad of authority to appoint a successor, should she be transferred to other work;

RECOMMENDED
(1) that this be agreed; and
(2) that authority also be given for the appointment of a further part-time clerical assistant, on the usual terms.

(iv) Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.- The Borough Surveyor reported as follows:-

(a) Town Planning Assistant.- that Mr. Relph resumed duties on the 24th April, 1944.

(b) Miss J. Atkinson, Junior Clerk.- that, further to his report at last meeting, Miss Atkinson had joined the A.T.S. on the 2nd June, 1944 and that Miss J. Putt had been engaged to fill the vacancy as from the 1st May, 1944.

(c) Appointment of Temporary Architectural Assistant.- that Mr. C.S. Macnab commenced his duties on the 5th June, 1944.

(v) Finance Department.- The Borough Treasurer reported as follows:-

(a) that Mrs. D.E. Stanley had been appointed to part-time service in the Audit Section in place of Miss Worth who, as previously reported, had been transferred to War Service.

(b) that Mrs. F.P. Stacey of the Wages Section would shortly be leaving the service of the Corporation and that he had engaged Mrs. E. Yates as substitute.

(c) that Miss G. Cox had been appointed in the Accountancy Section to fill the vacancy resulting from the transfer of members of the Staff from full-time to part-time service.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

232(S) This is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (g) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

CO-ORDINATION OF WAGES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

21ST JUNE, 1944.

PART II.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman Syrett, O.B.E. and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank Bryson and Lawrence.

1. CHAIRMAN:

Owing to the illness of Councillor A.N.H. Baines, C.C., the Chairman of the Whitley Works Committee, it was

RESOLVED that the appointment of Chairman of the Committee be deferred.

2. CHAIR:

RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) be appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

3. VICE-CHAIRMAN:

RESOLVED that the appointment of Vice-Chairman be deferred.

4. RE-GRADING OF WATERMEN EMPLOYED AT THE SEWAGE FARM:

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor referred to the previous decision of the Sub-Committee when, in order not to penalise certain Watermen who had been in the services of the Council for many years, by causing their wages to be reduced on the adoption of the J.I.C. classification and Grading Scheme, the Council had approved that certain employees who had been engaged on this work for a great number of years should be graded as Foremen Watermen and paid accordingly so as not to penalise the

The other Watermen had complained that although they were carrying out the same work as the Foremen Watermen they were receiving lower wages.

After hearing a report from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor the Sub-Committee were of the opinion that as the anomaly was peculiar to Finchley it would cease on the retirement of the older employees, any steps to alter the grading of Watermen was a matter which should be taken up by the Workpeople's Side with the Middlesex Joint Industrial Council.

The Sub-Committee referred their report to the Whitley Works Committee (Employers' Side);

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

R.J.N. NORMAN,

Chairman (pro tempore).

This, together with the following page, shows the reports referred to in paragraph 828 of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

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D.A.A. Merry

Mayor

WHITLEY WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Employers' Side).

21st June, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Syrett O.B.E. and Councillors Bryson and Lawrence.

1.- MINUTES.-

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th March, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2.- RE-GRADING OF WATERMEN EMPLOYED AT THE SEWAGE FARM.-

The Committee considered the report of even date of the Co-Ordination of Wages Sub-Committee regarding the above, and decided to adopt the view of the Co-ordination of Wages Sub-Committee on this matter.

W. L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman (pro tempore).

232(s) This is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (g) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

Mayor

CO-ORDINATION OF WAGES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

COUNCIL MEETING - 26th JUNE, 1944.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

PART II.

1.- STAFF:

I will refer at your meeting to a secret letter receive from the Ministry of Health.

2.- HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB:

I will read at your meeting a letter dated 12th June, 1 which I have received from the Chairman of the Hampstead Garde Suburb Residents' Association.

3.- GLEBE LAND:

I have received a request from the Officer Commanding a the R.A.S.C. Barracks for permission to cut slit trenches in t piece of land between the Drill Hall and the Main Road which bel to the Council.

In the special circumstances arising from the present raiding conditions, I have granted the necessary permission, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) that the work carried out will not be more unsightl than is necessary;

(ii) to the land being reinstated when the trenches are n longer required; and

(iii) to the Military Authorities accepting responsibility for any accidents which may occur as a result of th construction of the trenches.

R.M. FRANKLIN,

Town Clerk.

WHITLEY WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

21st June, 1944.

Present: Employers' Side - Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank (in the Chair), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E., Councillor J.G. Bryson and Councillor P. Lawrence.

Workpeople's Side - Messrs. J. Disbrey, F. Pearce, P. Smyth and H. W. Reed.

1.- CHAIRMAN.-

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Brooksbank was appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

2.- RE-GRADING OF WATERMEN EMPLOYED AT THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.-

(a) Mr. F. Pearce being one of the workpeople concerned withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the matter. It was pointed out that by the withdrawal of Mr. Pearce, the Workpeople's Side had not the necessary quorum, but the meeting decided to proceed with the consideration of the matter and,

RECOMMENDED - the report thereon be submitted to the Town Council.

(b) The Workpeople's Side pointed out that certain employees were classified as Foremen Watermen and others as Watermen, both grades doing the same type of work with the same responsibilities and suggested that all such employees be classified as Foremen Watermen and placed in Grade D of the Middlesex Provincial Industrial Council Grading Scheme, further, that in their opinion the present grade for Watermen was not sufficiently high for their work and responsibility. The Employers' Side pointed out that when employees were classified in April, 1941, the Council carefully considered this matter and in order to prevent undue hardship on some of the employees who had been in the service of the Council, carrying out these duties for a great number of years, such employees were classified as Foremen Watermen, but that on retirement their place

232(s) This is the report referred to in paragraph 827 (g) of the Council Minutes of the 26th June, 1944.

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should not be filled; further, that any alteration in the grade of Watermen was a matter for the Middlesex Joint Industrial Council.

The Workpeople's Side stated they would consider the desirability of asking their organisation to submit to the Middlesex J.I.C. a case for raising the grading of Watermen.

3.- ALDERMAN C. S. SYRETT - CONGRATULATIONS.-

The Workpeople's Side offered their congratulations to Alderman Syrett on the honour of the Order of the British Empire recently awarded to him by H. M. the King.

Alderman Syrett expressed his appreciation.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman, (pro tempore).

830 Hampstead Garden Suburb:

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 12th June, 1944, received from the Chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council heartily support the efforts being made by the Association regarding the future well-being of the Hampstead Garden Suburb, and wish the Association every success in the objects which they have in view.

831 Glebe Land:

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a request from the Officer Commanding for permission to cut slit trenches in the piece of land between the Drill Hall and the Main Road which belonged to the Council.

He added that he had granted the necessary permission, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) that the work carried out would not be more unsightly than was necessary;

(ii) that the land would be reinstated when the trenches were no longer required: and

(iii) that the Military Authorities would accept responsibility for any accidents which might occur as a result of the construction of the trenches;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

832 Printing of Council Agenda, Minutes and Reports:

The Town Clerk read a letter dated 21st June, 1944, received from Messrs. Warden & Co., Ltd., relative to certain difficulties which they were experiencing in obtaining supplies of printing paper;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be left to the Town Clerk to deal with.

833 Burial Board Land:

In accordance with notice, Councillor Bryson asked the Chairman of the Housing Committee the following question:—

"Will the Chairman of the Housing Committee investigate the possibility of acquiring the land rented from the St. Pancras and Islington Burial Board by this Council?"

Alderman Pike replied that, whilst he was prepared to investigate the matter, it must not be taken that he was committed to the opinion that the site was a suitable one for housing purposes.

834 Holidays at Home—1944:

In the absence of Councillor Baines, the Deputy Mayor made a full statement as to the present and possible future financial position of the various activities which had been arranged to take place in connection with the above, particularly as regards "Shakespeare Week," bearing in mind the prevailing conditions due to the War.

The Council did not feel that the circumstances warranted any departure by the Joint Entertainments Committee from the arrangements already made.

835 Resumption of Council:

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Lawrence, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mayor.

24th July, 1944.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

4th JULY, 1944.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, Capt. Franks, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

836 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

837 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the requisitions, as contained in the books submitted, be approved.

838 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted a number of circulars which had been received since last meeting from various Government Departments.

839 **The Position of Members of Local Authorities in Relation to the Civil Defence Services of the Authority of which they were Members and Delegation of Powers to Emergency and Civil Defence Committees:**

The Town Clerk submitted Home Security Circular No. 73/44 in regard to the above and pointed out that the Council had always complied with the suggestions contained in the second part of the circular dealing with reports of the Civil Defence Committee.

840 **Lyttelton Playing Fields Pavilion:**

An application was submitted from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue for the use for Overflow Services on the Jewish New Year of the top hall of the above Pavilion on the 18th, 19th, 26th and 27th September, 1944.

Owing to the fact that the pavilion was used for Civil Defence and Home Guard purposes the Committee were unable to grant the application but the Town Clerk indicated that it might be found possible to offer other suitable accommodation;

RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Chairman of the Committee, the Town Clerk and Councillor Capt. Franks.

841 **Civil Defence Canteens:**

(a) **Canteen Sub-Committee's Report of the 23rd June, 1944.—**

This report as under-printed was submitted:—

"Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), and Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E.

I.—Avenue House Canteen:

The Town Clerk submitted the Trading Account in connection with the above for the five weeks from 30th April, 1944, on which date the Avenue House Canteen was transferred from the control of the Communal Feeding Department. It was pointed out that the account showed a loss of £34 16s. 4d. for the period, but it was intimated that this was to a large extent due to illness of staff and to the fact that the period was largely an experimental one. The Town Clerk intimated that a copy of the account had been forwarded to the County Council and he was instructed to inform them that the whole matter would be considered again at the end of July next;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

2.—**Canteen Store:**

It was reported that the old Report Centre was being adapted for use as a Canteen Store;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for any necessary expenditure to be incurred in connection therewith.

3.—**Trading Account—Year Ended 31st March, 1944:**

The above account was submitted and considered;

RECOMMENDED that same be approved and that a copy be forwarded to the Middlesex County Council.

J. HUGH JONES,
Chairman."

RESOLVED that the report be adopted.

(b) Provision of Food for Personnel.—

The Town Clerk reported that the Regional Commissioners were prepared to recognise for grant the expenditure incurred during the financial years 1942/43 and 1943/44 on the basis of the figures prepared by the County Accountant in respect of the provision of meals for Civil Defence personnel subject to examination of the figures by the District Auditor.

842 **Petroleum:**

It was reported that Messrs. Leaver, Hembling & Perry, Ltd., had made application for the return of 485 gallons of petrol lent by them when their storage tank was taken over by the Corporation for Civil Defence purposes;

RESOLVED that the Petroleum Officer be authorised to make the necessary arrangements for the return of the petrol.

843 **Basement Shelters:**

The Town Clerk reported that applications had been received from members of the public for permission to use the basement shelters at Our Lady of Lourdes School and at No. 17, Hendon Lane;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that as regards the shelter at Our Lady of Lourdes School consent be granted; and

(*b*) that as regards the shelter at 17, Hendon Lane, consent be not granted.

844 **Incident:**

Reports on a recent incident were submitted by the Town Clerk and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor which included a tribute to the excellent services afforded by members of the National Fire Service;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk forward a letter of appreciation to the members of the Fire Service concerned and that the Committee place on record their appreciation of the good work done by all the Civil Defence Services.

845 **Trailer Pump:**

The Fire Guard Officer reported that the Fire Guards in District 5 had provided at their own expense a trailer pump and had made application to the Council for the supply of the necessary petrol for operating the pump;

RESOLVED that this application be granted.

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846 **Telephone Extension—D.H.Q.4:**

The Chief Warden reported that the premises at 51, Long Lane, were used jointly as D.H.Q. for the Wardens and the Fire Guards and that the District Warden had made application for an extension of the telephone for the use of the Fire Guards;

RESOLVED that authority be given for the necessary extension to be provided.

847 **Council Mortuary:**

The Medical Officer of Health reported on the desirability of providing blackout at the above building at an estimated cost of £6 9s. 7d.;

RESOLVED that authority be given for such expenditure to be incurred.

848 **Fireguard (Business and Government Premises) Order, 1943:**

(a) Lyttelton Garage, Lyttelton Road N.2.—

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a request from the Ministry of Aircraft Production that this Council should assume the functions of appropriate authority under the above Order in connection with these premises as from the 26th June, 1944. The Ministry stated that they were reserving the right to visit and inspect the premises in connection with Fire Prevention and Civil Defence Act measures;

RESOLVED that the Council accede to the request on the terms mentioned.

(b) 1107/9, High Road, N.20.—

A communication from the Regional Commissioners was submitted from which it appeared that they had advised the Ministry of Food that the Ministry's functions as appropriate authority under the above Order in respect of these premises should be assumed by this Council;

RESOLVED that upon a request being received from the Ministry of Food this Council assume these functions.

(c) Finchley Food Office.—

The Town Clerk reported upon a letter received from the Ministry of Food indicating that an agreement had been reached that the premises occupied by the Food Office at 316, Regents Park Road, should be included in a joint arrangement with adjacent business premises on the basis that all premises concerned in this arrangement were to be deemed business premises;

RESOLVED that the Council agree to this suggestion and upon a formal request being received from the Regional Commissioners this Council assume the functions of appropriate authority under the above Order in respect of the premises included in the arrangement.

849 **Fireguard Plan:**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the National Fire Service stating their intention completely to disestablish the under-mentioned N.F.S. Report Controls from the 24th June, 1944, consequent upon the coming into operation of the above plan in this Borough:—

(*a*) B.3.S. Stag Garage, 63, High Road, N.2.

(*b*) B.3.T. Pope's Garage, 39, Ballards Lane, N.3.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

Valuation Committee's Report.

4th JULY, 1944.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), (Chairman), Mr. A. E. Griffith (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Langlands, Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Gray.

Non-members: Councillors Capt. Franks and Mrs. Roberts.

850 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

851 Rating and Valuation Act, 1925—1st Schedule—Annual Report of the North Middlesex Assessment Committee:

This report was submitted in accordance with the terms of the above-named Act.

852 Valuation Officer's Report:

The Valuation Officer reported as follows:—

1. North Middlesex Assessment Committee.

That at the meeting of the above Committee held on the 26th May objections to the Rating Authority's proposals in respect of the undermentioned were rejected:—

Heathland, Woodside Avenue.
26, Highwood Avenue.

Further, that at the meeting held on 30th June, 1944, a de-rating claim by the occupier of 295, Regents Park Road, was not opposed by the Rating Authority and the hereditament was transferred to Part II of the Valuation List, and the suggestion of the Rating Authority that the assessment of 3, Dollis Road, be reduced to £26 Gross Value, Rateable Value £19, as the result of the ratepayers' proposal, was accepted by the Committee.

At the same meeting objections to the Rating Authority's proposals in respect of the undermentioned were rejected:—

6, Holly Park.
3, Cyprus Road.

The proposed assessment of £60 Gross Value, £48 Rateable Value, in the case of 110A, Regents Park Road, was amended by the Committee to £55 Gross Value, £44 Rateable Value.

2. Rating and Valuation (Apportionment) Act, 1928.

De-Rating Claim.—That a de-rating claim had been received in respect of 74, Ballards Lane, and after hearing the Valuation Officer's report it was

RECOMMENDED that the claim be not opposed by the Rating Authority.

3. Re-Valuation of Industrial Hereditaments.

That two conferences had been held in respect of the above and that it had been stated on behalf of the Middlesex County Valuation Committee, that in cases where a rating authority was not prepared to revalue incorrectly assessed factory and workshop premises, that Committee was prepared to take the appropriate action.

Further, it was stated that a large number of Rating Authorities in Middlesex had already undertaken the revaluation of these hereditaments, and it was reported that Finchley had considered the matter in January and February, 1943, and had taken the appropriate action where considered necessary.

R. J. N. NORMAN,
Chairman.

Highways Committee's Report.

5th JULY, 1944.

Present: Councillor G. F. Tyndall (Chairman), Alderman G. H. Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Fitness, Capt. Franks and Lawrence.
Non-member: Councillor Bryson.

853 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

854 **Damage to Immobile Property by Service Vehicles:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to circular letters which had been received from the Association of Municipal Corporations and the Urban District Councils' Association with reference to an Agreement which had been made with the Claims Commission of the War Office for the disposal of claims in respect of damage caused to immobile property of Local Authorities by service vehicles;

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken in the matter.

855 **Fire Brigade Appliances Recommended for Disposal:**

A letter dated 12th April, 1944, was submitted from the Fire Force Commander of the National Fire Service stating that the Fire Service Department of the Home Office had advised him that the Fire Appliance MT 316 previously owned by the Council was beyond reasonable repair and that it was suggested that it should be dismantled for spares.

It was reported that the Appliance referred to was the old Leyland machine purchased by the Council in 1928, and that, from enquiries which had been made, it appeared doubtful whether it would ever be likely to be of any use to the Council.

In the circumstances, it was

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised to the dismantling of the machine as proposed.

856 **Fire Hydrants:**

Reference was made to a letter dated 28th March, 1944, received from the Area Water Officer of the National Fire Service referring to an arrangement approved by the Council in November, 1942, whereby all orders for the provision and repair of fire hydrants were to be given direct by the National Fire Service to the Water Undertakings, and asking that, in order to obviate any misunderstanding in the future, it should be recorded that this arrangement was of a temporary nature and without prejudice to the statutory position;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

857 **Electric Cables, Etc.:**

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of applications from the General Manager and Engineer for permission—

(i) to lay a cable in Granville Road (south side) from Ballards Lane to Bow Lane; and

(ii) to place an overground disconnecting box on the south corner of the junction of Ballards Lane and Granville Road;

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised thereto.

858 **Post Office Wayleaves:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approved applications received from the Post Office Authorities for permission:—

(i) to place an underground line on the north side of Woodhouse Road from Lewes Road (south-west side) to outside Nos. 161/163, Woodhouse Road; and

(ii) to erect a telegraphic pole on the north side of Long Lane outside No. 85;

RECOMMENDED that the action of the Borough Surveyor be confirmed.

859 **Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935:**

Plan No. 10798 was considered showing a proposal to construct a water closet at 288, High Road, N.2;

RECOMMENDED that the consent of the Council as the Highway Authority be given to such proposal under the provisions of Section 2(1) of the Act, subject, if applicable, to the condition mentioned in Minute No. 200(*a*) (1936-37).

860 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Officers, as entered in their respective Instruction Books, be approved.

G. F. TYNDALL,

Chairman.

Town Planning Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

5th JULY, 1944.

Present: Alderman A. J. Briant (Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Capt. Franks and Langlands.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Lawrence.

861 **North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee—Future Constitution and Powers:**

The Committee considered carefully the following resolution which was adopted by the above-mentioned Committee at their meeting on the 13th June, 1944, and also the report therein referred to (circulated) upon which the observations of the Council were requested:—

> "That the report now submitted on the subject of future constitution and powers be forwarded to the constituent authorities of the Joint Committee, the Barnet, East Barnet and Cheshunt Urban District Councils and the Hertfordshire County Council for observations; that the authorities be asked to forward their observations to the Joint Committee, if possible by the 31st July, 1944, and that they be submitted to the special sub-committee for consideration and report to the Committee."

Alderman Pike, the Chairman of the North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee, then explained that representatives of the Joint Committee had interviewed officials of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning when they were informed that the Minister had decided that the number of planning authorities in the London Area must be reduced and that in the event of the authorities failing among themselves to agree on the area or powers of a Joint Committee the Minister had power to constitute such a Committee himself; that in view of this, the Joint Com-

mittee had set up a Sub-Committee to go into the question and that the report of such Sub-Committee now circulated contained the minimum delegation of powers which it was felt the Minister would accept; that the Joint Committee would prepare the planning schemes for the area but the individual constituent authorities would administer them as they did their own schemes at the present time and that they would remain the interim development authority.

After reviewing the whole position, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Council agree, in principle, to the proposals, subject to paragraph 7 of the conditions of delegation being amended so as to provide that, if a Constituent authority is aggrieved with the decision of the Joint Committee as to the contribution payable by it for the acquisition of a particular area of land scheduled for public acquisition in a scheme, the matter shall, at the request of such authority, be referred to arbitration; and

(*b*) that the question be further dealt with when the views of the other constituent authorities are known.

862 Non-Conforming Use of Premises:

Scheme No. 6:

(*a*) Finchley Lodge—48, Gainsborough Road, N.12.—It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Council, two applications, i.e., one from the Finchley Boy Scouts' Local Association, and the other from the Middlesex County Council in respect of the use of the above premises were referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

As regards the former, the Town Clerk reported that, since the Council Meeting, a letter dated 4th July, 1944, had been received from the District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts' Local Association stating that he had interviewed personally the residents of every house near the property, and enclosing a memorandum which had been signed by the 25 householders. The writer emphasised that there had not been one dissentient to the proposed user, and that the residents had been eager to show their support for the scheme without persuasion of any kind.

After full consideration of the position, and in view of the fresh evidence now received, from which it appeared that the residents did not fear that the amenities of the area would be affected prejudicially by the proposed user, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that the application from the Finchley Local Boy Scouts' Association to use the premises as a District Headquarters be approved, subject to their entering into an agreement, in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk providing (inter alia) that there shall be nothing done on the premises which, in the opinion of the Council, would be a nuisance or annoyance to the residents or occupiers of the adjoining or adjacent property or the neighbourhood, and that without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing condition, no band practices shall be held or musical instruments played in the grounds;

(ii) that the application of the Middlesex County Council to use the premises as a Chest Clinic in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis be refused as the suggested user would contravene the proposed character zoning provisions of the Scheme.

(*b*) Site of Nos. 1 and 2, Reepham Villas, East End Road—Proposed Gospel Hall.—With reference to the refusal given under Minute 552 2(*c*) in respect of the application for the non-conforming use of these premises, the Town Clerk reported that he had received notification from the applicant's Solicitors that an appeal had been made to the Minister of Health.

(*c*) 364-370, High Road, N.2—Giddy's Yard.—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Liddiard Lubricants, Ltd., were using the above site for the storage and reconditioning of oil drums contrary to the proposals of the draft Scheme without first obtaining the consent of the Council;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be instructed to look into the matter and report further as soon as possible.

863 **Deposited Plans:**

Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situate.	Owner.
10798	Water Closet,	288, High Road, N.2,	S. Pulham & Sons, Ltd,
10541B	Amended elevation and amended drainage.	Flats—Site of Park Lodge, Friern Park, N.12.	C. F. Day, Ltd.

RECOMMENDED—

(i). that Plan No. 10798 be approved; and

(ii) that as regards Plan No. 10541B the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report further thereon at the Council Meeting.

A. J. BRIANT,

Chairman.

Housing Committee's Report.

6th JULY, 1944.

Present: Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

864 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

865 **National Federation of Housing Societies:**

The Town Clerk submitted a circular letter from the above-named Federation urging the support of this Council in promoting the formation or extension of housing associations.

866 **Advance Preparation of Housing Sites:**

A letter from the London Master Builders' Association was submitted protesting against certain proposals of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Works on this subject, and the Committee were in sympathy with the view that the work of advance preparation of housing sites should be let by individual Local Authorities to contractors of their own selection.

A. T. PIKE,

Chairman.

Electricity Committee's Report.

12th JULY, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor W. C. Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Grobel.

867 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

868 Requisitions:

RECOMMENDED that the List of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

869 Ownership of Generating Stations, Etc.—I.M.E.A. Memorandum:

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 14th June, 1944, received from the Hon. Secretary to the Special Committee of Municipal Selected Station Owners enclosing copy of a printed statement entitled:—

> "Observations of Municipal Selected Station Owners on the Memorandum dated January, 1944, of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, on the Ownership of Distribution Undertakings, Ownership of Generating Stations, National Standard Bulk Supply Tariff."

The Town Clerk also reported that, since that date, the South Shields Corporation, alleging that irregularities occurred in the conduct of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association held on the 16th March last, and the taking of a vote, had issued a writ against the Association claiming a declaration that the resolution of the 26th April (by which the Association purported to adopt the Joint Memorandum) was invalid, and an injunction.

In this connection, he submitted a notice of motion which the South Shields Corporation had intended moving at the Annual Meeting of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association and intimated that, as the Annual Meeting had been postponed, the South Shields Corporation had enquired as to whether this Council would have instructed its representatives to support such notice of motion, had the meeting taken place.

After due consideration, the Town Clerk was instructed to reply to the effect that the terms of the notice of motion would have received the support of this Council.

870 District Joint Committee of Chief Electrical Engineers:

A copy of the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of the above-mentioned Committee held on the 31st March last was submitted.

871 General Manager and Engineer's Report:

The General Manager and Engineer reported as follows:—

(a) Boiler Insurance.—

That the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., had reported a satisfactory examination of No. 8 boiler and super-heater, apart from slight pitting of certain of the tube ends, but stated that this did not materially affect the safety of the boiler at present.

(b) Cable Contract.—

That the contract in respect of Underground Paper Insulated Cables for working pressure up to 22 K.V. had expired on the 31st March, 1944, and that Messrs. Callender's Cable & Construction Co., Ltd., had offered to renew same for a further period of three years, subject to slight variations in the price schedule due to increased rate of factory labour and drums schedule.

RECOMMENDED that the contract with Callender's Cable & Construction Co., Ltd., for the supply of such cables be renewed for a period of three years ending 31st March, 1947, and that, in the circumstances, Standing Order No. 13 be suspended so far as it relates to inviting Tenders by advertisement.

(c) Change-over of Supply.—

(i) Avenue House.—That, in consultation with the Chairman, it had been decided to complete the change-over of supply to alternating current at Avenue House at an approximate cost of £130;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(ii) Finchley Memorial Hospital.—That the work in connection with the change-over of the Finchley Memorial Hospital Supply from direct current to alternating current was proceeding; that the Department's work was complete, but that the Hospital had still to make some adjustments; further, that the question of a tariff was still the subject of negotiations.

(d) Central Establishment Charges.—

That, as instructed, he had discussed with the Borough Treasurer the question of the Department's contribution to Central Establishment Charges which now stood at £4,200, and that they were of opinion that this charge should be allowed to continue for the current financial year and be reviewed in twelve months' time;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(e) Interruption of Supply.—

That, on Saturday, 27th May, 1944, at 10.30 p.m., a severe drop in voltage on the Grid Supply had caused the Rectifier Sub-stations to trip out with the consequent failure of supply to approximately 12,420 consumers; further, that the supply to these consumers was restored at 10.38 p.m.

(f) Issue of Ration Books.—

That, with the concurrence of the Chairman, he had agreed to the Ministry of Food using the Lyttelton Road Showroom for the purpose of the issue of ration books and that he had since learned from the Food Executive Officer that 5,970 books had been issued from this Centre and that the assistance given had been greatly appreciated.

(g) Scrap Metal.—

That the undermentiontd scrap material had been disposed of:—

		£	s.	d.
C. W. Burgess ...	Iron, Copper, Lead, etc.	28	0	2
Elton Levy & Co. Ltd.	Scrap batteries	12	5	0
		£40	5	2

(h) Sale of Second-Hand Motors.—

That 1 ¼-h.p. D.C. motor had been sold for the sum of £1.

(i) **Capital Apparatus.**—

That from time to time certain cases of hardship arose where it became necessary to instal electrical apparatus, but that as no loans were now available for the purchase of this type of apparatus, and it was necessary for the consent of the Electricity Commissioners to be obtained for anything of a capital nature to be purchased out of revenue, it would avoid delay if authority could be given for application to be made for the consent of the Commissioners as and when occasion arose;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for application to be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to the purchase of electrical apparatus out of revenue when necessary, subject to report.

(j) **Electrical Research Association.**—

That the Committee had, in the past, contributed towards the work of the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association;

RECOMMENDED that a contribution of £88 be made to the Association during the present year.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

17th JULY, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Norman), Alderman Syrett, O.B.E., Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilmot;

Miss Davey, M.A., and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

872 **Chair:**

The Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank.

873 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on 12th June, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

874 **School Attendance Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 19th June, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

875 **School Management and Works Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 3rd July, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:—

(*a*) ACCOUNTS.—That accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

Note: Councillor Bryson did not take part in the discussion.

(*b*) LETTINGS.—That lettings, particulars of which have been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been approved.

(*c*) REPAIRS AND RE-DECORATIONS.—That the above, according to the list submitted, had been approved.

(*d*) RE-SURFACING OF MANORSIDE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.—That the Borough Engineer and Surveyor had suggested that to safeguard against further deterioration next winter the whole playground should be surface dressed at an estimated cost of £150;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Borough Engineer and Surveyor carries out the necessary work at an estimated cost of £150;

(2) that, in this connection, the Finance Committee be asked to approve a supplemental estimate of £150.

(*e*) SUMMERSIDE SCHOOL—REMOVAL OF PAVILION.—That the Chairman had referred to the condition of the Pavilion situated in the school playing field. It was agreed to leave the matter for the consideration of the Education Committee.

Arising thereon, the Committee considered a report by the Director of Education on the matter, and it is

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to dismantle the Pavilion, the salvage value of the timber to be set against the cost of dismantling and removal.

(*f*) SCHOOL MEALS—KITCHEN STAFF.—That particulars of changes in the Kitchen Staff had been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee:

(*g*) EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS.—

(i) Messrs. E. J. Arnold & Son, Ltd.—Books and Stationery.

(ii) Messrs. Leighton, Baldwin, Cox & Co., Ltd.—Needlework Materials.

That the above-named firms had submitted their contract prices for the three months ending 30th September, 1944.

Messrs. Arnold's prices showed no change in that submitted to the Committee for the period commencing 1st April, 1944, but Messrs. Leighton, Baldwin & Cox's had variations in prices in three items;

RECOMMENDED that the terms submitted by Messrs. E. J. Arnold & Son., Ltd., and Messrs. Leighton, Baldwin, Cox & Co., Ltd., for the period ending 30th September, 1944, be accepted.

(*h*) INSPECTION OF BOILERS.—That ten boilers had been inspected in various Council Schools, that nine of them were in order, while the tenth, at Our Lady of Lourdes School, required some attention. The matter had been referred to the Managers.

(*i*) HENDON EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS—FOOTWEAR FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.—That in a letter dated 28th June, 1944, the Director of Education for Hendon had asked the Finchley Education Committee whether they would be prepared to support the following resolutions:—

"(*a*) that the Education Committee make strong representations to the Board of Education to urge the Board of Trade (i) to amend their existing regulations so as to ensure that a greater number of boys who are obliged to wear large-sized shoes will benefit by the issue of supplementary footwear coupons, and (ii) to arrange for the release of some form of indoor footwear for children, coupon free, which can be worn by such children in school when they arrive there with wet feet or wet footwear.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

(*b*) that the Member of Parliament for Hendon and all Local Education Authorities in the County of Middlesex and their Members of Parliament be asked to support the above-named Resolution."

RECOMMENDED that the Finchley Education Committee support the Hendon Education Committee's Resolutions, with the substitution of the word "children" for "boys" in paragraph (*a*) (i), and that the local Member of Parliament be asked to give his help in the matter.

(*j*) APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANTS.—

(i) To Head Teachers.—That up-to-date a total of six temporary part-time clerical assistants had now been appointed. Particulars had been entered in the Minute Book.

(ii) To the School Meals' Service.—That, in accordance with authority given, Mrs. D. C. Fry had been appointed as temporary part-time clerical assistant to the School Meals' Organiser, and that she had commenced her duties on the 21st June, 1944.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report, as amended, be adopted.

876 **Annual Subscription to the Federation of Part III Education Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to pay the annual membership subscription of £2 2s. 0. to the above Federation for the year 1944-45.

877 **Annual Contribution to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:**

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to pay a contribution of £5 5s. 0d. towards the funds of the Society for the current year.

878 **Report of School Medical Officer for the year 1943:**

The Report of the School Medical Officer for the year 1943 was considered.

879 **Opening of Play Centres during Summer Holidays:**

The Director of Education recalled that the Committee had agreed to open four Play Centres during the Summer Holidays. He reported that, owing to lack of numbers, the Centre at Holy Trinity School would not be required, and that, with the approval of the Chairman, suitable arrangements had been made.

It was agreed that it be left to the Chairman and the Director of Education to make any variation in the Play Centre arrangements that may be necessary from time to time.

880 **Teachers and Meals' Service Staff—Committee's Thanks:**

The Director of Education reported upon the excellent work that had been done by Head Teachers, their staffs and the staffs of the School Meals' Service in meeting the special difficulties of the past few weeks;

RESOLVED that the Director of Education convey to the Head Teachers, their staffs and the staffs of the School Meals' Service the Committee's sincere thanks for their excellent work over the past few weeks of special difficulty.

W. L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman (pro tempore).

Finance Committee's Report.

18th JULY, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major H. W. Steward (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E., and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness and Mrs. Roberts.

881 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

882 **Gas Regulation Act, 1920:**

A copy of the Accounts of the North Middlesex Gas Company for the year ended 31st December, 1943, was submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the above Act.

883 **Crown Property—Contributions in Lieu of Rates—NAAFI Premises:**

The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations in regard to the above.

884 **Chief Internal Auditor's Report:**

This was submitted.

885 **Statement of Bank Balances—17th July, 1944:**

The following statement was submitted by the Borough Treasurer:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance. £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		152,036 19 —	
A.R.P. Canteen	700 12 8		
Electricity Revenue	6,892 4 4		
Housing Revenue		6,997 13 8	
General Rate Fund Capital	4,583 3 7		
Communal Feeding		1,085 19 9	
Electricity Capital		4,055 11 1	
Consolidated Loans Fund	153,868 18 2		
Superannuation Fund		3,063 19 1	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		168 19 9	
Salaries		9,213 8 5	
Advance	2,197 15 5		
Suspense	122 13 4		
Loan Interest		8 15 —	
Wages	440 1 5		
Totals	£168,805 8 11	£176,631 5 9	£7,825 16 10

886 **Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:**

(a) **Interim Order on Treasurer.—**

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council, an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £43,069 10s. made up as follows, was approved by the Committee:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	34,696 19 9
Electricity Revenue	5,121 12 10
Housing Revenue	15 9
Consolidated Loans Fund	15 — —
Superannuation Fund	425 18 1
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	16 12 6
A.R.P. Canteen	156 — 11
Communal Feeding	2,636 10 2
	£43,069 10 —

FINANCE (*contd.*).

(b) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £108,532 2s. 2d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	67,162	4	5
Electricity Revenue	8,664	0	2
Loan Interest	32,705	17	7
	£108,532	2	2

887 **Housing Rents Arrears:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement in respect of the above;

RECOMMENDED that the statement be referred to the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Housing Committee to deal with, subject to report.

888 **Supplementary Estimates:**

It was reported that the total supplementary estimates approved to date amounted to £702 16s. 8d.

889 **South Shields Income Tax Test Case:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that, in 1938, the Council had agreed to contribute towards the costs in connection with the above up to a sum of £100 and that an account for such sum had now been received;

RECOMMENDED that such account be approved for payment.

890 **Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that it was desirable for a principal Officer of the Council in addition to the Town Clerk to be authorised to witness declarations to be made by pensioners;

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Treasurer be so authorised.

891 **Financial Rating:**

(a) Rating and Valuation Acts, 1925—Amendments to Rate.—

The Borough Treasurer submitted the Register of Amendments made in the Rate during the period 18th February to 17th July, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the amendments be approved and the Register be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Rating Authority.

(b) Rate Collection—1st April to 30th June, 1944.—

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1943-44. £	1943-44. %		1944-45. £	1944-45. %
12,973	4.82	Arrears	5,042	1.92
255,845	95.01	Half-year's Rate	256,504	97.92
457	0.17	Additional Assessments	413	0.16
269,275	100.00	Total Amount Collectible	261,959	100.00
		Amount collected—		
187,915	69.79	1st April to 30th June	*195,530	74.64
£81,360	30.21	Amount outstanding	£66,429	25.36

*Current Rate ... £193,695
Arrears 1,835

892 Rate Fund Expenditure:

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following summary of General Rate Fund Expenditure and Rate Product for the year ended 31st March, 1944, together with the Statement of General Rate Fund Balance at that date, and the Committee expressed their congratulations to the Borough Treasurer and his staff upon the early presentation of the final figures as compared with recent years:—

Committee.	Original Estimate. 1943/44.	Revised Estimate. 1943/44.	Actual. 1943/44.
	£	£	£
PRODUCT OF PENNY RATE	3,500	3,600	3,613
RATE POUNDAGE	11s. 4d.	11s. 4d.	11s. 4d.
	£	£	£
ALLOTMENTS	208	170	153
EDUCATION			
Elementary	59,054	59,800	59,594
Higher	206	211	209
	59,260	60,011	59,803
FINANCE	2,788	628	307
GENERAL PURPOSES			
Establishment	15,674	13,505	13,547
Salaries	20,530	20,510	20,107
	36,204	34,015	33,654
HIGHWAYS			
County Roads	1,367	1,367	1,173
Unclassified Roads	23,784	23,577	21,702
Public Lighting	3,345	3,345	3,315
	28,496	28,289	26,190
HOUSING	4,535	4,323	4,349
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	17,290	16,874	16,066
PUBLIC HEALTH			
Sewerage	4,955	4,877	4,592
Sewage Disposal	4,275	3,733	3,440
Refuse Collection and Disposal	17,171	16,789	16,063
Public Conveniences	1,900	1,965	1,948
Squires Lane Bath	1,741	1,919	1,405
Open Air Pool	3,808	2,882	2,945
Public Health General	3,398	3,316	3,436
Prevention of Disease	798	815	713
Joint Isolation Hospital	8,135	7,828	7,810
Mortuary	442	411	422
Maternity and Child Welfare	4,348	4,260	4,442
	50,971	48,797	47,216
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	10,928	11,225	11,109
WAR-TIME EMERGENCY SERVICES ...	2,000	900	1,289
TOTAL (Finchley)	£212,680	£205,232	£200,136

FINANCE (*contd.*)

Middlesex County Council	256,550	263,880	264,872
Metropolitan Police	44,344	45,612	45,764
National Fire Service	7,097	7,308	7,335
North Middlesex Assessment Committee ...	401	396	397
TOTAL (Precepting Authorities)	£308,392	£317,196	£318,388
*GRAND TOTALS	£521,072	£522,428	£518,524

STATEMENT OF GENERAL RATE FUND BALANCE.

	Original Estimate 1943/44. £	Revised Estimate 1943/44. £	Actual 1943/44. £
General Rate Fund Balance at commencement of year	27,725	30,835	30,835
General Exchequer Grant	39,978	39,978	39,978
Rate Income	476,000	489,600	491,441
	543,703	560,413	562,254
Less General Rate Fund net expenditure and precepts as above*	521,072	522,428	518,524
General Rate Fund Balance at End of Year	£22,631	£37,985	£43,730

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee to sign the final accounts of the Council for submission to the District Auditor.

893 **General Rate—Second Half-Year:**

The Borough Treasurer reported that in March last, when the Annual Estimates were submitted and approved, in view of the uncertainties of the position and possible developments arising out of the war situation, it was decided to levy a rate for six months only.
It was pointed out that there had not been any material changes in the situation affecting the Authority and no alterations in the financial position calling for special consideration.
It was therefore

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that a General Rate of 5s. 8d. in the £ on the Rateable Value of each hereditament in the Borough for raising the money required according to the estimates approved by the Council on the 27th March, 1944, for defraying the expenses and meeting the several precepts chargeable on the General Rate Fund which that Fund is and will be insufficient to meet during the six months commencing the first day of October, 1944, and ending the 31st day of March, 1945, be made and approved under the powers and provisions of the Rating and Valuation Acts, 1925 and 1928, the Local Government Acts, 1929 and 1933, and all Acts incorporated therewith and all Orders made by virtue of them or any of them; and

(*b*) that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the General Rate written in the books now produced.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
19th September, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th day of July, 1944.

(2) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st August, 1944.

(*b*) **Communal Feeding (Special)** of the 21st August, 1944.

(*c*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 23rd August, 1944.

(*d*) **Town Planning** of the 4th September, 1944.

(*e*) **Electricity** of the 5th September, 1944.

(*f*) **Public Libraries** of the 6th September, 1944.

(*g*) **Co-Ordination of Wages (Sub)** of the 6th September, 1944.

(*h*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*i*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*j*) **Public Health** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*k*) **Education** of the 11th September, 1944.

(*l*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 12th September, 1944.

(*m*) **General Purposes** of the 13th September, 1944.

(*n*) **Finance** of the 14th September, 1944.

(*o*) **Valuation (Special)** of the 19th September, 1944.

(*p*) **Post-War Reconstruction** of the 19th September, 1944 (if any).

(3) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(4) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(5) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(6) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st August, 1944.

(*b*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 23rd August, 1944.

(*c*) **Electricity** of the 5th September, 1944.

(*d*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 11th September, 1944.

(*f*) **General Purposes** of the 13th September, 1944.

(*g*) **Finance** of the 14th September, 1944.

(*h*) **Valuation (Special)** of the 19th September, 1944.

(*i*) **Post-War Reconstruction** of the 19th September, 1944 (if any).

(7) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(8) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 24th day of JULY, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett, O.B.E.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt.-Col. J. Hugh Jones.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
H. H. Wilmot.

894 **Prayers:**

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

895 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 26th day of June, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

896 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baines, Capt. Franks, Langlands and Tyndall.

897 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*c*) **Highways** of the 5th July, 1944.

(*d*) **Town Planning (Special)** of the 5th July, 1944.

(*e*) **Housing** of the 6th July, 1944.

(*f*) **Electricity** of the 12th July, 1944.

Arising on the report, the Chairman of the Committee intimated that the Accounts and Balance Sheet in respect of the Electricity Undertaking for the year ended 31st March last were being laid before the Council, in Committee, together with the Annual Report of the General Manager and Engineer, and that, whilst he was not in a position, under existing Regulations, to divulge any information contained therein, he was pleased to be able to report that a satisfactory result was shown and that, when at a later date the figures could be disclosed, the public would agree. He added that the General Manager and Engineer and his staff were to be congratulated on the year's work.

(*g*) **Education** of the 17th July, 1944.

(*h*) **Finance** of the 18th July, 1944.

898 **Pawnbroker's Certificate:**

An application was submitted on behalf of Mrs. H. M. Thomson for the renewal of the certificate in connection with a Pawnbroker's business carried on by her at No. 678, High Road, North Finchley;

RESOLVED that the certificate in question be renewed.

899 **Vacation:**

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that meetings of the Committees of the Council, except the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee, be not held in the month of August, 1944, unless the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee considers it necessary to call a special meeting to deal with any urgent matter; and

(*b*) that the General Purposes Committee be empowered to deal, subject to report, with any matter of urgency during August, 1944 (including payment of accounts), other than the raising of any loan or the levying of, or issuing a precept for, a rate.

900 **Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd.:**

It was reported that a letter had been received from Mr. F. A. Copley, intimating that he was pleased to accept the Council's nomination to serve as their representative on the Board of Directors of the above-mentioned Company.

901 **Death of Ex-Councillor Mrs. Murphy:**

A letter was submitted from Mr. W. S. Murphy, thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy with him in the loss of his wife.

902 **Finchley Victoria Ladies' Bowling Club—Bowls Match:**

The Mayor reported that the above-mentioned Club had invited the members of the Council to a Bowls Match on a date to be arranged;

RESOLVED that the invitation be accepted, with thanks.

903 **H.M.S. Tartar:**

he Mayor reported receipt of a letter from the Commander of H.M.S. Tartar in the foll
-ms:—

"May I express the thanks of the Ship's Company of H.M.S. Tartar for the
gift of Twenty-five pounds which you have sent us.

I need hardly say that this gift from our town of adoption is most heartil
we all hope that you will convey our sincere thanks to the citizens of Fin

4 **Government Evacuation Scheme:**

n Clerk reported that this Scheme had been extended to Fi
that the necessary arrangements were to hand.

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led the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

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ch Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a
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Absence:

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908 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

909 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted, and that such reports be entered on the Minutes of the Council:—

Annexed.

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*b*) **Valuation** of the 4th July, 1944.

(*c*) **Housing** of the 6th July, 1944.

(*d*) **Electricity** of the 12th July, 1944, with the exception of paragraph 2(*b*), which be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration, and subject to the words "the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee" being inserted after the word "Committee" in the fifth line of the recommendation contained in paragraph 2(*a*).

(*e*) **Education** of the 17th July, 1944.

(*f*) **Finance** of the 18th July, 1944.

910 **Open Air Pool—Proposed Inter-Services Swimming Gala and Physical Display—29th July, 1944:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Council agreed in April last to the holding of this gala, but that a letter dated 11th July, 1944, had been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee, stating that the London Command had postponed the event owing to the exigencies of the Services.

911 **District Swimming Gala for Youth Organisations—17th July, 1944:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that the above Gala was to have been held at the Open Air Pool on the 17th July, 1944, but was subsequently postponed by the Local Youth Committee owing to the present wartime conditions.

912 **Temporary Repairs—Norrice Lea—Synagogue Frontage:**

In accordance with instructions received at the last meeting of the Highways Committee, the Borough Surveyor submitted a report hereon;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

913 **Deposited Plan No. 10541B—12 Flats—Site of Park Lodge—Friern Park, N.12. Amended Drainage Plan and Amended Elevations to East Block. Messrs. Day (Contractors), Ltd.:**

Arising out of paragraph 863 of the Town Planning Committee's Report of the 5th July, 1944, the Borough Surveyor reported as follows:—

"Some of the above flats were commenced prior to the outbreak of war; at the time building work ceased the centre block of 4 flats was roofed but not completed internally and the walls of the east block of 4 flats were up to first floor level; the west block had not been commenced.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT

4TH JULY, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor J. Hugh Jones, LL.B. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Morry, J.P.), Aldorman Pateman and Councillors Blundon, Capt. Franks, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

1. STAFF:

(a) Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Middlesex County Council agreeing to the continuance of the appointment of a Medical Officer of Health for Civil Defence purposes on the scale of £500 - £650 per annum for a further period of twelve months subject to review at the end of such period.

(b) Civil Defence Instructor.

It was reported that Mr. C.H. Lilley had resigned from the above position as from the 17th June, 1944, consequent upon his appointment as Staff Instructor Group 6. and the Chief Warden reported in regard to the filling of the vacancy subject to the approval of the Middlesex County Council;

RESOLVED that Mr. W.R. Newson be appointed to the position of Civil Defence Instructor at a salary in accordance with the approved scale subject to his obtaining the necessary qualifications.

2. W.V.S. SECRETARY:

It was reported that the Middlesex County Council had agreed to an increase from £3 per week to £3.10s.0d. per week in the salary of Mrs. Jack subject to review after a period of six months.

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

3. CAR ALLOWANCES:

RESOLVED (a) that the use by Mr. I. Fooks, Re-Housing Officer, of his private car for Civil Defence purposes be approved; and

(b) that Mr. F.C. Goodman, Deputy Re-Housing Officer, be granted a car allowance on the two-part scale approved by the Council in June, 1942, to enable him to use his private car in connection with Civil Defence.

4. RE-HOUSING:

(a) Applications for Release of Requisitioned Property - 55, Southbourne Crescent.

It was reported that an application had been received from the owner for the release of the above-mentioned property;

RESOLVED that the property be not released.

(b) 19, Westbury Road.

It was reported that this property was empty and that steps were being taken to release it from requisition.

RESOLVED that the action taken be approved.

(c) Available Accommodation.

Particulars hereof were submitted.

(d) Recent Incidents.

The Re-Housing Officer reported that 17 adults and 2 children had been re-housed arising out of the above and that billeting allowances in respect of 38 persons from other parts of the London area had been issued.

5. RETURN OF EQUIPMENT:

It was reported that no response had been obtained from Mr. R.J.F. Soffe of 96, Hillfield Road, N.W.6. to several requests for the return of his equipment;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to take action including if necessary legal proceedings, with a view to the recovery of the equipment.

6. PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOMELESS PERSONS IN COASTAL EVACUATIO AREAS:

Ministry of Health Circular No. 75/1944 was submitted setting out the procedure to be adopted in respect of the abov

7. MOBILE CANTEENS:

Complaints were reported regarding the condition of the Mobile Canteens and arising thereon the Town Clerk read a report which set out the duties and responsibilities of various Services concerned in the maintenance of these Canteen

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk approach the Middlesex County Council with a view to obtaining consent to the provision of proper cover for the canteens and that he be instructed to point out the difficulties of maintaining these vehicles and their engines.

8. USE OF CARS FOR DISTRICT AND POST WARDENS:

(a) District 4.

The Chief Warden reported that it was desirable that the District Warden of this district should have some transpo available and that one of the Wardens in his district had offered to place his car, which was already licensed, at the disposal of the District Warden as and when necessary.

(b) Post 19.

The Chief Warden further reported that the Post Warden of Post 19, the use of whose car had previously been approved, was retiring and that his Deputy had offered, for Civil Defence purposes, the use of his car, which was already licensed;

RESOLVED that, subject where necessary to the approval of the Middlesex County Council, the use of the above cars for Civil Defence purposes be recognised by the Council.

9. WARDENS POST NO. 16:

An application was submitted from the Wardens of Post 16 for consent to the expenditure of a sum of 30/- in order to distemper the Post;

RESOLVED that a sum of 30/- be paid towards the cost of this work, any additional expense to be borne by the personnel themselves.

J. HUGH JONES,

Chairman.

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 909 (a) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 24th July, 1944.

Mayor.

254(d) This is the report referred to in paragraph 909 (b) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 24th July, 1944.

Mayor

VALUATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

4TH JULY, 1944.

PART II.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) (Chairman), Mr. A.E. Griffith (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence and Mr. W.A. Gray.

Non-Members: Councillors Capt. Franks and Mrs. Roberts.

ASSESSMENTS:

(a) Swimming Pools and Golf Courses.

The Valuation Officer reported that certain conferences were being held regarding the assessment of the above and that the Town Clerk, the Borough Treasurer and he were attending same and watching the position with a view to reporting further to the Committee.

(b) 357, Regents Park Road.

The Valuation Officer reported receipt of a proposal from the occupier of the above premises for a reduction in the assessment thereon on account of the dilapidated condition of the building and the rental evidence;

RECOMMENDED that it be suggested to the North Middlesex Assessment Committee that the assessment be reduced from £72 Gross Value £52 Rateable Value, to £60 Gross Value £48 Rateable Value.

(c) Properties for Assessment and Revision of Assessment.

RESOLVED that the new assessments and alterations in assessments shown in the list now presented by the Chairman of the Committee be approved and that the Valuation Officer be instructed to make a proposal, where necessary, in accordance with the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Acts.

R.J.N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

6TH JULY, 1944

PART II.

Present: Aldorman A.T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Morry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Aldorman Patoman and Councillors Blundon, Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

1. ELMSHURST, EAST END ROAD:

The Town Clerk reported upon an interview which he and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor had had with Mr. Combon of Messrs. Combon and Wakeling, following upon the instruction given at the last meeting of the Committee, and intimated that negotiations were still in progress pending the publication of the Government policy in respect of housing generally.

2. ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON CEMETERY - LAND SOUTH OF NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD OPPOSITE COPPETTS CLOSE:

The question raised at the last Meeting of the Council regarding the possibility of purchasing the above land for housing purposes was considered and the Committee were of opinion that the acquisition of the site was desirable;

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be instructed to make tentative enquiries of the St. Pancras and Islington Borough Councils with a view to purchasing the land for housing purposes.

3. MYDDLETON HOUSE:

Arising out of the letting to Messrs. Simms Motor Units Ltd. of a portion of Myddleton House for storage and packing purposes, the Borough Surveyor reported that with the approval of the Chairman consent had also been granted to the Company to use the basement and garage on payment of a further £3.10s.0d. per month subject to the same conditions as were agreed in respect of the previous letting;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

4. RED LION HILL ESTATE:

(a) Completion of Scheme.

The Committee discussed the question of proceeding with the plans for the completion of the Red Lion Hill Estate, without waiting for the publication of the Housing Manual which it was expected would be issued in a few weeks' time by the Advisory Council appointed by the Minister. The Committee felt that in all the circumstances it would be advisable to wait and see what improvements and amendments were suggested before proceeding further with the preparation of detailed plans and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to report as soon as possible after publication of the Manual on the proposed improvements and their cost.

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(b) Endorsby's Yard.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be instructed to explore the possibility of acquiring the above site for housing purposes, and if necessary to consult the Ministry of Health in regard to compulsory purchase.

A.T. PIKE,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 909 (c) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 24th July, 1944.

Mayor.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

12th July, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor W.C. Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-Members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Grobel.

1.- HOME GUARD:

The General Manager and Engineer reported that he had had considerable correspondence and negotiations regarding the use of the Electricity Works Home Guard Unit in emergency, and that as instructed he had applied for the release of key men from the Home Guard.

He intimated that he had not been able to secure this, but had received confirmation in writing that the Home Guard Unit would not be required to perform any other duties than the defence of the Works, the only exception being that Mr. Ward would be required to act as night duty Officer approximately once every three weeks at Battalion Headquarters, Mill Hill, but that in the event of an emergency arising which required his presence at the Electricity Works, he had permission to leave his military duties at once.

2.- STAFF AND EMPLOYEES:

The General Manager reported upon a number of matters relating to Staff and employees, particulars of which will appear in the report of the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

In view, however, of the fact that that Committee does not ordinarily meet until September next, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee has agreed to the following matters being reported direct to the Council:-

(a) Death of Mr. A. Cumber:

RECOMMENDED that Mr. Cumber's widow be granted a gratuity equivalent to one year's salary of her late husband under Section 70 of the Finchley U.D.C. Act, 1908, and that it be left to the Chairman of the Electricity Committee and the General Manager and Engineer to agree with the widow as to the method of payment.

(b) Re-organisation:

The General Manager reported that, following upon the death of Mr. A. Cumber, it was necessary for some re-organisation and re-allocation of duties within the Department, and he reported fully thereon;

RECOMMENDED that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Minutes of the Council dated 23rd September, 1940,

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(1) as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. F. Page promoted to the position occupied by the Mr. Cumber; that he be designated "Adm tive Officer" and that he be transferred Section 1 of the Senior Grade to the vac post in Section 3 of that Grade at a commencing salary of £450 per annum; and

(2) as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. W.G. H promoted to the position at present occu by Mr. Page; that he be designated "Chief Clerk" and that he be transferred from Se 1 of the Intermediate Grade to Section 1 Senior Grade (to be vacated by Mr. Page) a commencing salary of £330 per annum.

(c) Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937 - Reti

It was reported that the undermentioned were d retire on the dates indicated, and the Borough Treasurer re as to the approximate allowances payable in each case as fol

J.A. CHESTERTON.

Date for retirement: 28th August, 1944 (65 years of age).

Period of Service: 20 years' Contributing and 20 years' Non-contributing.

Estimated average remuneration: £264. 13s. 3d. per annum.

Estimated Allowance (as from 29.8.44).

		£.	s.	d.
$\frac{20}{60} + \frac{20}{120}$ of £264. 13s. 3d.	-	132.	6s.	8d.
Added sum $\frac{20}{120}$ of £264. 13s. 3d.	-	44.	2s.	2d.
	£	176.	8s.	10d.

I. LUDLOW.

Date for retirement: 13th August, 1940 (69 years of age).

Period of Service: 20 years Contributing and 17 years Non-contributing.

Average remuneration: £260. 11s. 4d. per annum.

Estimated allowance (as from 14.8.44.).

		£.	s.	d.
$\frac{20}{60} + \frac{17}{120}$ of £260. 11s. 4d.	-	123.	15s.	5d.
Added sum $\frac{17}{120}$ of £260. 11s. 4d.	-	36.	18s.	3d.
	£	160.	13s.	8d.

J.J. WILLIAMS.

Date for retirement: 31st August, 1944 (40 years' service).

Period of service: 19 years' Contributing and
21 years' Non-contributing.

Estimated Average remuneration: £259. 7s. 11d. per annum.

Estimated Allowance (as from 1.9.44.).

		£.		
$\frac{19}{60} + \frac{21}{120}$ of £259. 7s. 11d.	-	127.	10s.	8d.
Added Sum $\frac{21}{120}$ of £259. 7s. 11d.	-	45.	8s.	0d.
	£	172.	18s.	8d.

RECOMMENDED that superannuation allowances as set out above be granted to the employees mentioned as from the dates indicated.

(d) Employee H. Sharp:

The General Manager reported in regard to the above employee who had been absent, owing to illness, for several months past.

After very careful consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED that the payment of full wages be continued until the end of the present year when, if necessary, the matter be reconsidered.

3.- ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING - ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944:

The Borough Treasurer presented the statement of accounts of the Undertaking for the above period and the General Manager and Engineer submitted his Annual Report and detailed Supply Statistics covering the same period;

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the Accounts and Balance Sheet be received and adopted; and

(2) that the balance of the net revenue account amounting to £15,681 be carried forward.

The Committee congratulated the General Manager and his Staff upon the satisfactory result of the year's working.

4.- POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT:

In accordance with instructions, the General Manager and Engineer submitted a detailed report in regard to the above.

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The Committee decided to refer the report to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the C and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Councillor Grobel i that they might consider the report in detail and submit recommendations thereon to the Committee;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

C.S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 909 (d) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 24th July, 1944.

Mayor

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

17th July, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor Merry, J.P.),
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Norman),
Alderman Syrett, O.B.E.,
Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.,
Mrs. Roberts, Tyndall and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A. and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

1. School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 19th June, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

Special Schools.

(i) That Peter Edward Benn had been advised admission to an Open Air School and that the School Medical Officer had approved.

RECOMMENDED that this Authority accept responsibility for the education and maintenance of Peter Edward Benn at St. John's Open Air School, Woodford Bridge, Essex, as from 16th June, 1944, at a fee of £1.9.0. per week, and that the parents' offer to contribute 17s.6d. per week towards maintenance expenses be accepted.

(ii) That Peter John Shewy had been advised admission to an Open Air School and that the School Medical Officer had approved.

RECOMMENDED that this Authority accept responsibility for the education and maintenance of Peter John Shewy at St. John's Open Air School, as and from the date of his admission, at a fee of £1.9.0 per week, and that the parents' offer to contribute £1. per week towards maintenance expenses be accepted.

(iii) That Peter G. O'Kelly had been recommended to remain at St. Vincent's Orthopaedic Hospital, Pinner, in its capacity as a School for Physically Defective Children.

RECOMMENDED that this authority accept responsibility for the education and maintenance of Peter G. O'Kelly at St. Vincent's R.C. Orthopaedic Hospital School, Pinner, at a fee approved by the Board of Education, as and from the 1st April, 1944, and that the parents' offer of 6s.0d. per week towards maintenance expenses be accepted.

(iv) Ernest Bowell - Arrears of Contributions. That consideration had been given with regard to the outstanding arrears of weekly contributions amounting to £5.3.0, accumulated before the discharge of this boy from a Special School at Christmas 1940. It had been possible to collect only very small payments from the parents since then, and after enquiring into the family circumstances the Sub-Committee had agreed to write off the arrears.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

L. DAVEY,
Chairman (pro tempore).

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

2. School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 3rd July, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) St. Mary's School at Gordon Hall - levelling and surfacing of ground at rear for playground purposes. The Director of Education had asked the County Air Raid Precautions Committee to consider the need for hard surfacing the spare ground at the above-mentioned premises. While small, it would provide a much needed space for recreation and physical training. The carrying out of the work would be subject to certain consents, including that of the owner, but no cost would fall upon the Local Education Authority.

RECOMMENDED that, so far as they are concerned, the Education Authority concur in the proposal, and authorise the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to carry out the work on behalf of the County Air Raid Precautions Authority.

(b) Staff.

(1) Appointments and Resignations.

(i) That Miss J. Greenland had withdrawn her acceptance of the post of Student Teacher.

(ii) That Miss Sheila Brown had been appointed Student Teacher, in accordance with authority given, as from the 1st August, 1944.

(iii) That Miss A.H.Jones, Christ Church School, had submitted her resignation to take effect on the 31st August, 1944.

(iv) That Mr. G.C.Crowe, Christ Church School, had intimated his intention to retire as from the 31st July, 1944.

RECOMMENDED that a letter of appreciation under the seal of the Council be sent to Mr. G.C.Crowe expressing appreciation of his long and valuable service under the Finchley Education Authority.

(2) Leave of absence - Miss R.B.Finch. That the Director of Education had granted leave of absence from the 19th June to Miss Finch because of difficult domestic circumstances and to enable her to take the Froebel Teacher's Certificate Examination on certain days.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the circumstances of the case and it was

RECOMMENDED

(i) that the action taken be approved.

(ii) that payment of salary be granted in full during the period of absence, it being understood that Miss Finch was returning to duty on the 10th July, 1944.

(3) Mrs. E.M.Slater - Supplementary Teacher - Increased rate of salary. That in connection with the recent temporary increased rate of salary for Uncertificated Teachers as from the 1st April, 1944, in accordance with the decisions of the Burnham Committee, Mrs. Slater, a Supplementary Teacher, paid at the Uncertificated rate, had been granted the increase.

RECOMMENDED: that the action taken be approved.

(4) Mr. W.E.Thomas - Alder School. That, according to the Sick Pay Regulations, full payment of salary to Mr. Thomas would cease on the 16th July, 1944. After full consideration, the Sub-Committee authorised full payment of salary, if necessary, for a further three months.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report be adopted.

3. School Shelters - Use by General Public.

The Director of Education referred to the resolution adopted by the Council in September, 1942, giving authority to the Civil Defence Committee to allocate certain school shelters, out of school hours, for general public use in an emergency.

The Committee agreed that the Shelters be available to the Civil Defence Committee as required, the allocation of costs of heating and lighting to be as heretofore.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

4. St. Mary's School - Erection of Huts, Hertford Lodge site, for temporary school premises.

(a) It was reported that, in a letter dated 12th July, 1944, the Board of Education will be prepared to approve, in principle, the Authority's proposals, but as the work will cost over £2,000, it will be necessary for the Board to obtain the prior approval of the Ministry of Works.

(b) A letter was submitted from Mr. F.M.Arman concerning the conditions under which St. Mary's School is working and asking for an appointment to meet the Committee.

The Committee fully appreciated Mr. Arman's complaint but felt that no useful purpose would be served in meeting Mr. Arman as all possible steps had already been taken to improve the present position.

RECOMMENDED that a suitable reply be sent to Mr. Arman by the Director of Education.

5. Association of Education Committees - Employment of Children.

The Director of Education submitted a letter from the above in connection with the employment of school children, together with correspondence with the Home Office.

It was agreed to refer the whole matter to the School Attendance Sub-Committee, with power to act.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

6. Education Bill - Meeting of Representatives of the Friern Barnet and Finchley Councils.

The Director of Education reported that, arising from the above meeting it had been agreed to consult Messrs. Lees and Co., Parliamentary Agents, regarding the legal position of the Corporation in the event of the proposed merger for education being accomplished, the safeguards necessary in the interests of both Councils, and if necessary to advise on the scheme of divisional administration for the joint area. He further intimated that the representatives had agreed that the costs be apportioned as to 70% Finchley and 30% Friern Barnet.

RECOMMENDED that Messrs. Lees and Co. be so instructed and that their costs be paid as agreed above.

7. Staff.

(i) Resignation of Miss J.M.Canning, Domestic Subjects Teacher, Alder School. Miss Canning's resignation, previously reported, will take effect on the 19th August, 1944.

(ii) Appointment - Juvenile Employment Bureau. It was reported that Miss Ruth Ashton-Jinks had commenced her duties on the 3rd July, 1944.

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(iii) Appointment - Education Office - Temporary Junior Clerk.
It was reported that, in accordance with authority given, Mr. Bert Turner had been appointed to the above-mentioned post and had commenced his duties on the 3rd July, 1944.

8. Staff Absences.

A list of the members of the staff absent since the last meeting was submitted, and it was reported that they were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

Consideration was given to the continued absence of Mrs.A.B.Wickham, Kitchen Helper, as sick pay allowances would cease on the 16th July, 1944.

RESOLVED

(i) that salaries be paid for those periods of absence within the Committee's regulations, and

(ii) that no extension of sick pay allowance be granted to Mrs. A.B.Wickham.

W. L. BROOKSBANK,
Chairman (pro tempore).

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 909 (e) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 24th July, 1944.

Mayor

This is the report referred to in paragraph 909 (f) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 24th July, 1944.

Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

18th July, 1944.

PART II.

PRESENT: Councillor Major H.W. Steward (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E., and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness and Mrs. Roberts.

1.- BANK BALANCE:

Arising out of the Statement of Bank Balances submitted, the Borough Treasurer reported that there was a probability within the next few weeks that the Account would be in overdraft to an amount exceeding the present limitation of £100,000;

RECOMMENDED that, in such event, the Borough Treasurer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be authorised either to arrange with the Bank for an additional temporary overdraft or to realise all or part of the sum of £75,000 in respect of the Consolidated Loans Fund invested in 3% Savings Bonds.

2.- HOLIDAYS AT HOME:

The Borough Treasurer drew attention to the statement made at the last meeting of the Council as to the possible deficit likely to result in connection with the programme arranged by the Joint Entertainments Committee and submitted figures furnished by the Hon. Treasurer which showed the estimated additional cost at £555;

RECOMMENDED that further sums be granted to the Joint Entertainments Committee as from time to time required to meet their commitments up to a total of £500, subject to report.

3.- SUPERANNUATION FUND - INVESTMENTS:

In accordance with instructions, the Borough Treasurer submitted the following particulars of the investment of the Fund to date:-

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Stock	Nominal. £.	Cost. £.
Conversion 3½%	23,122	23,930
War Loan 3½%	30,289	30,787
Local Loans 3%	8,500	7,851
L.M.S. Debentures 4%	8,346	7,944
L.N.E.R. " 4%	6,500	6,916
Australia 3½% 1961/66	22,244	22,021
" 3¾% 1946/49	6,700	6,700
" 4% 1961/64	3,105	3,000
Consolidated Loans Fund 3¾%	2,500	2,500
" " " 3½%	67,575	67,575
	£178,881	£179,224

Average Flat Yield £3.5327 (£3. 10s. 8d.) per cent.

He also reported with regard to future investments and particularly with reference to the question of investment in mortgages of freehold land.

After careful consideration, the Committee were of the opinion that for the time being investments be confined to similar classes of security as hitherto and that future sums to so invested to result in an approximate apportionment as follows:-

British Government Securities) and Consolidated Loans Fund) 60%
Dominion and Colonial Stocks 20%
British Railway Stocks 20%

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed and that the Borough Treasurer in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be authorised to invest sums standing to the credit of the Fund from time to time, subject to report.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

A certificate of essentiality has been issued to Messrs. Day (Contractors) Ltd., to enable 8 flats to be completed and thus provide additional housing accommodation. In a letter dated 1st July, 1944, this firm state that the Ministry of Works' requirements in connection with the standard of wartime building make it necessary to complete the east block with a reinforced concrete flat roof instead of the pitched roof shown on the original plans; they accordingly submit these amended elevations.

They also request that in order to avoid unnecessary work during the present emergency they may be allowed to connect both soil and surface water drains from the east block and part of the north block to the existing combined soil and surface water drain which served the old house formerly on this site. There would not appear to be any objection to their proposals under present circumstances, provided the applicants enter into an agreement to make a separate surface water connection after the war, if, and when required.

If the amended drainage plan is approved the usual resolution should be passed in respect of the drainage of buildings in combination, under the Public Health Act, 1936."

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the above-mentioned plan be approved, subject to the applicants entering into an agreement to make, after the war, a separate surface water connection at the east end of the site, if and when required, which document be added to the list of documents for sealing;

(2) that it appearing that the buildings referred to in the plan specified above may be drained more advantageously in combination than separately, the Borough Surveyor give notice, in pursuance of Section 38 of the Public Health Act, 1936, that the Council require that the said buildings be drained in combination into the existing sewer or sewers by means of a private sewer or sewers to be constructed in the manner shown on the said plan by the owner or owners of the said buildings, and that the Council have decided that the cost of constructing and of maintaining and repairing the said private sewer or sewers shall be borne by the owners for the time being of the buildings connected to such private sewer or sewers in the following proportions, namely:—

(i) so far as the soil sewer is concerned, each owner shall bear such proportion of the cost of constructing and of maintaining and repairing such private sewer or sewers as the number of flats owned by him and connected to such private sewer or sewers bears to the total number of flats connected to such private sewer or sewers;

(ii) so far as the surface water sewer is concerned each owner shall bear such proportion of the cost of constructing and of maintaining and repairing such private sewer or sewers as the horizontal area of the roofs draining into and/or connected to such private sewer or sewers owned by him bears to the total horizontal area of the roofs draining into and/or connected to such private sewer or sewers.

914 **War Damage—Repairs to Roofs—44/60 (Even), Stanhope Road, N.12:**

The Borough Surveyor reported as follows:—

"Competitive tenders have been received for the repairs to certain roofs damaged by enemy action in Stanhope Road, and I shall be glad if the Council will authorise the Town Clerk to enter into the necessary contract with the lowest tenderer namely Messrs. H. Ginn & Sons in the sum of £675, and also to take such legal action as he deems necessary to ensure the owners paying the proportion of the cost which they have agreed to do."

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the contract in question, which document be added to the list of documents for sealing, and also to take such other action in connection with the matter as may be necessary to protect the position of the Council.

915 **Finchley Dance Hall:**

The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed that the owners of the above-mentioned premises were desirous of selling the freehold, and that an enquiry had been made as to whether the Council were interested in the property for development after the war;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

916 **Compassionate Grant—Re J. C. Dunn, Deceased:**

The Town Clerk submitted certain information with regard to the financial position of the widow of J. C. Dunn;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that Mrs. Dunn be granted a gratuity equivalent to one year's pay of her late husband under Section 70 of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908, and that it be left to the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee and the Chairman of the Education Committee to agree with her as to the method of payment.

(2) that, in the event of the death of the widow prior to the disbursement of the full amount of the grant, no further payments be made.

917 **Appointment of Juvenile Employment Officer:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a letter dated 21st July, 1944, received from the Ministry of Labour and National Service in regard to this appointment.

RECOMMENDED that the matter be referred to the Mayor, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, the Chairman of the Education Committee and the Chairman of the Juvenile Employment Committee for reply.

918 **Air Raid Alarm Bell:**

The Town Clerk reported on the desirability of arrangements being made, if possible, for the existing alarm bell system from Control to be extended so as to cover the Education, Public Health and Finance Departments;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the matter be left to the Town Clerk to deal with at his discretion, and that authority be given for the necessary wayleaves to be obtained;

(*b*) that the Town Clerk also be authorised to arrange, if possible, for the alarms to be placed outside the buildings for the benefit of the general public.

919 **Swimming Championships:**

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee reported that an application had been made on behalf of the Sea Cadets for the use of the open air pool or the Squires Lane Bath on the afternoon of the 12th or 19th August for a period of three hours for the purpose of holding a number of championships;

RECOMMENDED that the Council agree to the Sea Cadets having the use of the Squires Lane Bath for the purpose in question on Sunday, the 20th August, 1944, for a period of three hours, at a fee of £1 1s. 0d.

920 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Lawrence, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mayor.

25th September, 1944.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

1st AUGUST, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), in the Chair, Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

921 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

922 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the Requisitions, as contained in the books submitted, be approved.

923 **Danger Warnings During Alerts:**

The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from the Chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association asking the Council to make representations with a view to the provision of some warning of immediate danger in addition to the normal air raid siren, and he reported upon a statement which had been made by the Home Secretary in the House that afternoon;

RESOLVED that the Officers be authorised to take all necessary action in regard to the installation of the additional warning now proposed by the Government upon receipt of the necessary instructions from the Department concerned.

924 **Wardens' Post No. 18:**

The Town Clerk reported that it was now proposed to retain the temporary Post at above in lieu of constructing a new Post, and that the County Council had given the necessary authority for the strengthening of the temporary Post, and had approved the amount of the rent payable to the owner of the premises.

925 **Statistics:**

Statistics for the June Quarter, 1944, were submitted in respect of Petroleum Spirit, Civil Defence Wages, Ambulance Calls, Billeting and Recovery of Billeting Costs.

926 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted a number of circulars which had been received since last meeting from various Government Departments.

927 **W.V.S. Clothing Depot:**

An application was submitted from the Centre Organiser of the W.V.S. for the provision of a telephone at the above Depot;

RESOLVED that the application be granted and that the County Council be informed accordingly.

928. **Fire Guard (Business Premises) Order, 1943:**

It was reported that the Regional Commissioners were at present the Appropriate Authority in respect of the Alder, Martin, Northside Junior and Manorside Schools but that, after consultation with the appropriate Officers of the Council, the Commissioners had agreed, in pursuance of the powers contained in Article 35(2) of the above Order, to all their functions as Appropriate Authority being exercised by the Council as from the 25th June, 1944, and that, in consequence, the premises would now come under the control of the local street fire parties;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

929 **Wardens' Posts—Redecorations:**

It was reported that application had been made by the Wardens at Posts 13 and 43 for consent to purchase materials for the redecoration of the Posts in question, the work to be carried out by the Wardens concerned;

RESOLVED that an expenditure of £2 be approved for Post 43 and expenditure at the discretion of the Chief Warden as regards Post 13 up to a limit of £4.

930 **Kingswood Sick Bay Transport:**

The Medical Officer reported that it was necessary for Miss Willoughby, the Matron at above, to use her private car in connection with her official duties;

RESOLVED that authority be given for the supply of petrol to Miss Willoughby for the purpose in question.

931 **Canteens—Refrigerator:**

It was reported that the Communal Feeding Officer had received an offer of £50 for a surplus Canteen refrigerator, and that as this refrigerator was in need of repairs which would be of an expensive character, the offer appeared to be reasonable;

RESOLVED that the Officers be authorised to accept the offer, subject to their being satisfied that the refrigerator is not required for any Department of the Council.

932 **Fly-Bomb Incidents:**

(*a*) Transport for Incident Officers.—The Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with instructions, arrangements had been made for the car provided for the Chief Warden to be made available for the Incident Officer on duty at Avenue House after 20.00 hours for attendance at local incidents, and that, in the meantime, the Chief Warden was endeavouring to arrange for the use of one of the other cars available to the Wardens' Service to enable him to carry out his duties.

(*b*) Reference was made to the practice of an aeroplane flying over the Borough immediately after the sounding of the Alert, thereby making it almost impossible to hear the approach of flying bombs and causing unnecessary disturbance to the residents;

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk take up the matter with the Department concerned.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman (pro tempore).

Communal Feeding Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

21st AUGUST, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor Grobel (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness and Mrs. Roberts;

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Bryson.

933 **Civic Restaurants:**

The Committee considered a report of the Communal Feeding Officer in which he drew attention to the serious decline in the number of meals served at the four Civic Restaurants due to evacuation and flying bomb attacks, with the consequent fall in revenue, and intimated that if the rate of decline were not arrested and no steps were taken to meet the position the loss on trading for the current quarter might amount to as much as £1000.

The possibility of dealing with the matter by a reduction in the paid staff was considered but, having regard to the fact that in the event of very heavy bombing, which would necessitate the introduction of Emergency Feeding, the Civic Restaurants might be required to operate all day, the view was expressed that it would be unwise in these circumstances to make any reduction in the paid staff. After further consideration the Committee were of opinion that the position could best be met by an increase in the price of the main meal, and it was therefore

RESOLVED that the Ministry of Food be informed that, with a view to meeting the anticipated loss on the operation of the Civic Restaurants due to evacuation and flying-bomb attacks, the Council propose as from the 1st September, 1944, to increase the price of the main meal by 2d. unless prior instructions to the contrary are received from them, and that in the event of there being any deficit due to the above-mentioned circumstances notwithstanding the action proposed to be taken by the Council the amount thereof will be charged to the Ministry of Food.

934 **Lyttelton Restaurant:**

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that owing to many delays in obtaining the necessary sanctions and the recent shortage of labour it had not been possible to open the Lyttelton Restaurant, although in an emergency it might be used to a limited degree. In view, however, of the circumstances referred to in the previous paragraph it was

RESOLVED that steps be not taken to open the Lyttelton Restaurant at the present time and that the Ministry of Food be informed accordingly.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting.)

23rd AUGUST, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence and Major Steward.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P., and Councillors Fitness and Mrs. Roberts.

935 Factory-Made Houses:

The Town Clerk submitted Ministry of Health Circular No. 105/44 in regard to the above;

RESOLVED that consideration thereof be referred to the Housing Committee.

936 Sewage Disposal Works:

The Town Clerk reported that, arising out of the Agreement with the Board of Trade whereby a portion of the above site was let for storage purposes, an application had been received for a further tenancy of the land for a term of one year from the 17th November, 1944;

RESOLVED that the application be granted for the period in question and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the necessary agreement.

937 Avenue House Grounds:

A communication was submitted from the Rev. C. A. Linnington forwarding, on behalf of the Finchley Branch of the National Young Life Campaign, an application to use Avenue House Grounds, together with the stage, piano and amplifier, on Saturday, the 23rd September, 1944 from 5 to 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of an Open Air Service;

After very careful consideration, it was

RESOLVED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council regret that they cannot see their way to grant the application.

938 Arden Playing Field:

A letter dated 21st August, 1944, was submitted from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Cricket Club intimating that the Charity Match which had been arranged for Sunday, the 20th August, had been abandoned owing to inclement weather and that, in order that the Charities concerned should not suffer, if it could be avoided, it was proposed to devote the proceeds of a Match to be held on the 24th September, 1944, to these objects, and asking for the permission of the Council to make a charge for admission to the Ground on that date;

RESOLVED that the desired permission be granted and that the Town Clerk give the necessary notice in connection with the closure of the Ground.

939 Borough Surveyor's Department—Telephone Switchboard:

The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable difficulty had been occasioned owing to the overloading of the switchboard in his Department and that he had therefore signed an Agreement with the Postal Authorities in connection with the installation of a larger board and two additional exchange lines;

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

940 **Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that the undermentioned employees were due to retire on the dates indicated, but were desirous of remaining in the Council's service for a further period of twelve months:—

Name.	Age.	Date due to retire.
W. C. Miller, Labourer	69 yrs.	27th September, 1944.
G. E. Weller. Scavenger	68 yrs.	23rd September, 1944.

RESOLVED that the services of the above employees be retained for a further period of twelve months from the dates on which they are due to retire.

941 **Statement of Bank Balances—22nd August, 1944:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		127,707 9 9	
A.R.P. Canteen	702 9 7		
Electricity Revenue	22,305 16 8		
Housing Revenue		10,371 — 9	
General Rate Fund Capital	4,583 3 7		
Communal Feeding		2,407 — 8	
Electricity Capital		4,055 11 1	
Consolidated Loans Fund	186,317 10 7		
Superannuation Fund		341 11 7	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		2 12 10	
Salaries		3,142 — 8	
Advance	554 4 5		
Suspense	36 10 11		
Loan Interest		8 15 —	
Wages		1,814 2 1	
	£214,499 15 9	£149,850 4 5	£64,649 11 4 Dr.

942 **Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:**

Order on Treasurer.—

RESOLVED that an Order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums hereunder mentioned amounting to £68,335 19s. 1d.:—

	£ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	48,928 12 9
Electricity Revenue	11,657 9 11
Consolidated Loans Fund	92 10 —
Superannuation Fund	4,325 19 10
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	315 17 6
A.R.P. Canteen	240 18 11
Communal Feeding	2,770 13 —
Loan Interest	3 17 2
	£68,335 19 1

GENERAL PURPOSES (*contd.*)

943 **Rate Collection—1st April to 31st July:**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1943-44. £	1943-44. %		1944-45. £	1944-45. %
12,973	4.81	Arrears	5,042	1.92
255,845	94.93	Half-year's Rate	256,504	97.90
708	0.26	Additional Assessments	465	0.18
269,526	100.00	Total Amount Collectible	262,011	100.00
235,326	87.31	Amount collected— 1st April to 31st July	*238,037	90.85
£34,200	12.69	Amount outstanding	£23,974	9.15

*Current Rate £235,912
Arrears ... £2,125

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Town Planning Committee's Report.

4th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor H. H. Wilmot (Vice-Chairman), in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Blunden, Bryson, Fitness and Capt. Franks.

Non-member: Alderman Pateman.

944 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 5th July, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

945 **North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee:**

A copy of the District Auditor's Report upon the accounts of the above-mentioned Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1943, was submitted.

946 **Deposited Plan:**

Plan No.	Premises.	Where Situated.	Owner.
10799	Two houses	94, 96, Ossulton Way, N.2.	Messrs. Sunridge, Ltd.

RECOMMENDED that the plan be approved.

947 **Non-Conforming Use of Premises:**

A. Scheme 1.—

(*a*) 11, Etchingham Park Road.—The Borough Surveyor reported that following the receipt of a complaint from the owner of 13, Etchingham Park Road, an inspection of the above-named premises had been made when it was found that they were being used as a Nursing Home; further, that an application had been received for permission to continue such user.

The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given by advertisement in accordance with Clause 30 of the Scheme;

RECOMMENDED that the application be further considered after the expiry of the period indicated in the notice.

(*b*) Dollis Lodge, Dollis Avenue, N.3.—An application from the owner of the above property was submitted for permission to use the premises as a Nursing Home during the war period and it was

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk give the usual public notice in accordance with Clause 30 of the Scheme.

B. Scheme 6.—

(*a*) 70, 74 and 78, Ballards Lane, N.3.—Applications were submitted to use during the war period a detached building, consisting of a garage with loft, at the rear of 70, Ballards Lane, the ground floor shops at 74 and 78, Ballards Lane, and the two flats over No. 78, for electrical coil winding in connection with Government contracts;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that consent to such user be granted in respect of the building at the rear of No. 70, Ballards Lane, and of the ground floor shops at No. 74 and 78, Ballards Lane, for the period of the war and six months thereafter, subject to

(i) there being no noise, smoke or smell emanating from the premises which in the opinion of the Council would be a nuisance to neighbouring residents or occupiers; and

(ii) the applicants entering into an agreement with the Town Council embodying (inter alia) the above terms in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk; and

(2) that the Town Clerk investigate the possibility of requisitioning the two flats above No. 78, Ballards Lane, for Re-housing purposes.

(*b*) 10, Stanhope Road, N.12.—The Borough Surveyor reported that an application had been received for permission to use a lean-to shed adjoining the above premises for the storage of materials required in connection with the user of these premises to which consent had been granted under Minute No. 998(*c*) of 1941/42;

RECOMMENDED that consent to the application be granted.

948 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the instruction given to the Borough Surveyor, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

H. H. WILMOT,
Chairman (pro tempore).

Electricity Committee's Report.

5th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor W. C. Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.

949 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

950 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the List of Requisitions (circulated) be approved.

951 **The Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association:**

Notice was submitted of a General Meeting of the above Association to be held on the 14th September, 1944, at 11 a.m., in the Town Hall, Manchester.

952 **National Joint Board of Employers and Members of Staff (Electricity Supply Industry):**

The Minutes of a meeting of the above held on the 28th July, 1944, were submitted.

953 **District Joint Board of Employers and Members of Staff (Electricity Supply Industry) Area No. 10—Greater London:**

The Minutes of a meeting of the above Board, held on the 4th August, 1944, were submitted.

954 **General Manager and Engineer's Report:**

The General Manager and Engineer reported as follows:—

(a) Boiler Insurance.—

That the Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., had reported a satisfactory examination of No. 7 Boiler, Economiser and Superheater.

(b) Sale of second-hand Motors.—

That he had sold one 1/5th h.p. second-hand motor for the sum of £1;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(c) Interruption of Supply.—

That, on Saturday, 26th August, 1944, at 2.45 p.m., a report was received from the consumer at No. 46, Lansdowne Road, that the supply had failed; further, that on investigation the fault had been traced to a service box at No. 48, Lansdowne Road, on the triple concentric main, and that thirteen consumers were affected, seven being for a short time only, and that the necessary repairs were carried out and main re-energised by 10.30 p.m.

(d) Resumption of Street Lighting.—

That, in view of the probability of an early cessation of hostilities in Europe, and the fact that the Highways Committee would not ordinarily meet until October, he desired some instructions in regard to the above;

RECOMMENDED that the matter be considered at the Council Meeting.

955 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the instruction given to the General Manager and Engineer, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

956 **Vote of Thanks to Chairman:**

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Alderman C. S. Syrett, OB.E., for his services as Chairman of the Committee during the past year, and also for the valuable help which he had rendered to the Undertaking over so long a period.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman.

Public Libraries Committee's Report.

6th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E., and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., and Capt. Franks.

Non-member: Councillor P. Lawrence.

957 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

958 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of Requisitions, circulated, be approved.

959 **County Library—Reciprocal Arrangements:**

A letter dated 27th July, 1944, was submitted from the Hertfordshire County Education Officer referring to his letter dated 15th July, 1942, and stating that reciprocal arrangements had been in operation between the Hertfordshire County Council and the Library Authorities for Finchley, Middlesex, and Enfield for a period of rather more than a year and that these arrangements had recently been under review by his Authority. He added that, whilst it was clear that reciprocal library arrangements were advantageous to the public served by the Authorities participating in the schemes and that the schemes should continue, he had been instructed to write to this Authority on the question of the financial adjustment; further, that the arrangement between his Authority and Enfield had always been on a no payment basis, and that the Middlesex Education Committee had recently stated that they agreed to the arrangement between Middlesex and Hertfordshire being freed of any financial adjustment between the two Authorities, and that he had been instructed to enquire if this Council would be prepared to reconsider the question of payment between the two Authorities and if they would agree to the arrangement being freed of any financial adjustment;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council regret that they cannot see their way to vary the arrangement at present in force having regard to the fact that other Authorities are affected thereby.

960 **Chief Librarian's Report:**

The Chief Librarian reported that:—

(a) **Statistics.**—

The following were the statistics for the month of July, 1944 (the figures in parenthesis referring to July, 1943):—

LIBRARY	READERS				BOOK ISSUES.	
	Adult.	Junior.	Total 1944.	(Total 1943).	July 1944.	(July 1943).
Church End ...	4,477	1,096	5,573	(4,440)	13,958	(13,656)
North Finchley	6,554	931	7,485	(7,418)	15,884	(17,590)
East Finchley ...	5,248	1,019	6,267	(5,991)	14,138	(16,789)
TOTALS ...	16,279	3,046	19,325	(17,849)	43,980	(48,035)

(b) **Stock—Replacement and Withdrawals (June-July).**—

The number of volumes withdrawn from stock was 900, of which 200 had been replaced by new copies.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES (*contd.*)

(c) Hours of Opening.—
After consultation with the Chairman, notice had been given to the public that winter hours of opening would commence on the 11th September next as follows:—

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	... ...	9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Friday, Saturday	... ...	9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the action taken be approved; and

(*b*) that the question of the opening of the Libraries to the public on Sunday mornings during the coming winter be left to the Chairman to decide, in consultation with the Chief Librarian.

(d) Staff.—
Certain temporary appointments had been made to fill vacancies caused by resignations;

RECOMMENDED that these be reported to the General Purposes Committee.

(e) Blind Reader.—
The Librarian of the National Library for the Blind had asked if the postage on braille books borrowed by a blind reader living at East Finchley could be paid by the Corporation as the reader had stated that her income was too small to enable her to pay it herself;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(f) Lecture Hall.—
An application had been received from the Secretary of Simms Social Club for the hire of the East Finchley hall from October 21st to 28th for the purpose of holding an exhibition of art and craft work done by members, similar to that held last year, and for permission to charge an entrance fee of 1/-, the proceeds to be given to a charity;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(g) South Eastern Regional Library System.—
A copy of the 10th Annual Report of the S.E.R.L.S. had been received; applications for 29,333 volumes had been received—an increase of 5,806 over the record (pre-War) year of 1938-39—of which 89.5 per cent. had been supplied; Finchley readers had borrowed 225 volumes through the system and 118 were lent to other libraries from the stock of Finchley libraries.

(h) National Book Recovery.—
As staff difficulties had made it impossible for the cataloguing of books retained for replacement of the stocks of bombed libraries, the Director of the Central Depot of the newly established Inter-Allied Book Centre had sent a cataloguer from his staff to do the work, and the books were now ready for disposal under the direction of the Central Committee of Allocation.

(i) Exhibitions.—
The following exhibitions had been arranged at the East Finchley Library since the last meeting of the Committee:—

(*a*) Reproductions of American Paintings (Fee: £2 0s. 0d.).

(*b*) Photographic Exhibition of Canadian National Parks (fee and transport charge £2 9s. 3d.).

(j) Publicity.—
As a result of many favourable notices of the Annual Report in the professional and national press, the Daily Sketch had asked permission to take a photograph of the East Finchley Junior Library for publication and the photograph appeared in the issue for 28th July, 1944.

961 **Vote of Thanks:**
A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman of the Committee for her services during the past year.

MARY E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

Co-Ordination of Wages Sub-Committee's Report.

6th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Syrett, O.B.E., and Councillors Bryson, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., and Lawrence.

962 **Chairman:**

Alderman Syrett was appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

963 **Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the County of Middlesex—War Wage Increase:**

A letter dated 29th August, 1944, was submitted from the Honorary Secretary of the above forwarding copies of the following resolutions passed by the Provincial Council on that date:—

> "That in lieu of the present war wage increase of 19/6d. per week for adult male employees and 75% thereof for adult female employees, there should be a war wage of 24/- per week for adult male employees and 75% thereof for adult female employees; such increase to be operative and payable on the pay day in the week commencing 4th September, 1944, and such war wage to be reckoned in calculating overtime.
>
> That the increase should be translated as amounting to 6½ per hour for men and 4¾ per hour for women for a 47-hour week."

Arising thereon the Borough Surveyor reported that the approximate cost to the Council, excluding overtime, for the remainder of the present financial year consequent upon the adoption of the further war wage increase would be £1644 and in a full year approximately £2850, one-third of which was recoverable.

Authority was given for payment to be made on the pay day in the week commencing 4th September, 1944.

The Sub-Committee decided to refer to the Finance Committee for approval a supplemental estimate for the sum of £1096 in respect of the cost of the increase for the present financial year;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the action taken be approved;

(*b*) that communications be addressed to the Middlesex Provincial Joint Industrial Council and to the National Board of Employees and Members of Staff (Electricity Supply Industry) requesting that constituent authorities be notified of any proposed increases in wages prior to their adoption in order to give such Authorities an opportunity of expressing their views before the proposals become operative; and

(*c*) that communications be addressed to the constituent Authorities of the Middlesex Provincial Joint Industrial Council expressing the view that steps should be taken to guard against the continuance of a series of increases in war wages and to protest against the paying of a war bonus on overtime.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman (pro tempore).

Day Nurseries Sub-Committee's Report.

7th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

Non-member: Alderman Pateman.

964 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

965 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 13 Weeks ended 26th August, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Attendances at Day Nurseries.—

	1944.			1943.		
	Moss Hall.	Regents.	Torrington.	Moss Hall	Regents.	Torrington.
Children under 2 years	591	378	727	975	717	—
Children over 2 years	1530	1956	1555	2673	1967	—
Total Attendances	2121	2334	2282	3648	2684	—
Average per day	27.7	30.6	30.0	48.0	35.3	—
Total receipts	£103 16s. 0d.	£116 15s. 0d.	£113 17s. 0d.	£181 13s. 0d.	£134 8s. 0d.	—

(b) National Society of Children's Nurseries.—

That two Probationers at Moss Hall Nursery, Miss Stanley and Miss Russell, had passed the examination of the National Society of Children's Nurseries and were now qualified Nursery Nurses;

RESOLVED that the congratulations of the Sub-Committee be forwarded to Miss Stanley and Miss Russell on their success.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee's Report.

7th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike, O.B.E., J.P., Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mesdames Gotch, Reeves and Sladden.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden and Lawrence.

966 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

967 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

968 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 13 Weeks ended 26th August, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) **Statistics.**—

(i) ATTENDANCES AT CENTRES.

	1944. North Finchley.	1944. East Finchley.	1944. Church End.	1943. North Finchley.	1943. East Finchley.	1943. Church End.
Children under 1 year ...	1015	816	1087	1356	1290	1576
Children over 1 year	473	513	540	685	841	778
Total attendances	1488	1329	1627	1941	2131	2354
New babies	69	73	62	54	81	100
Seen by doctors	440	553	320	567	595	509

(ii) ATTENDANCES AT DAY NURSERY.

Total attendances	1303	2109
Average attendance per day ...	20	32.4
Total receipts	£48 13s. 6d.	£82 12s. 9d.

(iii) ATTENDANCES AT ANTENATAL CLINIC.

	798	939

(iv) CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

	Mothers.	Children.
Number on register on 1st June	31	27
Number added	3	6
Number removed	1	2
Number on register on 31st Aug.	33	31

(b) **Finchley Infant Welfare Association.**—

The 31st Annual Report of the above-named Association was submitted, and it was

RECOMMENDED that the congratulations of the Council be forwarded to the members of the Association on the continued success of their efforts.

969 **Care of Illegitimate Children—Hostel Accommodation for Mothers and Babies:**

With reference to the arrangements made with the Middlesex County Branch of the British Red Cross Society regarding the above the Town Clerk submitted a letter received from the Middlesex County Council in regard to the financial arrangements in respect thereof, intimating that it was intended that all the Welfare Authorities in the Scheme, including the County Council, should be treated on an equal basis as regards admission of cases from their respective areas, and that it would therefore be only equitable for each of the participating Borough and District Councils to share also in any deficiency that might occur over a given period;

RECOMMENDED that the Middlesex County Council be notified of this Council's agreement herein.

J. GORDON BRYSON,
Chairman.

Public Health Committee's Report.

7th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pike and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden and Lawrence.

970 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

971 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

972 **Medical Officer of Health's Report for the 13 Weeks ended 26th August, 1944:**

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

(a) Statistics.—

	Population June, 1942: 59,990. 1944. N.	E.	W.	Total.	1943.
(i) DEATHS.					
Number registered	39	35	45	119	
Infants under one year	2	—	—	2	81
Infectious disease	—	—	—	—	3
					1
(ii) BIRTHS.					
Number notified under Public Health Act, 1936	51	80	87	218	254
(iii) INFECTIOUS DISEASE.					
Total cases notified	91	32	50	173	104
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	4
Scarlet Fever	12	4	7	23	43
Pneumonia	6	2	3	11	7
Erysipelas	1	2	—	3	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	—	—	1	1
Cerobro-spinal Fever	—	—	1	1	1
Measles	46	1	4	51	26
Whooping Cough	25	23	35	83	22
(iv) TUBERCULOSIS.					
Pulmonary cases	6	5	5	16	26
Non-pulmonary cases	4	2	—	6	3
(v) PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.					
Number in hospital on the 1st June				12	21
Number admitted				30	62
Number discharged				37	64
Number in hospital on the 31st August				5	19

(b) Water Supply.—

That a sample of water had been taken from a tap on the Barnet District Gas and Water Company's main on the 26th June, 1944, for bacteriological examination and that the report was satisfactory.

(c) Houses without proper Dustbins—Public Health Act, 1936—Section 75.—

That the following houses were not provided with proper dustbins:—

2, 3, 4, 7 & 8, Solomons Terrace, N.20.
1293, High Road, N.20.
45, Gainsborough Road, N.12.
30 & 44, Avenue Road, N.12.
69, Holden Road, N.12;

RECOMMENDED—

(i) that a notice be served upon the respective owners of these properties requiring a strong galvanised iron dustbin with suitable cover to be provided in each case; and

(ii) that failing compliance with such notices legal proceedings be taken under the above Act.

(d) Statutory Nuisances—Public Health Act, 1936.—

That the premises at 124b, High Road, N.2, were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;

RECOMMENDED that a statutory notice be served upon the owner of the above-mentioned property requiring him to execute works detailed by the Medical Officer within the time specified by such notice.

(e) Factory Act, 1937—Section 7—Sanitary Conveniences.—

(i) Lindsay Brothers, Ltd., 870-880, High Road, N.12.

(ii) Victors Repairing Tailors, 768, High Road, N.12.

That the first-named premises were without sufficient sanitary convenience for female employees and that the second-named was without sanitary convenience for any employees;

RECOMMENDED that a statutory notice be served upon the occupiers of the respective premises requiring them to provide sufficient and suitable sanitary convenience for all employees.

(f) Unsound Food.—

That the following diseased and unsound meat and other miscellaneous foodstuffs had been dealt with since the last meeting of the Committee:—

DISEASED.

181 lbs. Beef (Tuberculosis).
36 lbs. Beef (Other Diseases).

UNSOUND.

Bovines.

259 lbs. Beef.

Swine.

15 lbs. Pork.
64 lbs. Pigs' Livers.

Sheep.

212 lbs. Mutton.

Miscellaneous.

80 lbs. Sausages.
2 lbs. Bacon.
100 lbs. Ducks.
80 lbs. Crabs.
705 lbs. 10 oz. Goteborg Sausage.
22 lbs. Cheese.
4 lbs. Lentils.
3 lbs. Sultanas.
1 packet Dried Egg.
100 packets Creamola.
1 Carton Breadcrumbs.
1 jar Aspic Jelly.
11 jars Rollmops.
1 jar Sandwich Spread.
6 bottles Chop Sauce.
1 6 lb. tin Corned Beef.
18 6 lb. tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
36 12 oz. tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
2 tins of Sausage Meat.
6 tins of Stewed Steak.
1 tin Meat and Vegetable Dinner.
62 tins of Pilchards.
10 tins of Sardines.
200 tins of Milk.
2 tins of Beetroot.
1 tin of Mixed Vegetables.
13 tins Jam.
4 lbs. Sausage Meat.
16 lbs. Ham.
79 stone Fish.
71 Eggs.
¾ lb. Margarine.
14 lbs. Plums.
4 lbs. Pearl Barley.
28 lbs. Semolina.
179 packets Breakfast Food.
228 packets Soup Powder.
5 lbs. Preserves.
1 jar Mustard.
3 jars Herring Roes.
1 jar Tomato Chutney.
6 bottles Tomato Sauce.
1 6 lb. tin Ox Tongue.
14 2½ lb. tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
1 4 lb. tin Brisket of Beef.
29 tins of Beef Loaf.
40 tins of Soup.
26 tins of Salmon.
83 tins of Herrings.
3 tins of Mackerel.
23 tins of Beans.
7 tins of Peas.
10 tins Fruit.
34 tins Marmalade.

(g) Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936 to 1941—Samples.—

That samples of designated milk (list circulated) taken and submitted for bacteriological examination had satisfied the prescribed tests with the exception of that marked with an asterisk on the list.

973 **Waste Rubber:**

Salvage Circular No. 113 of August, 1944, from the Ministry of Supply was submitted intimating that in view of the large stocks of rubber scrap which had been accumulated, Local Authorities would be relieved of the responsibility for ensuring the separate collection of waste rubber. Local Authorities were asked to make known through the medium of the Press and otherwise whether or not they intended to continue separately to collect waste rubber;

RECOMMENDED that any necessary action be left to the Chairman and the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

974 **Pollution of Dollis Brook:**

With reference to the instructions contained in Minute No. 747(*g*) of 1943/44 the Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Ministry of Health reporting upon the action taken to ensure that the quality of the water in the Brook along the section affected was reasonably satisfactory and would give no cause for complaint until such time as the further development of the Sewage Works in that neighbourhood could be continued.

975 **Burial Board Land—Junction of North Circular Road and Coppetts Close:**

The Town Clerk reported upon the position in respect of the above-named land, approximately 16 acres of which were leased to this Council by the St. Pancras Borough Council, at a rental of £100 p.a. the tenancy expiring on the 25th December, 1945.

Four acres of the land, the subject of Cultivation Order No. 1128, had been let to the Farm Bailiff of the L.C.C. Friern Barnet Hospital (Minute No. 75 of November, 1942) rent free for a period of two years from the 1st December, 1942, and thereafter from year to year at such rent as might be agreed;

RECOMMENDED that the land be offered to the Farm Bailiff for the year ending 25th December, 1945, at a rent of £10.

976 **Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Report:**

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported as follows:—

(a) **Salvage—Tonnage Sold.—**

	May, 1944.			May, 1943.		
	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.
Paper	58	10	2	70	11	—
Bones	1	14	1	—	11	—
Textiles	3	9	3	2	14	3
Bottles	7	3	—	9	18	—
Cullet	—	—	—	4	12	—
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	6	—	—	—	—
Ferrous metals	—	—	—	4	2	—
Tins	9	13	—	12	18	—
Boots and Shoes	—	4	—	—	—	—
	81	—	2	105	6	3
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	530	6	10	565	17	11
Council's share of net profits	76	18	6	110	10	6

	June, 1944.			June, 1943.		
	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.
Paper	59	16	—	67	2	—
Bones	—	18	1	—	8	—
Textiles	2	13	3	3	12	—
Bottles	1	17	—	4	9	—
Cullet	3	17	2	—	—	—
Ferrous Metals	—	—	—	4	—	—
Tins	6	13	—	10	12	2
Boots and Shoes	—	3	2	—	—	—
	75	19	—	90	3	2

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross amount received	479	14	—	558	1	1
Council's share of net profits	32	—	8	106	19	8
	July, 1944.			July, 1943.		
Paper	56	10	1	69	17	2
Bones	1	4	3	—	9	3
Textiles	3	4	3	1	12	—
Bottles	11	15	—	—	—	—
Non-Ferrous Metals	—	—	—	—	12	2
Ferrous Metals	—	—	—	9	—	—
Tins	1	19	—	14	11	1
Books	—	—	—	12	15	2
	74	13	3	108	18	2

(b) Pig Food Disposals.—

	1944.			1943.		
	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.
May	77	11	2	66	17	2
June	78	15	2	74	1	3
July	72	8	3	69	10	3

(c) Sewage Analysis.—

That a sample of sewage effluent had been taken by the Lee Conservancy Board on the 13th June, 1944, at the point of discharge to the Strawberry Vale Brook and that the analysis was satisfactory.

(d) Public Baths.—

1. Open Air Pools.

(i) Closing Date.

RECOMMENDED that the Pools be closed on the 26th September, 1944.

(ii) Gaumont British Film Studios.—That an enquiry had been received from the Gaumont British Film Studios as to whether they could, if they so required, have the exclusive use of the Pool for two days during the week commencing Monday, the 11th September, 1944, for the purpose of making a film. After carefully considering the application the Committee agreed that, if a request were made as aforesaid, it should be granted for any two days, except the Saturday, at a fee of £42 subject to the Chairman and the Town Clerk being satisfied that there was no legal difficulty;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

2. Squires Lane Baths.

(i) Winter Season.

RECOMMENDED that the Swimming Bath be closed from the 1st November, 1944, to 31st March, 1945, inclusive, but that the Slipper Baths remain open as in previous seasons.

(ii) 81st North London Scouts.—That the above-named Troop had not made use of the Baths for four periods booked for them during the month of July, and had not given prior notice thereof;

RECOMMENDED that the Troop be required to pay the Attendant's fee of 2/6d. for each of the four periods.

(iii) Finchley Youth Committee—Swimming Gala.—That the Youth Committee had requested the use of the Squires Lane Baths on the 30th September, 1944, for their Annual Swimming Gala. It was agreed to let the Baths to them from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the 30th September, 1944, at a fee of £2 2s. 0d.;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(e) Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—Waterman C. Norman.—

That the above-named employee wished to retire on the 6th September, 1944, and it was agreed to refer the matter to the General Purposes Committee;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

977 **Vote of Thanks:**

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman by the Committee for his services which had been greatly appreciated during his year of office.

J. GORDON BRYSON, Chairman.

Education Committee's Report

11th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Norman), Alderman Syrett, O.B.E., Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot; Miss Davey, M.A., and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

978 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on 17th July, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

979 **Children's Care Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 20th July, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

980 **Juvenile Employment Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 20th July, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

981 **School Attendance Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 24th July, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

982 **School Management and Works Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 4th September, 1944, was submitted.

Arising therefrom, it was reported as follows:—

(*a*) (i) ACCOUNTS.—That accounts had been examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

Note: Councillor Bryson did not take part in the discussion.

(ii) EXTRA CHARGE—CLEANING OF SCHOOL WINDOWS.—That consideration had been given to a request by the Committee's Contractors, The North Middlesex Window Cleaning Company, to make an extra charge of £7 7s. (i.e., 20 per cent of the August invoices) to cover their additional labour, brought about by the long interval between the cleaning periods;

RECOMMENDED that, in the special circumstances, an extra charge of £7 7s. be allowed for window cleaning of schools in respect of invoices submitted in August, 1944.

(*b*) LETTINGS.—That lettings, particulars of which have been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, had been approved.

(*c*) ADDITIONAL CLEANING ASSISTANCE DURING SUMMER HOLIDAYS.—That the above had been allowed to the following schools:—

Holy Trinity	... ...	10 hours per week.
Our Lady of Lourdes	...	10 hours per week.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*d*) CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL.—That it was expected Christ Church School would be available for re-occupation in a short time but that considerable cleaning would have to be done;

RECOMMENDED that the Director of Education be authorised to engage the necessary additional cleaning assistance.

It was further reported at the Education Committee that the Trustees of the North Finchley Baptist Church, Dale Grove, N.12, had been given notice of the termination of occupation of their premises, with effect from Saturday, 14th October, 1944.

(*e*) INCREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE OF FUEL.—That the Ministry of Fuel and Power had authorised an advance in prices as and from 1st August, 1944, at Collieries and Gas Works, as follows:—

All Coal	4/-	per ton.
All Gas Coke	4/-	,, ,,
London Furnace Coke ...	4/-	,, ,,
Provincial Hard Coke ...	6/-	,, ,,

This will affect the contract prices with the Committee's Contractors, Messrs. Gray Bros. (East Finchley) Ltd., and Messrs. John Hudson & Co., Ltd.

(*f*) SCHOOL MEALS—KITCHEN STAFF.—That particulars of the changes in the Kitchen Staff had been entered in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee.

(*g*) GLEBE LAND—SCHOOLS' ORGANISED GAMES.—That, with reference to Minute 758(*h*), June, 1944, the Chairman had accepted the offer of Parks and Open Spaces Lettings Sub-Committee of the use of the land south of the Finchley Football Club Ground (excluding that portion used as a Hockey Pitch), for the forthcoming winter season, at an inclusive charge of £10 10s., and that with regard to the summer season, 1945, a new application would be made early in the New Year;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*h*) PLAY CENTRES.

(1) Day-time Centres.—That, in accordance with authority given, three schools had been opened during the Summer Holiday (excluding July 21st and August Bank Holiday) for children of women workers, and that the milk and mid-day meals had been served at the Centres to all children who required it.

The Director of Education further reported that the attendance during the first week had been fairly good, but that in the subsequent three weeks it had shown a steady decline, largely attributable to evacuation.

(2) Evening Play Centres—Manorside and Martin Schools.—That these had been closed during the Summer Holiday owing to the very small demand, and that re-opening had so far been postponed for the same reason.

(*i*) APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT TEACHER—MISS MARGARET J. GATES.—That an application had been made, received through the Middlesex Education Committee, from Miss Gates for appointment as student teacher for one year, from 1st November, 1944, and that, with the approval of the Chairman, she had been appointed.

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the action taken be approved; and

(2) that the usual rate of salary, plus war allowance, be made.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

EDUCATION (*contd.*)

983 **Ministry of Education Circular 1 (15.8.1944):**

The above Circular was submitted. It referred, *inter alia*, to the postponement of the raising of the school leaving age; to the need for proceeding with preparation of schemes of divisional administration under the Education Act, 1944, and intimated that the Minister would issue to Local Education Authorities building regulations and a memorandum on the aims and organisation of the various types of schools.

The Borough Treasurer reported that a statement had been issued by the Ministry of Education, showing the relief which would be given to various areas in Middlesex for the year 1945/46 in connection with the provisions of the Education Act, 1944, designed to mitigate the excessive variations in the incidence of local rates which would otherwise have taken place on the 1st April, 1945, when all Education functions are transferred to the County Council. He intimated that, upon the necessary Order being made by the Ministry, the relief to Finchley would be approximately 4½d. in the £ for a period of one year, this being the same figure as he had estimated and reported at the June meeting.

984 **Empire Day Movement:**

The Director of Education read a communication from the above, in which permission was sought to communicate with the schools in the terms of an attached draft letter asking them to become corporate members of the Movement, with a view to stimulating the interest of pupils in the British Commonwealth and Empire;

RESOLVED that permission be given to the Empire Day Movement to approach the Senior and Junior Schools for the purpose suggested, and that Head Teachers be encouraged to take part in the scheme.

985 **School Holidays—Mid-term:**

RECOMMENDED that the schools close for the Autumn Term holiday at the end of the afternoon session on Friday, 27th October, and re-open on the morning of Monday, 6th November, 1944.

986 **Staff:**

(a) Appointment of Domestic Subjects Teacher from Training College:

(b) Appointment of Assistant Teacher.

It was reported that, in accordance with authority given, the Appointments Sub-Committee had made the following appointments:—

Domestic Subjects Teacher—Miss J. N. Dearn.

Assistant Teacher—Miss I. L. Joel;

RESOLVED that, subject to medical examination, the under-mentioned be appointed in the full-time service of the Finchley Education Authority exclusively in the capacity of teachers, salaries to be paid in accordance with Scale IV of the Burnham Arbitration Award, and the decision of the Ministry of Education relating thereto, or upon terms and subject to the conditions of any other scale of salary that may be adopted by the Authority, and subject to the terms and conditions approved by the Council in September, 1927:—

	Appointment to date from:
Miss J. N. Dearn	... 21st August, 1944.
Miss I. L. Joel	... 1st September, 1944.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

Parks and Open Spaces Committee's Report

12th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor P. Lawrence (Chairman), Alderman G. H. Pateman (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-member: Councillor W. C. Fitness.

987 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

988 **Lettings Sub-Committee:**

The report of a meeting of the above Sub-Committee held on the 16th August, 1944, as under-printed, was submitted and approved:—

"Present: Councillor Lawrence (Chairman).

1. **Open Spaces—Lettings:**

The applications received for sports facilities during the forthcoming season were considered and it was

RESOLVED (a) that the following lettings be approved:—

Open Space.	Applicant.	Particulars of Letting.	Charge (Inclusive).
Lyttelton Playing Fields.	Maccabi Association.	No. 2 Football Pitch on Sundays.	£15 15s. 0d.
	A.T.C. Islington Wing.	No. 1 Football Pitch on Sunday afternoons.	£15 15s. 0d.
	Leas House School.	One Senior and two Junior Football Pitches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.	£35 0s. 0d.
	Finchley Wing A.T.C.	Nos. 1 and 3 Football Pitches on Saturdays, and Nos. 3 and 4 Pitches on Sundays.	£15 15s. 0d.
	P.O.S.D. (Holloway) Athletic and Social Club (Football Section).	No. 2 Football Pitch on Saturday afternoons.	£15 15s. 0d.
	Henrietta Barnett School.	Hockey Pitch, Mondays to Fridays.	£40 0s. 0d.
	Finchley Local Youth Committee.	No. 4 Football Pitch on Saturdays.	£5 5s. 0d.
Glebe Land.	Education Committee.	Use of ground south of the Finchley Football Club Ground (excluding the portion used as a Hockey Pitch) for organised games.	£10 10s. 0d.
	Women's Junior Air Corps.	Hockey Pitch.	£5 5s. 0d.

(b) that, in the event of any further applications being received, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee be authorised to deal with them, in consultation with the Officers concerned, subject to report.

2. **Supply of Hot Water—Lyttelton Playing Fields:—**

RESOLVED that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make arrangements, as previously, for the supply of hot water to users of pitches at above, if such a facility is required.

PERCY LAWRENCE,

Chairman."

989 **Damage in Parks and Open Spaces:**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 21st August, 1944, received from the Home Office referring to the Council's letter about damage and disorderly conduct in the parks and open spaces in the Borough and stating that the matter had been reviewed in consultation with the Commissioner of Police, and that the Police Officers do and would continue to assist Park staff in every way possible, but that in view of the withdrawal of police officers for other forms of national service and the many other pressing calls on the remaining police resources, it was not possible for the police to accept the full responsibility for the supervision of the parks and grounds in question.

Reference was also made by the Town Clerk to an interview which he had had with representatives of the Police on the same subject in July last.

990 **Glebe Land—Hire of Tennis Court:**

It was reported that one of the hard tennis courts at above was let to the Finchley Local Youth Committee for 2½ hours on Friday evenings for a period of thirteen weeks from the 12th May, 1944, but that the Committee had subsequently found that, for various reasons, they no longer required the use of the court and that, in the circumstances, the Chairman had agreed to the cancellation of the letting as from the 7th July, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

991 **Avenue House Grounds—Proposed Cultural Centre:**

The Committee decided to defer, until next meeting, the consideration of the reference from the Council hereon.

992 **Presentation of Trees:**

The Chairman of the Committee reported that Mr. J. Taylor, of Totteridge, had offered to present the Council with 25 ornamental cherry trees for planting on the site of the Tudor Bowling Green;

RECOMMENDED that the offer be accepted and that the thanks of the Council be accorded to Mr. Taylor for his generosity.

993 **Brook Farm—Letting of Football Pitches:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that the following lettings had been arranged at above:—

Club.	Pitch No.	Charge. £	s.	d.
Delancey F.C.	8	5	15	0
Fraser and Glass	8	5	15	0
London Police Court Mission	7	11	10	0
St. Giles Christian Mission	1	11	10	0
Shaftesbury Harriers (dressing room only)	—	2	0	0

994 **Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. M. Pedley, who had been employed in connection with the cleansing of the women's conveniences on the open spaces left the service of the Council on the 18th August, 1944, and had made application for a compassionate allowance; further, that the details of the case were as follows:—

Age.	Service.	Dependants.
67	27 years	Husband aged 72

Wages at time of leaving service.

1/3¾d. per hour — £3 3s. 0d. for 48 hours.

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that a gratuity of 10s. a week be granted to Mrs. Pedley until the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in June, 1945, when the case be reviewed;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

995 **Proposed Drinking Fountain—Northway Gardens:**

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of a letter dated 4th July, 1944, from the Chairman of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association, stating that the Association had been notified by the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association that, in view of the need for drinking water, especially for children, they would be pleased to present a Bubble type fountain for Northway Gardens as soon as they were in a position to resume manufacture, similar to the one presented by them and erected at Lyttelton Playing Fields; further, that the suggested location was adjacent to the Caretaker's Lodge, where a water-main was already in existence, and that he had been asked to request the Council to undertake the erection and maintenance of the fountain;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council appreciate the offer of the Association, and that they will be pleased to undertake the erection and maintenance of the fountain.

996 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Officers, as entered in their respective Instruction Books, be approved.

997 **Vote of Thanks:**

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman of the Committee for his excellent services during the past year.

PERCY LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report.

13th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Major Steward.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

998 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

999 **Requisitions:**

RECOMMENDED that the list of requisitions (circulated) be approved.

1000 **International Union of Local Authorities:**

A circular letter was submitted from the International Union of Local Authorities drawing attention to the past work of the Union and the great possibilities that now open out for its future development, and extending a cordial invitation to the Council to become a Member of the British Committee (which carries with it membership of the Union); to appoint a representative on the General Council, and to nominate one for the Executive Committee;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that the Council do become a Member of the British Committee, and that authority be given for payment of the annual subscription of £2 2s. 0d.;

(*b*) that the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the time being be appointed as the Council's representative on the General Committee; and

(*c*) that the Town Clerk be nominated as the Council's representative on the Executive Committee.

1001 **Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944:**
Circular letters dated 19th July and 21st August, 1944, respectively, issued by the Ministry of Health hereon were submitted, and the Town Clerk intimated that the Borough Treasurer would be submitting a further report to the Committee at a later date.

1002 **Re-Instatement and Re-Habilitation of Local Government Officers:**
A circular letter dated 8th August, 1944, was submitted from the Secretary of the Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services forwarding, for the information of the Council, copy of a Memorandum and recommendations hereon received from the National Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Professional and Clerical Services (circulated) and enquiring whether the Council were prepared to implement the recommendations contained therein;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council are not prepared to implement the recommendations contained in the Memorandum, but will deal with each case on its merits.

1003 **Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services:**

(*a*) A circular letter issued by the above Council (circulated) asking for this Council's views in regard to a suggested amendment of the constitution was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council do not agree to the terms of such suggested amendment.

(*b*) A copy of the Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on the 12th June, 1944, was submitted.

1004 **Association of Municipal Corporations—Election of Standing Committees:**
A circular letter was submitted from the Secretary of the above-mentioned Association forwarding a copy of his report on the result of the voting for membership of the Standing Committees of the Council of the Association.

1005 **Avenue House:**
The Town Clerk reported receipt of a report from the Borough Surveyor as follows:—

"It has been ascertained that the floor boarding and joists in a part of the basement room used as the officers' sleeping quarters are rotten. The trouble appears to be due to water entering the air bricks from the area outside the window instead of discharging down the gulley which is blocked.

I am making arrangements to have repairs carried out immediately as the work is obviously urgent but cannot give an estimate of the expenditure at the present time."

1006 **Broadcasting of Resolutions:**
A circular letter was submitted from the Urban District Councils' Association urging that the practice of broadcasting resolutions and letters by Local Authorities should be discontinued and that any representations on a particular subject which a Local Authority might wish to make should, in the first instance, be sent only to the Association in order that the matter might be fully considered in all its bearings by the Executive Council and any necessary action taken thereon; further, that any Members of the Association who received circular letters of the character in

question should refrain from taking action thereon until they had had an opportunity of informing themselves of the decision which the Executive Council might have reached on the subject, which could readily be ascertained from the Minutes;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council regret that they cannot see their way to adopt the suggestions above referred to.

1007 **Land—Frith Lane:**
The Town Clerk reported upon an interview which the Borough Surveyor and he had had with Capt. Harris, of the Lands Branch of the War Office, on the 17th August, 1944, in regard to this matter;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that arrangements be made for a further meeting to take place on the site, and that Alderman Syrett and the Chairman of the Committee, together with the Officers concerned, represent the Council thereat; and

(*b*) that a representative of the Lessees be also invited to attend.

1008 **Temporary Repairs—Norrice Lea:**
The Town Clerk intimated that he was not yet in a position to report further hereon, and the matter was therefore referred to the Highways Committee for consideration.

1009 **Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd.:**
A print of the Accounts in respect of the above-mentioned Club for the year ended 31st March, 1944, was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report thereon at a later meeting, if necessary.

1010 **Food Control Committees (Constitution) Order, 1943:**
The Town Clerk reported that, under the terms of the above-mentioned Order, the names of persons proposed to be appointed to the Food Control Committee for the year 1945 must be submitted to the Minister of Food prior to the 31st October next;

RECOMMENDED that the following persons be nominated to serve as Members of the Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1945:—

Consumer Members:
His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
Alderman A. J. Briant.
Councillor W. Blunden.
Councillor Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Councillor Major H. W. Steward.
Mr. Ronald Bartram.
Mrs. J. Corbett.
Mr. E. G. Hammond.
Mr. H. T. Burns (representing The Finchley and District Trades Council).
Mrs. H. Miller.

Trade Members.
Mrs. F. M. Cornillie (representing The London Co-operative Society, Ltd.).
Mr. W. C. Miller (representing Retail Greengrocers and Fruiterers).
Mr. S. H. Riches (representing Retail Butchers).
Mr. A. Seymour (representing Retail Grocers).
Mr. W. R. Smith (representing Retail Bakers).

Trade (Employee) Member:
Mr. E. Worrall.

1011 **British Red Cross Society—Finchley and Friern Barnet Division:**

It was reported that application had been made by the Vice-President of the above for the Council's usual grant of £15;

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the payment of the sum in question.

1012 **Meetings of Committees:**

The report of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the above matter, as underprinted, was submitted:—

"Present:

On the 14th August, 1944:

The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Briant and Syrett, O.B.E. and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Langlands and Lawrence.

On the 25th August, 1944:

The Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Briant and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Langlands and Lawrence.

1.—Chairman:

Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2.—Meetings of Committees:

In accordance with the reference from the full Committee, the Sub-Committee considered the whole question of Committee Meetings with a view to reducing the number of evenings occupied by meetings, so as to enable members to give greater attention to outside functions and to keep in closer touch with the ratepayers.

A number of suggestions were put forward, and the Sub-Committee were ultimately of opinion that the position could best be met by holding two or more meetings consecutively on the same evening.

This would not mean any alteration in the present system whereby members nominate the Committees they desire to serve on. The proposals contained in the following recommendation envisage the return to monthly meetings of Committees which will probably be desirable as conditions tend to get more normal and to deal with post-War problems which should be receiving early attention.

It is therefore

RECOMMENDED that the following arrangements for the holding of Committees during the ensuing Municipal Year be adopted:—

(In the FOURTH week before the Meeting of the Council).

Thursday	Allotments and Food Production	7.15 p.m.
	Parks and Open Spaces	8.00 p.m.

(In the THIRD week before the Meeting of the Council).

Monday	Public Libraries	7.30 p.m.
	Housing	8.15 p.m.
Tuesday	Communal Feeding (February, May, September and December only)	7.30 p.m.
	Electricity	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	Day Nurseries (Sub.) (when necessary)	6.30 p.m.
	Maternity and Child Welfare	7.00 p.m.
	Public Health	7.30 p.m.
	Town Planning	8.30 p.m.

(In the SECOND week before the Meeting of the Council).

Monday	Education	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday	Valuation	7.00 p.m.
	Highways	7.45 p.m.
Thursday	General Purposes	7.30 p.m. followed by
	Finance.	

Meetings of other Committees as and when necessary.

3.—Sub-Committees:

The Sub-Committee were of opinion that the number of Sub-Committee meetings should be reduced to a minimum and that as far as possible all matters should be dealt with by the full Committee concerned, and individual items only referred to a special Sub-Committee where such a course were absolutely necessary, and that the following Committee and Sub-Committee be not reappointed in November next, but that their duties be transferred to the Comittees indicated.

Committee or Sub-Committee to be abolished.	Committee to which duties to be transferred.
Sub-Committee re Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Cub, Ltd.	General Purposes.
Special Housing	Housing.

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

4.—Attendances of Members at Meetings:

The Sub-Committee were of opinion that the former practice of circulating each year a statement indicating the attendances of members at meetings might with advantage be revived, as from the commencement of the next Municipal Year, and that the Town Clerk should submit the statement prior to the meeting at which Committees are appointed;

RECOMMENDED that such proposal be adopted.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman."

RECOMMENDED that the report be adopted, subject:—

(*a*) to the times of meeting of the Day Nurseries (Sub) and Maternity and Child Welfare Committees being altered to 7 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. respectively; and

(*b*) to the day and time of the meeting of the Finance Committee being altered to the Monday in the FIRST week before the Meeting of the Council, at 6.30 p.m.

1013 Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908:

The Committee considered a reference from the Parks and Open Spaces Committee in regard to the granting of a gratuity to Mrs. M. Pedley;

RECOMMENDED that she be granted a gratuity of 10s. per week under Section 70 of the above-mentioned Act until the date of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in June, 1945, when the case be reviewed.

1014 Bus Stop:

A letter dated 25th August, 1944, was submitted from Simms Motor Units, Ltd., enquiring whether the Council would support an application by them to the London Passenger Transport Board for the request stop outside Willow House and opposite to the Finchley Cemetery in the High Road to be altered to a permanent stop;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

1015 Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Act, 1941:

The Town Clerk reported that Section I of the above-mentioned Act allowed a tenant to pay a proportionately reduced rent in the event of his occupying the whole or part of a house which had been rendered "unfit" by war damage; further, that the Landlord was empowered to apply for a Certificate from the Local Authority to the effect that the premises were reasonably fit and that such repairs had been done as were possible having regard to prevailing circumstances, and that if such a Certificate were issued, a reduced rent was not permitted.

He added that it had now become necessary for someone to be appointed to grant Certificates under the said Section;

RECOMMENDED that Mr. J. Gray, Senior Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. J. Yates, Deputy Senior Sanitary Inspector, be authorised to issue the Certificates in question.

1016 Cost of Living Index Number:

The Borough Treasurer reported that the following figures had been taken from the Index Number Table published in the Ministry of Labour Gazette:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939 ...	55	55	53	53	53	53	56	55	55	69	69	73
1943 ...	99	99	99	98	99	98	100	99	98	99	99	99
1944 ...	99	100	100	100	100	100	101	102	—	—	—	—

1017 Council Employees:

(a) Accidents.—

The Borough Surveyor submitted details of accidents which had occurred to four employees since last meeting.

(b) S. J. Boulton—Return from H.M. Forces.—

The Borough Surveyor reported that Lorry Driver S. J. Boulton had been discharged from H.M. Forces and resumed his duties on the 14th June, 1944; further, that he was not in receipt of a disability pension and had been certified by the Medical Officer of Health as fit for work as a lorry driver.

1018 Instructions:

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

1019 Vote of Thanks:

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman of the Committee for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the Committee during the past year.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

14th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major Steward (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Aldermen Syrett, O.B.E., and Wells, and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Langlands and Mrs. Roberts.

1020 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

1021 **Financial Rating:**

The Town Clerk submitted an application received from the Finchley Branch of the British Legion for relief of rates in respect of the premises occupied by them as Headquarters at No. 121, High Road, N.2;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that the Council have no authority to grant relief of rates on the grounds indicated in the application.

1022 **Coal—Price Increase:**

A communication was submitted from Messrs. Gray Brothers, East Finchley, Ltd., forwarding particulars of increases in prices which had been authorised by the Ministry of Fuel and Power with effect as from the 1st August, 1944.

1023 **Supplementary Estimates:**

(*a*) The Committee considered references from the under-mentioned Committees in respect of the matters indicated:—

Committee.	Purpose.	Amount.
Education	Re-Surfacing playground Manorside School.	£150
Co-Ordination of Wages Sub	Council Employees — War wage increase.	£1096

RECOMMENDED that supplementary estimates be approved in respect of the expenditure in question.

(*b*) The Borough Treasurer reported that, excluding the amount referred to in (*a*) above, supplementary estimates to a total of £702 16s. 8d. had been approved during the present financial year.

1024 **Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:**

(*a*) It was reported that the number of existing mortgages was 153 representing a sum outstanding of £39,292.

(*b*) A statement of arrears as at 30th June, 1944, was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that this be referred to the Chairman of the Committee and the Borough Treasurer for attention subject, where necessary, to report.

FINANCE (*contd.*).

1025 **General Rate:**

(a) **Rate Collection—1st April to 31st August.—**

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following report:—

1943-44. £	1943-44. %		1944-45. £	1944-45. %
12,973	4.81	Arrears	5,042	1.92
255,845	94.88	Half-year's Rate	256,504	97.84
845	0.31	Additional Assessments	630	0.24
269,663	100.00	Total Amount Collectible	262,176	100.00
247,498	91.78	Amount collected— 1st April—31st August* ...	247,691	94.48
£22,165	8.22	Amount outstanding ...	£14,485	5.52

*(Current Rate = £245,343)
(Arrears = 2,348)

(b) **Poverty Excusals.—**

The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of applications for excusal on the grounds of poverty which had each been considered by the Chairman;

RECOMMENDED that payment be excused in the 11 cases submitted amounting to £241 13s. 7d.

Arising thereon, Councillor Fitness declared that he had an interest in one of the cases referred to and in consequence thereof did not vote or take any part in the discussion relating thereto.

1026 **Statement of Bank Balances—13th September, 1944:**

The following statement was submitted by the Borough Treasurer:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance. £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		108,043 18 8	
A.R.P. Canteen	763 2 9		
Electricity	31,290 7 8		
Housing Revenue		11,711 10 4	
General Rate Fund Capital	4,583 3 7		
Communal Feeding		1,713 12 8	
Electricity Capital		4,055 11 1	
Consolidated Loans Fund	186,317 15 7		
Superannuation Fund		633 5 0	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		48 6 0	
Salaries		3,225 14 9	
Advance	4 13 9		
Suspense	36 10 11		
Loan Interest		Nil	
Wages		1,194 15 5	
	£222,995 14 3	£130,626 13 11	£92,369 0 4 Dr.

1027 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(a) Interim Order on Treasurer.—

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £37,381 11s. 4d., made up as follows was approved by the Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund	30,225	1	10
Electricity Revenue	4,186	9	10
Consolidated Loans Fund		5	0
Superannuation Fund	1,283	17	9
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	16	12	6
A.R.P. Canteen	62	11	5
Communal Feeding	1,606	13	0
	£37,381	11	4

(b) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and counter-signed by the Town Clerk, directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums, hereunder mentioned, amounting to £46,387 12s. 3d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	25,250	11	9
Electricity Revenue	7,627	17	11
Loan Interest	13,509	2	7
	£46,387	12	3

1028 Superannuation Fund Investment:

The Borough Treasurer reported that in accordance with the authority of the Council regarding the investment of moneys in Railway Debenture Stock a further sum of £3,771 Southern Railway 4% Debenture Stock had been purchased at 112½%.

1029 Chief Internal Auditor's Report:

This was submitted.

1030 **Income Tax—South Shields Test Case:**

The Borough Treasurer reported receipt of a letter dated 26th July, 1944, from the Inspector of Taxes indicating that the South Shields decision might be applied to the Council's Electricity Undertaking and that arising thereon the consequential adjustments to the original computations of assessment for the years affected were being made and would be submitted to the Inspector for settlement.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

Valuation Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

19th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman) (Chairman), Alderman Briant, Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Gray.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Mrs. Roberts.

1031 **Valuation Officer's Report:**

The Valuation Officer reported as follows:—

1. North Middlesex Assessment Committee.—

That at the meeting of the Assessment Committee held on the 28th July, 1944, the De-Rating Claim made by the occupier of 74, Ballards Lane, was not opposed by the Rating Authority and the hereditament was transferred to Part II of the Valuation List; further, that on the ratepayer's proposal in connection with 357, Regents Park Road, the assessment was reduced to Gross Value £50 Rateable Value £40.

2. Assessments.—

(*a*) Kingsbury, King Street.

(*b*) 3, King Street.

(*c*) 156, Ballards Lane.

That proposals had been received from ratepayers for reductions in the assessments of the above-named properties. After hearing the Valuation Officer's report it was

RECOMMENDED that the proposals be not opposed.

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Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
17th October, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ORDINARY MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 23rd day of OCTOBER, 1944, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25th day of September, 1944.

(2) To consider tenders for the printing of Agenda, Minutes and Reports

(3) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Housing** of the 27th September, 1944.

(*b*) **Communal Feeding** of the 28th September, 1944.

(*c*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 3rd October, 1944.

(*d*) **Highways** of the 4th October, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 9th October, 1944.

(*f*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 10th October, 1944.

(*g*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 11th October, 1944.

(*h*) **Finance** of the 12th October, 1944.

(*i*) **Children's Safety** of the 17th October, 1944.

(4) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(5) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(6) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(7) To receive and consider the reports of the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 3rd October, 1944.

(*b*) **Education** of the 9th October, 1944.

(*c*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 11th October, 1944.

(*d*) **Finance** of the 12th October, 1944.

(8) To consider recommendations of the Council and Staff Joint Committee as contained in a report dated the 4th October, 1944.

(9) To receive and consider reports of Officers.

(10) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 25th day of SEPTEMBER, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett, O.B.E.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

A. N. H. Baines, C.C.
W. Blunden.
The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Captain L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt.-Col. J. Hugh Jones.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
G. F. Tyndall.
H. H. Wilmot.

1033 **Prayers:**

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P., opened the proceedings with prayer.

1034 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 24th day of July, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

Arising out of Minute No. 903, the Mayor referred to the fact that Commander B. Jones, R.N., of H.M.S. Tartar had been awarded a Bar to his D.S.O. for outstanding skill and devotion to duty, and that Awards had also been made to other Officers and men;

RESOLVED that the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Commander Jones and the other members of the Ship's Company.

1035 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st August, 1944.

(*b*) **Communal Feeding (Special)** of the 21st August, 1944 (Councillor Mrs. Legge voting against).

Arising out of paragraph 933 (Civic Restaurants), it was reported that arrangements had been made for the increase of 2d. in the price of the main meal to be waived as regards the old people supplied through the medium of the Council of Social Service.

Arising out of paragraph 934 (Lyttelton Restaurant), it was

RESOLVED that the Committee be asked to give the matter further consideration at next meeting.

(*c*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 23rd August, 1944.

(*d*) **Town Planning** of the 4th September, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 947(B)(*b*) (Non-Conforming use of Premises—Scheme 6—10, Stanhope Road, N.12), the Chairman of the Committee reported that the consent to the present user of the premises for the manufacture of small electrical parts was limited to the period of the war and six months thereafter, and that the consent to the user of the lean-to shed, the subject of the present application, should be limited to the same period and made subject to the usual conditions, namely:—

(1) to there being no noise, smoke or smell emanating from the premises which in the opinion of the Council would be a nuisance to neighbouring residents or occupiers; and

(2) to the applicants entering into an agreement with the Council embodying (inter alia) the above terms in a form to be approved by the Town Clerk;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

(*e*) **Electricity** of the 5th September, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 954(*d*) (resumption of Street Lighting), it was

RESOLVED that the matter be considered further by the Council in Committee.

(*f*) **Public Libraries** of the 6th September, 1944.

(*g*) **Co-Ordination of Wages (Sub)** of the 6th September, 1944, subject to the deletion of the words "constituent authorities of the" in the first line of recommendation (*c*), contained in paragraph 963.

(*h*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*i*) **Maternity and Child Welfare** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*j*) **Public Health** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*k*) **Education** of the 11th September, 1944.

Arising on the report, the Chairman of the Committee made a statement on the recent evacuation. He referred to the work of the Director of Education, the Billeting Officer, and other members of the Council's staff, the Centre Organiser and members of the W.V.S., the teachers, the Courier Service and the staff of the Food Office. The whole of the evacuation, he stated, went smoothly and without a hitch.

Alderman Pike asociated himself with the remarks of the Chairman, and stated that public thanks were due to those concerned for what had been done.

(*l*) **Parks and Open Spaces** of the 12th September, 1944.

(*m*) **General Purposes** of the 13th September, 1944, with the exception of (*a*) paragraph 1002 (Re-instatement and Rehabilitation of Local Government Officers) which be referred to the Committee for further consideration; and (*b*) paragraph 1009 (Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd.), which be referred to the Council in Committee for consideration.

(*n*) **Finance** of the 14th September, 1944.

(*o*) **Valuation (Special)** of the 19th September, 1944, subject to the deletion of the word " not " in the recommendation contained in paragraph 1031(2).

1036 **Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1943:**

The above-mentioned report was submitted and considered, and the Chairman of the Public Health Committee referred to a number of matters contained therein;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Medical Officer of Health thereon; and

(*b*) that the report be entered on the Minutes of the Council.

1037 **Factory-Made Temporary Houses:**

A circular letter dated 18th September, 1944, was submitted from the Ministry of Health stating that, in order to enable arrangements to be made to put these houses into early production, it was important that allocations to be made to individual local authorities when the necessary legislation was approved by Parliament should be settled at the earliest possible date, and that if, therefore, the Council desired to apply for an allocation of temporary houses, they should inform the Ministry not later than the 28th September, 1944:—

(1) for what number of such houses they desired to apply; and

(2) to what extent they already had in their possession land which they thought could properly be used for the erection of these houses, without prejudice to their immediate programme for building permanent houses.

Enclosed with the letter was a description of two additional types of temporary houses, the inclusion of which in the Government's programme, in addition to the steel house which local authorities were afforded an opportunity of inspecting, was being examined, and it was stated that the possibilities of supplying one type or the other to an individual local authority would depend on the arrangement of the production programme within the period of approximately two years which was in question; further, that it must be understood that the distribution must be governed by this factor. If, however, the local authority in their application expressed a preference for one form or other of the methods of construction, the Minister would, in the distribution when houses became available, do what was possible to give effect to this preference and that, if the demand for any one of the types exceeded the supply, he would make up the allocation from the other types.

In this connection, the Town Clerk reported upon an interview which Alderman Pike and he had had with a representative of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning on the subject of the suitability of land within the borough for this purpose;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the matter be referred to the Housing Committee for consideration;

(*b*) that the Ministry be informed that the question is under consideration and that a reply will be forwarded in due course; and

(*c*) that, if necessary, a special meeting of the Council be held prior to the next ordinary meeting, to deal with the subject.

1038 **Education Act, 1944:**

The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Lees and Co. had advised that the application to the Minister of Education under the above-mentioned Act for Finchley to become an "excepted" district should be under seal.

He also submitted for the consideration of the Council draft of the letter proposed to be sent to the Minister accompanying the application, and intimated that it referred to negotiations which had been proceeding, under the authority of the Council, with representatives of the Friern Barnet Council, and that the terms thereof had been approved by the Clerk of that Council.

The Chairman of the Education Committee then made a statement on the matter;

RESOLVED that the draft letter in question be approved by the Council.

1039 **Housing of Bombed-Out Families:**

The Mayor read a letter, dated 18th September, 1944, received by him from the Mayor of Chiswick as follows:—

"I have heard of the work which has been done in your Housing Department in re-housing some of our bombed-out families.

I am sure I am expressing the feelings of my Council when I say that this beneficent gesture on the part of the Borough of Finchley, is very much appreciated by the public of Brentford and Chiswick.

It is a very difficult problem re-housing, but when neighbouring boroughs are ready to act in this way it is a very great satisfaction to all concerned. Would you kindly convey my thanks to your staff responsible for this work."

1040 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

1.—Agreement with the E.W. Engineering Co., Ltd., in respect of the use of the building at the rear of No. 70, Ballards Lane, and of the ground floor shops at Nos. 74 and 78, Ballards Lane, for electrical coil winding.

2.—Agreement with the Finchley Memorial Hospital in respect of the changeover of electricity supply.

3.—Application to the Minister of Education for Finchley to become an "excepted" district under the Education Act, 1944.

4.—Authorities to Mr. J. Gray and Mr. J. Yates respectively to issue Certificates under Section 1 of the Landlord and Tenant (War Damage) (Amendment) Act, 1941.

5.—Discharges of Registered Charges or Vacating Receipts (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of the following:—

Mortgage No. 907—H. J. Humphreys, 116, Falloden Way.
" " 64—W. E. Blight, 61, Woodlands Avenue, N.3.
" " 105—W. D. Brown, 3, Mayfield Avenue, N.12.
" " 898—Mr. and Mrs. R. Behets, 5, West Avenue, N.3.

6.—Contract with A. Ibbetson & Co. for underpinning wall at Holne Chase Electricity Sub-Station.

7.—Agreement with A. B. Accessories Co., Ltd., with regard to the user of lean-to shed adjoining No. 10, Stanhope Road, N.12.

1041 **Council in Committee:**

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Langlands, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

1042 **Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd.:**

Paragraph 1009 of the General Purposes Committee's Report of the 13th September, 1944, was considered;

RECOMMENDED that the recommendation contained therein be not adopted, but that the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

1043 **Reports of Committees:**

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 1st August, 1944.

(*b*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 23rd August, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 7, the Chairman of the Committee reported, with regret, that Mr. Rawson died on the 19th September, 1944, and that the widow, who was 71 years of age, had made application for financial assistance;

RECOMMENDED that a gratuity of 15s. a week be granted to Mrs. Rawson under the provisions of Section 70 of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908, until the ordinary meeting of the Council in June, 1945, when the case be reviewed, and that such gratuity have effect as from the date of the death of her husband.

Arising out of paragraph 8 (Peace Celebrations), a report of a meeting of the Council representatives on the Joint Entertainments Committee was submitted and considered.

Arising out of paragraph (1), it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that recommendation (*a*) be not adopted;

(*b*) that recommendation (*b*) be adopted;

(*c*) that a Special Committee consisting of Councillors D. A. A. Merry, J.P., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Norman and Major Steward, and the Chairman of the Highways Committee for the time being, be appointed for the purpose of arranging all the details in connection with the proposed torchlight procession; and

(*d*) that the proposal with regard to cartoons be not adopted.

Arising out of paragraph 2, it was

RECOMMENDED that the recommendation contained therein be adopted, subject to the suggested expenditure being reduced to a sum not exceeding £150.

(*c*) **Electricity** of the 5th September, 1944.

(*d*) **Day Nurseries (Sub)** of the 7th September, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 11th September, 1944.

(*f*) **General Purposes** of the 13th September, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph 2(*c*)(3), an amendment was proposed by Councillor Wilmot, seconded by Councillor Blunden, "that clause (*b*) of the recommendation be deleted and that clause (*a*) be amended to read as follows:—

'that, as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. F. Page be transferred temporarily to the position occupied by the late Mr. Cumber; that he be designated Administrative Officer and Chief Clerk and his remuneration be commensurate with that of Section 3 in the Senior Grade at a commencing salary of £450 per annum; that the position be further reviewed after the war when other members of the staff in the department who may be suitable for the position can be considered'."

On being put, the amendment was lost.

The paragraph was then formally adopted, on the understanding that not only the promotion in position but also the increase in salary is of a temporary character in each case.

(*g*) **Finance** of the 14th September, 1944.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1st August, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair, Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence, Mrs. M.E. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

1.- RE-HOUSING:

(a) Requisitioned Premises.-

(i) No. 5, The Grove: The Town Clerk reported that the ground floor flat at above had been requisitioned, but that between the date of taking possession and the service of the necessary notice, the owner had disposed of the premises and that, as a result, considerable hardship was likely to arise.

In the special circumstances, it was

RESOLVED that the premises be released.

(ii) No. 24, St. Paul's Way.- The Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with instructions, the application received for the release of these premises had been referred to the Ministry of Health who had now recommended that the application be granted;

RESOLVED that the premises be released forthwith.

(iii) No. 32, Nether Close.- It was reported that the occupiers of the above premises had been a source of considerable annoyance to residents in the neighbourhood, and were particularly troublesome tenants, and it was suggested that they might be transferred to a house in a more suitable neighbourhood;

RESOLVED that such suggestion be adopted, and that the Officers be authorised to take legal action, if necessary, with a view to effecting a transfer.

(b) Evacuation.-

(i) Assisted Private Arrangements Scheme.- The Town Clerk reported that the arrangements in connection with this scheme were in the hands of the Re-Housing Officer and that approximately 750 had taken advantage of the scheme since it was introduced;

RESOLVED that the Re-Housing Officer be authorised to sign all certificates in connection therewith.

(ii) Official Parties Scheme.- It was reported that this matter was in the hands of the Director of Education and that approximately 854 applications had been dealt with up to the date of this meeting; further, that five Registration Halls had been in use but that owing to staff difficulties, it was proposed to reduce the number of Halls to three;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

(c) Available Accommodation.- Particulars hereof were submitted.

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(d) Staff.- The Town Clerk reported that, with the approval of the Ministry of Health, Miss J. Burns had been appointed as a temporary junior clerk in the Re-Housing Office with effect as from the 24th July, 1944, but that she had terminated her appointment on the 31st July, consequent upon her evacuation from London with her family. The question of replacement was referred to the Re-Housing Officer to deal with.

2.- WARDENS' SERVICE:

(a) The Chief Warden reported that Warden Williams had recently appeared at the Highgate Petty Sessions on a charge of stealing of which he was convicted and fined £3;

RESOLVED that the services of Williams in the Wardens' Service be dispensed with forthwith.

(b) Reinforcements.- The Town Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for a number of Wardens from Authorities in other parts of the country to be drafted into Finchley to assist in the manning of Posts during the day-time and he referred to the arrangements which he had made for the reception and transport of these Wardens from Inner London to Finchley. He intimated that he had refused to allow ambulances and sitting case cars to be used to convey these Wardens and their luggage from the main line Stations to Finchley, having regard to the public transport available, but that for the future he would arrange for transport for their luggage;

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Controller be confirmed.

C.S. SYRETT,

Chairman (pro tempore).

This is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (a) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944.

Mayor

This, together with the following page, is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (b) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944.

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Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Special Meeting).

23rd August, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E., (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence amd Major Steward.

Non-Members: Aldermen Pateman and Pike, O.B.E., J.P. and Councillors Fitness and Mrs. Roberts.

1.- FINCHLEY DANCE HALL:

The Town Clerk submitted a communication received from Mr. Sidney A. Naylor stating that his Clients were proposing to sell the above-mentioned freehold property which, with the exception of four flats, was at present requisitioned by the Military Authorities, and enquiring whether the Council were interested in the property for development after the War.

After due consideration, it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor make further enquiries in regard to the property and report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

2.- TEMPORARY REPAIRS - NORRICE LEA:

In accordance with the reference from the Council, this matter was considered further, but the Town Clerk reported that Counsel's opinion on the legal questions involved had not yet been received;

RESOLVED that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

3.- STREET LIGHTING:

The Town Clerk submitted a confidential Circular from the Ministry of Home Security - No. 97/44, in regard to the possibility of allowing increased standards of street lighting having regard to the latest developments in the War situation;

RESOLVED that no action be taken thereon for the time being.

4.- HIGHGATE PETTY SESSIONAL COURT:

The Town Clerk reported that the Highgate Petty Sessional Court had been demolished recently by enemy action and the Mayor reported upon the action which he had taken in conjunction with Alderman Pike and the Town Clerk in regard to providing alternative accommodation for the Court, as a result of which arrangements had been made for the Juvenile Court to be held each Tuesday morning in the Council Chamber at Avenue House, and intimated that there was a possibility that the Matrimonial Court might also be transferred to Finchley in the near future.

He also reported that a room on the top floor of Hertford Lodge had been made available for the use of the Probation Office

RESOLVED
(1) that the action taken be approved and that the thanks of the Council be accorded to the Mayor, Alderman Pike and the Town Clerk for their prompt action in the matter;
(2) that no charge be made for the use of the Council Chamber and other rooms for the Court, but that the Court Authorities be requested to make a payment of 5s. a week to the Caretaker at Avenue House for cleaning, and that a nominal charge of 10s. a week, plus the actual cost of telephone calls, be made for the Office of the Probation Officer; and
(3) that authority be given for a partition to be erected immediately outside the Caretakers' Quarters at Hertford Lodge at an estimated cost of £7.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk reported that the room now allocated to the Probation Officer had previously been used for work in connection with the preparation of the War-time Register and that, in consequence, he had transferred the cupboard containing the records to the Sub-Committee Room which he proposed, in future, to use for Registration work;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

5.- RATE SUMMONSES:

The Town Clerk reported that a number of Rate Summonses were due for hearing at the Highgate Petty Sessions, but that, owing to damage to the premises, these had been adjourned;

RESOLVED that, instead of arranging for the Hearing to be held at Hendon, it be deferred until the new Court is available at Hornsey.

6.- STAFF - BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT:

The Borough Surveyor reported:-

(a) that Mrs. E.M. Lewis, temporary part-time shorthand-typist in the Department, had resigned her appointment and left on the 4th August, 1944.

(b) that Miss E.R. Taylor, part-time Clerk in the Housing Office, had been absent owing to illness since the third week in June and was not likely to return, at any rate until towards the end of October; further, that this had necessitated staff adjustments, and that Miss Y. Goulton had commenced duties in a temporary capacity on the 28th June, at a salary of £3. 15s. 6d. a week and was so serving but was liable to be recalled by the R.A.F.

(c) that Miss J.M. Atkins had also been appointed as a temporary Junior Clerk at a salary of 35s. a week, plus 7/9d. bonus and would commence duties on the 21st August, 1944.

(d) that Mrs. E. Clark and Miss R.M. Colbert had been appointed as temporary clerks to assist in the great volume of work caused by the demand for shelters, and that they commenced duties on the 14th August at a salary of £3. 15s. 6d. a week.

(e) Mr. C.R. Burton (Dec'd.).- that Mr. C.R. Burton, the Civil Defence Shelter Inspector, died suddenly on the 17th August, 1944;

RESOLVED that authority be given for the payment to the relatives of the moneys due to the deceased up to the time of his death.

7.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1937 - LABOURER J.R. RAWSON:

The Borough Surveyor reported that the above employee who was 69 years of age was due to retire on the 5th October, 1944 but did not wish to continue in the Council's service after the 28th August, 1944.

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following particulars in regard to his service and as to the amount of superannuation allowance to which he was entitled:-

Date of Birth 5.10.1875.

Service:	Non-contributory	21/2/21 to 31/3/39	- 18 yrs. 1 month.
	Contributory	1/4/39 to 5/10/40	- 1 " 6 "
			19 " 7 "

Average Remuneration for last 5 years - £153.1.8.

Pension:

From Superannuation Fund.- $\left(\frac{1}{60} + \frac{19}{120}\right)$ x £153. 1.8 - £26.15.9.p.a. 10s. 3d. p.w.

Additional Sum $\frac{19}{120}$ x £153. 1. 8- £24. 4.9.p.a. 9s. 4d. p.w.

£51. 0. 6. p.a. - 19s. 7d. p.w.

RESOLVED
(1) that, as from the 29th August, 1944, Mr. J.R. Rawson be granted a superannuation allowance of 19/7d. a week; and
(2) that as from such date he be granted a gratuity of 10/5d. a week under the provisions of Section 70 of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908 until the date of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in June, 1945, when the matter be considered further.

8.- PEACE CELEBRATIONS:

The question of making early arrangements in connection with the above in view of the present War situation was discussed and it was decided to ask the Council representatives on the Joint Entertainments Committee to confer on the matter and make suggestions thereon to the Council;

RESOLVED that the matter be considered further at the Council Meeting.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,
Chairman.

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This is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (b) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944, 295(b) arising out of paragraph 8 of the Part II report of the General Purposes Committee also referred to therein.

REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE.

8th September, 1944.

Mayor

(See paragraph 8 of Report of General Purposes Committee - Special Meeting).

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.) (in the Chair), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) and Councillors Langlands, Lawrence, Major Steward and Wilmot.

1.- PEACE CELEBRATIONS:

At the request of the Special Meeting of the General Purposes Committee the question of peace celebrations was considered and after a very full discussion the members were of opinion that until such time as peace was declared both in Europe and Asia, it would be inappropriate to arrange any extensive celebrations immediately following upon the cessation of hostilities with Germany. It was therefore

RECOMMENDED

(1) that arrangements be made forthwith for the following celebrations to take place:-

(a) on the Sunday immediately following the cessation of hostilities with Germany, a Thanks-Giving Service in the Gaumont Cinema, after evening worship in the local Churches, the service to be relayed outside the building for the benefit of members of the public who are unable to gain admittance, and

(b) a torch-light procession to take place within a few days of the cessation of hostilities - the procession to be in three sections and to meet on the Glebe Land where a bonfire will be lighted; and

(2) that a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of arranging all the details in connection with the foregoing suggestions.

It was reported that it was possible to obtain from Mr.Michelson the cartoonist, cartoons of the Prime Minister, Mr. Roosevelt, M. Stalin, General Eisenhower and Field Marshall Sir Bernard Montgomery, which could be reproduced at a total expenditure of £60 for 1,000 copies of each cartoon and it was suggested that these could readily be sold at 1/-. each and the net proceeds devoted to charity; further, that in connection with such peace celebrations as might be held at a later date the original cartoons might be auctioned and the proceeds also devoted to charity. It was therefore

RECOMMENDED that this proposal be also adopted and the necessary orders placed forthwith.

2.- EXPENDITURE:

The members considered the estimated cost of carrying through the above-mentioned limited programme and were of opinion that, including the preliminary cost in connection with the cartoons, which would be reimbursed from the proceeds from the sales, the total expenditure would not exceed £250. They therefore

RECOMMEND that the Special Committee proposed to be appointed under (1) above be authorised to incur an expenditure of not exceeding £250 in connection with celebrations and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

D.A.A. MERRY,

Mayor.

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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mayor

5th September, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S.Syrett, O.B.E.(Chairman), Councillor W.C. Fitness (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry,J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Bryson, Langlands and Lawrence.

Non-members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor the Rev.W.L.Brooksbank,J.P.

1.- WAR DAMAGE:

The General Manager and Engineer reported that damage had been sustained recently by the Department's Sub-Stations and submitted the following report thereon:-

"(i) Holne Chase - 20th August, 1944.

(a) Split in woodwork of rear sliding door.
(b) Blackout sheeting displaced.
(c) Wall near Reactor cracked.

The approximate cost of repairs to items (a) and (b) is £1. With regard to item (c) it may be found necessary to underpin the wall and in this case the approximate cost will be £200.

(ii) Windsor Road - 23rd August, 1944.

(a) Roofing tiles and ventilator disturbed.
(b) One ventilator slightly damaged.
(c) Existing crack in wall enlarged and extended.

The approximate cost of repairs to items (a) and (b) will be £8. I am consulting the Borough Engineer and Surveyor in connection with item (c) and will report further on the cost at a later date."

the organisation which would be necessary after the war. They are therefore of opinion that a site in one of the main thoroughfares should be obtained as early as possible. In this connection the Sub-Committee noted that the present buildings could, however, be adapted when the new premises were available, to meet the urgent need for garages, workshops and stores. The Sub-Committee were also satisfied that the existing transport should be replaced as soon as new vehicles were available after the war and that to meet the increased work in the maintenance of domestic appliances out on free loan or hire it would be necessary to provide up-to-date equipment.

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As regards (i)(c) he intimated that a provisional estimate had been obtained from Messrs. Ibbetson & Sons for the under-pinning of the wall amounting to approximately £200. He pointed out, however, that the work would have to be carried out on a time and materials basis;

RECOMMENDED that, in the special circumstances, the Standing Orders, so far as they relate to obtaining tenders by public advertisement, be suspended as regards the work in question, and that a contract be entered into with Messrs. Ibbetson & Co. for the carrying out of the work on a time and materials basis.

2.- STAFF AND EMPLOYEES:

The Committee considered and made recommendations to the General Purposes Committee upon a number of matters relating to members of the staff and employees, particulars of which will appear in the report of that Committee.

3.- FINCHLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - TARIFF:

The General Manager and Engineer reported that negotiations had been completed with the Hospital Committee, and that the under-mentioned tariff had now been formally accepted:-

A fixed charge of £10 per K.V.A. per annum and a unit charge covering consumption for all purposes of a ½d., subject to coal clause adjustment.

RECOMMENDED that the tariff in question be confirmed.

4.- POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT:

A report of a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the above which was held on the 17th August, 1944 (copy circulated herewith) was considered;

RECOMMENDED that the report be adopted and referred to the Post War Reconstruction Committee so far as concerns that Committee.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman.

15.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE RE POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING.

17th August, 1944.

Present:- Alderman Syrett, O.B.E., and Councillors Fitness and Grobe

1.- CHAIRMAN:

Alderman C.S.Syrett, O.B.E., was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2.- POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING:

In accordance with the reference from the full Committee, the Sub-Committee had before them a report of the General Manager and Engineer on the post-war development of the Undertaking.

In considering the report, the Sub-Committee had in mind the possibility of legislation being introduced which might remove the Electricity Undertaking from their control, but they were of opinion that, notwithstanding this possibility, it should not interfere with the preparation of plans by the Council for the post-war development of the Undertaking in order to provide the best possible service to consumers.

The Sub-Committee were in accord with the proposals of the General Manager which were estimated to meet the requirements of the Borough for at least the next twenty-years, and would provide for the completion of the changeover to alternating current within a reasonable period.

In connection with the proposals for new Sub-stations, it was suggested that the existing Sub-stations at the Victoria Recreation Ground and the Glebe Land might be replaced by buildings which would be more in harmony with the surroundings.

The Sub-Committee considered the commercial policy, and were of opinion that this should not vary materially from that adopted in 1937 which had proved so successful in affording greater facilities to consumers and also in providing a valuable day-time load. They were also of opinion that the probable drop in power load after the war consequent upon the cessation of certain war-time industries would be more than offset by the resumption of shop lighting, street lighting and the anticipated developments in the post-war period.

With regard to the General Manager's suggestions for the establishment of central offices and show rooms in one of the shopping centres in the Borough the Sub-Committee were satisfied that this was necessary and that the present office accommodation which was provided in 1903 was not adequate to house efficiently the organisation which would be necessary after the war. They are therefore of opinion that a site in one of the main thoroughfares should be obtained as early as possible. In this connection the Sub-Committee noted that the present buildings could, however, be adapted when the new premises were available, to meet the urgent need for garages, workshops and stores. The Sub-Committee were also satisfied that the existing transport should be replaced as soon as new vehicles were available after the war and that to meet the increased work in the maintenance of domestic appliances out on free loan or hire it would be necessary to provide up-to-date equipment.

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The Sub-Committee also considered carefully the following summary of estimated expenditure arising out of the various proposals contained in the report:-

Item.	Year: 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
Mains	20,266	35,096	36,851	44,072	27,446	163,731
Services	23,193	23,193	23,193	23,193	23,193	115,965
Substations	16,329	19,562	22,033	7,957	8,577	74,458
Change-over	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
Transport	3,000	2,000	-	-	-	5,000
Domestic Apparatus	50,275	32,700	18,550	18,000	17,750	137,275
Offices, Showrooms, Workshops	-	18,500	15,500	-	-	34,000
Public Ltg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000
TOTAL	144,063	162,051	147,127	124,222	107,966	685,429

After very careful consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED (1) that the proposals contained in the report of the General Manager be approved, in principle, and that he be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the details of the various schemes proposed in such order as he deems advisable and to submit these to the Committee from time to time, together with the necessary estimates of the cost involved;

(2) that, in submitting the report to the Post-War Reconstruction Committee, it be pointed out that the schemes recommended therein are such as would not be likely to conflict with any proposals of other Committees of the Council for the following reasons:-

(a) the electricity undertaking should be self-supporting and therefore the financial proposals of the report would not be a charge upon the General Rate Fund; and
(b) the material and labour necessary for implementing the various proposals, being specifically electrical in character with the exception of excavation labour would not clash to any degree in connection with the proposals of other Committees;

(3) that as regards the proposed Central Offices and Showrooms, the Officers be instructed immediately to explore the possibility of obtaining a suitable site, and report as soon as possible; and

(4) that no change be made in the Commercial Policy but that the matter be reviewed from year to year in the light of circumstances then obtaining.

C. S. SYRETT,
Chairman.

17.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 4 of the Part II report of the Electricity Committee referred to in paragraph 1043 (c) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944.

Mayor

DAY NURSERIES SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

7TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Bryson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Lawrence, Councillor Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Sladden.

Non-Member: Alderman Pateman.

I STAFF:

1. Nursing Staff.

The Medical Officer reported as follows:-

(a) Resignations.

Name.	Position.	Date.
Miss Rosenbaum.	Probationer, Moss Hall Nursery.	29.7.44.
Miss Taylor.	Probationer, Torrington Nursery.	5.7.44.
Miss Fortgang.	Probationer, Torrington Nursery.	12.8.44.

(b) Appointments.

Name.	Position.	Salary.	Date.
Miss J. Messetter.	Nursery Asst. Moss Hall Nursery.	£135.	26.6.44.
Miss G. Perry.	Nursery Asst. Moss Hall Nursery.	£135.	10.7.44.
Miss M. Woodhouse.	Probationer, Moss Hall Nursery.	£55.	28.8.44.

2. Teaching Staff.

The Town Clerk reported that formal approval had been received from the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education to the appointment of Miss Hilda Dawson as Warden of the Torrington Park Nursery at a commencing Salary of £147.10s.0d. p.a. plus war allowance, in place of Miss Batten who resigned on the 27th July, 1944.

II TORRINGTON NURSERY:

It was reported that the Post War Re-Construction Committee had not yet met to consider the proposals of various Committees with regard to their Post War plans and in these circumstances the Sub-Committee felt that the question of the above Nursery required urgent attention, and it was accordingly

RESOLVED (a) that the Ministry of Health be approached with the request to give an indication of their Post War policy with regard to Day Nurseries as, in the event of this service being discontinued, it was deemed to be desirable that the above property should if possible be acquired for use by the Council in connection with one or other of the Public Health services, and

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(b) that the Education Committee be asked, so far as they are concerned, to support the Day Nurseries Sub-Committee in this matter.

J. GORDON BRYSON,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (d) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944.

Mayor

This, together with the following page, is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (e) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944. 296(g)

Mayor

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

11th September, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor Merry, J.P.),
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Norman),
Alderman Syrett, O.B.E.,
Councillors Bryson, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A. and Mrs. Miall, B.A.

1. School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 24th July, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) Special Schools.

(i) Royal School for Deaf and Dumb Children. That this school was to close for the summer holiday on 28th July and re-open on 4th September, 1944, and only in exceptional circumstances could children be retained at the school during this period. Of the three Finchley children, two remained at the school by agreemont, an extra fee of 17/6 per week being made in each case.

RECOMMENDED that this be approved.

(ii) That Violet Livock had been brought away from the L.C.C. School for Deaf Children, Banstead, by the parents on the 18th June, owing to air-raid alerts. She is, at present, at home with the parents.

(iii) That Muriel Blake, suffering from a very nervous disposition, can be admitted to a Special School on 21st September, 1944.

RECOMMENDED that this Authority accept responsibility for the education and maintenance of the above-named girl at the Ocklye Special School, Crowborough, Sussex, at a fee of £2 per week, the parent to contribute such sum to be agreed upon towards maintenance expenses.

(iv) That Cyril Reason and Audrey Christ, both suffering from asthma aggravated by sleeping in shelters, had been recommended admission to Open Air Schools outside the danger area by the School Medical Officer.

RECOMMENDED that this Authority accept financial responsibility for these children in Residential Open Air Schools, at fees approved by the Board of Education, the parents to contribute £1 and 10/- per week respectively, towards maintenance expenses.

(b) Employment of School Children. That, as a reference from the Education Committee, the Committee had considered a letter from the Association of Education Committees on the above matter and that it had been decided to defer consideration to a later meeting, the Director of Education to submit a report.

M. E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

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2. School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 4th September, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) Evacuation 1944. That the Director of Education had submitted a Report (copy attached) on the above matter, which had been noted. In connection with the financial arrangements under the Second Davidson Report, it was

RECOMMENDED that authority be given to the Borough Treasurer and the Director of Education to deal with such matters as may arise, in accordance with the Second Davidson Report.

(b) Summerside School - Temporary storage of Sea Cadets Equipment. That the Chairman had referred to the need for storage accommodation for the above Organisation, which had the use of the school on three evenings a week, and had suggested that, in view of the present low school roll, a spare shelter might be available for the purpose, as a temporary measure.

The Sub-Committee had agreed to this, provided that the Head Teachers' arrangements for the allocation of children to the shelter was in no way restricted; and that the Committee be not responsible for any loss of or damage to equipment stored.

(c) Board of Education Circular 1654 - Extension of School Life in suitable cases and the supply of Teachers. That the Middlesex County Council had now intimated the arrangements they are prepared to make for the transfer of suitable children of the age of 13 from Senior to Secondary Schools, subject to accommodation and staff being available.

(d) Manorside School - Post of Caretaker. That, with reference to the June meeting of the Committee, when it had been agreed to review the question of filling the above post on a permanent basis, the matter had been considered, and it was

RECOMMENDED that the matter be postponed for a further three months.

(e) Staff.

(i) Mr. W.E.Thomas, Headmaster, Alder School. That a letter had been received from Mr. Thomas thanking the Committee for their sympathy and consideration to him during his present illness.

(ii) Appointment of Temporary Teacher - Mrs. G. Craddock. That with the approval of the Chairman, Mrs. Craddock had been appointed and had commenced her duties on the 1st September, 1944.

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the action taken be approved.

(2) that Mrs. G. Craddock be appointed a temporary teacher in the full-time service of the Authority as from 1st September, 1944, in accordance with the terms of Minute 1074(m) of May, 1941.

(iii) Resignation of Mrs. M. Gilbert, temporary teacher, Alder School. That the above had submitted her resignation to take effect as from 31st August, 1944.

(iv) Resignation of Mrs. E. Pearson, temporary teacher, Northside Junior School. That the above had submitted her resignation to take effect as from 8th September, 1944.

(v) Appointments to Permanent Staff. That, in connection with (iii) and (iv) above, the Sub-Committee had authorised the issue of the necessary advertisements forthwith, in order that the two posts might be filled on a permanent basis.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(vi) Leave of absence - Miss G.M.Taylor, Headmistress, Northside Junior School. That, with the approval of the Chairman, Miss Taylor had been granted leave of absence for two weeks, for domestic reasons.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved, but that the leave of absence be without payment of salary.

(vii) Extended leave of absence - Mrs. E.A.Connelly, Holy Trinity School. That the Managers had granted extended leave of absence to the above for a further period of six months, as from 1st September, 1944.

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised thereto, no salary being paid for the period of absence involved.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

3. Torrington Park Day Nursery.

The Committee considered a reference to it made by the Day Nurseries Sub-Committee at its meeting on the 7th September, 1944, and, so far as they are concerned, supported the action proposed to be taken, namely,

"that immediate enquiry be made of the Ministry of Health as to its post-war policy with regard to Day Nurseries as in the event of this service being discontinued it was deemed to be desirable that the above property should, if possible, be acquired for use by the Council in connection with one or other of the Public Health Services."

4. Staff.

(a) Appointment of part-time temporary clerical help to School Meals' Organiser. It was reported that Mrs. D.C.Fry, who had left her position just before the Summer Holiday to go to the country with her child, proposed to return shortly and had enquired whether she could be re-engaged. The Committee agreed to her re-appointment as from a date to be arranged.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) Appointment of Mrs. E.M.Hale, supply teacher at St. Mary's School, to the post of Temporary Teacher. The Director of Education reported that Mrs. Hale, now serving as a supply teacher at St. Mary's School, had fulfilled the necessary conditions for appointment as a temporary teacher.

RECOMMENDED that the consent of the Authority be given to the appointment by the Managers of St. Mary's School of Mrs. E.M.Hale as a temporary teacher, the appointment to date from the 1st October, 1944, in accordance with the terms of Minute 1074(m) of May, 1941.

(c) Mr. D. Baxter - Temporary Junior Clerk, Education Office. It was reported that Mr. Baxter had been called up for service with H.M.Forces on 31st August, 1944.

5. Staff Absences.

A list of members of the staff absent since the last meeting of the Committee was submitted, and it was reported that these absences were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED that salaries be paid for the periods of absence in question.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (f) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944. (Together with the following four pages.)

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Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

13th September, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), Alderman C.S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Bryson, Langlands, Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E. and Major Steward.

Non-Members: Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot.

1.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFFS (WAR SERVICE) ACT, 1939:

The Committee considered further the case of D.J. Shea, Junior Clerk in the Valuation Department, who was reported as missing in Batavia early in 1942.

The Town Clerk reported that no further news had been received, and in the circumstances it was

RECOMMENDED that supplementation of pay be continued for a further period of thirteen weeks from the 25th September, 1944.

2.- STAFF:

(a) Absence through illness.- The names of those members of the Staff who had been absent, through illness, since the last ordinary meeting of the Committee, were submitted, together with the necessary medical certificates;

(b) Town Clerk's Department.- The Town Clerk reported as follows:-

(i) Temporary Junior Clerk.- that Miss S.D. Oliver had been appointed to the position of temporary Junior Clerk as from the 3rd July, 1944 on the usual terms.

(ii) Telephone Operator.- that Mrs. B. Marks, telephone operator, had been granted one week's leave of absence, without salary, from the 6th to the 12th September (inclusive) under the terms of the Council's resolution.

(c) Electricity Department.-

(1) It was reported that, at the meeting of the Electricity Committee held in July last, the General Manager and Engineer had reported as follows:-

(i) that Miss E.M. Chamlet who joined the Department as a shorthand-typist in 1936 and was called up for special duties and had been about to leave for India for a more responsible sphere of operations, was killed by enemy action on the 30th June, 1944.

(ii) Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

(a) Transfer from Class B to Class A.- that, as instructed at the last meeting of the Committee, a number of employees suitable for transfer from Class B to Class A had been medically examined; further, that certain employees

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at present in the Forces were also eligible for transfer from Class B to Class A; that the Committee decided to recommend that the employees referred to in the attached list be transferred from Class B to Class A, and that the question of those at present serving in the Forces be also considered.

With regard to the latter class of employees, the Borough Treasurer submitted a detailed report on the matter, in which he suggested that probably the Committee would wish, before coming to a final decision in the matter, to have before them particulars of the cases of employees in all Departments who may be eligible, viz.- Servants who, in normal circumstances, would have been brought into the class of employees (Class A) specified by the statutory resolution under Section 3(2)(b) of the Act on dates subsequent to those on which they joined H.M. Forces;

RECOMMENDED
(a) that the Council approve of the employees shown in the list above referred to being transferred from Class B to Class A as from the 1st October, 1944; and
(b) that as regards the employees at present serving with H.M. Forces, the whole matter referred to the Chief Officers for consideration and report.

(b) O.H.M.S. - temporary Staff.- that two members of the Department, namely A.D. Lofty and F.E. Walker, engaged after the 31st August, 1939 and now in the Forces, did not withdraw their superannuation contributions on being called up; further, that he had received a communication from A.D. Lofty stating that his Army allowance exceeded his civilian pay, and asking if he might be permitted to continue with his contributions and also make up the period of non-payment; further, that the Committee decided to recommend that, as regards Lofty, the desired permission be granted.

Arising hereon, the Borough Treasurer reported fully on the matter;

RECOMMENDED that each of these Officers be permitted to preserve his superannuation rights in accordance with the provisions of the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939 and the Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939.

(iii) Leave without Pay.- that Mrs. O. Lauben, a part-time telephonist in the Department, was given permission to take one week's vacation, without salary, commencing 29th May, 1944.

(iv) Absence through illness.- that Mr. W.J. Watkins, a Stoker in the employ of the Department, was absent due to illness from the 22nd March, until the 8th May, 1944, and that at the request of his medical adviser, this man had been transferred to other duties in the Department.

(v) Transfers.-

(a) Miss J. Atkinson.- that Miss Atkinson, who was transferred by the Ministry of Labour to factory work on the 13th December, 1943, had been released from this employment on grounds of ill-health and had resumed duty with the Department on the 11th April, 1944, but that it was possible that Miss Atkinson might be withdrawn from the Department's service if her health improved.

(b) Mr. J. Wickham.- that this man, who was

transferred to other work of National importance on the 6th September, 1942, had tendered his resignation from the Department as from the 3rd June, 1944.

(vi) War and other approved Government Service.- that, since his last report, the undermentioned had left the Department for War Service:-

Mr. B.N. Loetschert - Improver - 6th April, 1944.;

that Mr. E. King, a motor driver in the Department, had resumed his employment on the 17th May, 1944, following his discharge from H.M. Forces, and that the position of members of the Department to date who had joined the Forces, or had taken up duties in other approved Government service, was:-

Staff	-	34
Employees	-	31
		65

(vii) Increase in War Bonus - N.J.I.C. - Schedule Grades.- that the Schedule Workers in the Industry governed by the N.J.I.C. had received an additional 1d. per hour on their war bonus from the 3rd March, 1944; that the previous bonus of 5d. per hour therefore became 6d. per hour, equivalent to 23/6d. per week for 47 hours, and that the approximate financial effect of the increase was £888.

(viii) Miss E. Petts.- that Miss Petts, a temporary shorthand-typist in the Department, would complete her term of engagement on the 17th August, 1944, and that he proposed to continue her appointment; further, that the Committee had suggested that the action taken be approved;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(2) Mr. A. Cumber (dec'd.).- It was reported that a letter had been received from the son of the late Mr. Cumber expressing, on behalf of his Mother, sincere appreciation for the gratuity granted to her by the Council.

(3) Staff Appointments.- It was reported that, arising out of the meeting of the Electricity Committee in July last, the following recommendations were submitted to the Council, and that the matter had been referred to the Committee for consideration:-

"That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Minutes of the Council dated 23rd September, 1940 -

(a) as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. F. Page be promoted to the position occupied by the late Mr. Cumber; that he be designated "Administrative Officer" and that he be transferred from Section 1 of the Senior Grade to the vacant post in Section 3 of that Grade at a commencing salary of £450 per annum; and

(b) as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. W.G. Hart be promoted to the position at present occupied by Mr. Page; that he be designated Chief Clerk and that he be transferred from Section 1 of the Intermediate Grade to Section 1 of the Senior Grade (to be vacated by Mr. Page) at a commencing salary of £330 per annum."

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RECOMMENDED

(a) that, as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. F. Page be promoted, temporarily, to the position occupied by the late Mr. Cumber; that he be designated "Administrative Officer" and that he be transferred from Section 1 of the Senior Grade to the vacant post in Section 3 of that Grade at a commencing salary of £450 per annum; and

(b) that, as from the 1st August, 1944, Mr. W. Hart be promoted, temporarily, to the position present occupied by Mr. Page; that he be designated "Chief Clerk" and that he be transferred from Section 1 of the Intermediate Grade to Section 1 of the Senior Grade (to be vacated by Mr. Page) at a commencing salary of £330 per annum; further, that Mr. Hart be informed that a permanent appointment to the post will not be made by the Council until after the War, when any other members of the Staff in the Department who may be suitable for the position, can be considered.

(4) It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Electricity Committee, the General Manager and Engineer had reported as follows:-

(i) Leave without Pay.- that Mrs. J.M. Sinclair, a part-time Clerk in the Rental Office, had been given permission to take four days' vacation, without pay, commencing on the 4th September, 1944.

(ii) Absence through illness.- that Mr. A.H. Mott, a Public Lighting Attendant, now transferred for the period of hostilities to the Consumers' Department, had been absent, due to illness, for a period exceeding four weeks.

(iii) Resignations.- that the undermentioned members of the temporary staff had tendered their resignations, and that the consent of the National Service Officer had been received:-

Mrs. K.G. Johnson - Tempy. Clerk - 8th July, 1944.
Miss M.M. Caldicott - Clerk typist - 5th August, 1944.

(iv) New Appointments.- that temporary appointments had been made as follows:-

Miss M. Davidson - Tempy. Clerk - 8th August, 1944.
Miss A.I. Clayton - Junr. S/hand. typist - 9th August, 1944.

further, that the Committee had decided to recommend that those appointments be confirmed;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(v) Continuation of Appointments.- that Miss M.L. Randall and Miss M.A. King, both Junr. Clerks in the Department, would complete their terms of engagement, namely 1 year and 11 months on the 11th October, 1944 and 6th November, 1944 respectively, and that he proposed to continue their appointments for the time being; further, that the Committee had decided to recommend that this be approved;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(vi) War and other approved Government Service.- that, since his last report, the undermentioned had left the Department for War Service:-

Mr. K.J. Dilley - Improver - 31st August, 1944;

further, that the position of members of the Department to date who had joined the Forces, or taken up duties in other approved Government Service was -

Staff	- 33
Employees	- 32
Total	65

(d) Education Department.- The Town Clerk reported as follows:-

(i) that a letter had been received from Mr. G. Froome, expressing his great appreciation for the consideration shown to him by the Council;

(ii) that Mr. D. Baxter, temporary Junior Clerk in the Department, had been called for service with H.M. Forces and left the service of the Council on the 30th August, 1944.

(iii) Reference was made to correspondence which had taken place with the Ministry of Labour and National Service in regard to the appointment of Mr. J. Stacey-Salmon as Juvenile Employment Officer.

The Town Clerk intimated that the Minister was unable to recognise for purposes of grant a salary in excess of £360 per annum for the post, having regard to the scales of salary applicable to Juvenile Employment Officers in the service of other Local Education Authorities as well as to the scales for officers in the Ministry performing comparable duties.

In the circumstances, it was

RECOMMENDED

(a) that the appointment of Mr. Stacey-Salmon at the salary originally proposed be approved; and

(b) that a further protest be made to the Ministry in the matter.

(iv) It was reported that Miss R. Ashton-Jinks had been appointed to the position of Woman Officer (Assistant) in the Juvenile Employment Bureau.

(e) Borough Treasurer's Department - Leave of Absence.- The Borough Treasurer reported that Mrs. C.M. James (Temporary Cashier) had been advised by her Doctor that she needed a period of holiday and had made application for leave of absence for three weeks; further, that in the special circumstances he had granted the application but that as the absence was not strictly within the Council's existing resolution, he would be glad of the Committee's approval;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(f) Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.-

(1) The Borough Engineer and Surveyor reported as follows:-

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(i) Resignation - Mrs. E.J. Taylor.- that Mrs. Taylor one of the two remaining permanent typists in his Department, had notified him that she wished to terminate her appointment on the 28th September, 1944, to join her husband who was in the Royal Navy and based in Scotland; further that, with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, advertisements had been issued inviting applications from suitable persons to fill the vacancy, at a salary according to qualifications and experience, but not exceeding £220 per annum, plus a cost of living bonus of 15/6d. per week;

RECOMMENDED

(a) that the action taken be approved; and

(b) that, in view of the difficulties arising owing to shortage of typing staff in the Department, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make application for the release of Miss E.M. Guy at present transferred to Government work.

(ii) Mrs. N.M. Catley.- that Mrs. Catley, who was engaged in the Accounts Section of his Department, had notified him that she expected to be granted a priority passage before Christmas to join her husband who was in India;

RECOMMENDED that Mrs. Archer be appointed to fill the vacancy on the usual terms, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Labour and National Service being received.

(iii) Checking of War Damage Accounts.- that the recent incidents were causing considerable accountancy work in connection with War Damage and he was endeavouring to obtain an assistant for the purpose of checking builders' time sheets; further, that the work was urgent inasmuch as the builders expected their claims to be settled promptly, and that he would be glad of authority to make a temporary appointment in accordance with the usual scale for temporary clerical workers;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(2) Fourth Engineering Assistant - Major Mackinder - O.H.E.

With reference to the proceedings authorised by the Council to be taken against Major Mackinder, the Town Clerk reported that the Officer in question was now in Normandy, and suggested that the better course would be to refrain from issuing the Summons until after his return;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

(g) Public Health Department.- The Medical Officer of Health reported as follows:-

(i) that the following temporary appointments had been made:-

Name.	Position.	Date commenced duties.
Miss S. Wells	Junior Clerk.	26th June, 1944.
Mrs. Barnett	Part-time clerical asst.	26th June, 1944.
Mrs. G. Dunn	subsequently resigned and replaced by -	4th September, 1944.

(ii) that Miss Iris Jackson, a clerk in his Department, was directed by the Ministry of Labour into other employment and left the service of the Council on the 17th June, 1944.

(iii) that, in connection with the impending retirement of Miss Hull, Health Visitor and School Nurse, he anticipated difficulty in securing a suitable candidate in view of the provisions of the Employment of Women (Control of Engagement) Order.

He intimated, however, that although it would not be possible to take any action at the moment, he would in all probability be able to obtain in due course the names of a number of suitable candidates through the National Health Society;

RECOMMENDED

(a) that this course be followed, and that the matter be considered further at a later date; and

(b) that, as from the date upon which Miss Hull is due to retire, she be re-engaged at her present salary in a temporary capacity for a short period, pending the appointment of a successor.

(h) Public Libraries Department.- It was reported that, at the last meeting of the Public Libraries Committee, the Chief Librarian intimated that the following temporary appointments had been made to fill vacancies caused by resignations:-

Name.	Date of commencement.	Replacing.
Miss B.A. Bracher (full-time junior)	14th August, 1944.	Mrs. E. Fuller (part-time).
Mrs. E.J. Owens (Part-time).	10th July, 1944.	Mrs. M. Negus (Part-time).

3.- LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1937:

(a) Labourer J.R. Rawson.- The Borough Surveyor reported that, at the Special Meeting of the Committee held on the 23rd August, 1944, it was agreed that this man should retire on the 5th October next, but that in a letter dated the 28th August, 1944, accompanied by a medical certificate, he had stated that he was unable to carry on and that arrangements had accordingly been made for him to be retired on the 28th August, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) Superannuation Allowances.- It was reported that the undermentioned were due to retire on the dates indicated, and the Borough Treasurer submitted the following Statements as to the approximate allowances payable in each case:-

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Name: Waterman C. Norman.

Date of Birth ..... 6th September, 1876.

Service:	Years.	Months.
Contributing	17	8
Non-Contributing ..	21	6
	39	2

Average remuneration for last five years ..... £180. 9. per annum.

Superannuation Allowance:

$\frac{17}{60} + \frac{22}{120}$ x £180. 9. 1. = £ 84. 4.

Added sum from General Rate Fund.

$\frac{22}{120}$ x £180. 9. 1. = £ 33. 1.

£117. 6.

Date of retirement .. 5th September, 1944.

Name: Scavenger A. Hall.

Date of Birth 18th December, 1877.
Service to 18th December, 1942.

Service:	Years.	Months.
Contributing ..	18	11
Non-contributing	3	9
	22	8

Average remuneration for last five years ..... £164. 12. 6. per week.

Superannuation Allowance:

$\frac{18}{60} + \frac{5}{120}$ x £164. 12. 6. = £56. 4. 11. = £. 1. 1. 7.

Added sum from General Rate Fund.

$\frac{5}{120}$ x £164. 12. 6. = £ 6. 17. 2. = 2. 7.

£63. 2. 1. £ 1. 4. 2.

Date of Retirement .. 18th December, 1944.

Name: Scavenger W. Hall.

Date of Birth 5th January, 1876.
Service to 5th January, 1941.

Service:	Years.	Months.
Non-Contributing	10	8
Contributory	17	-
	27	8

Average remuneration for last five years .... £151. 18. 0.

Superannuation Allowance: Per week.

$\frac{17}{60} + \frac{11}{120}$ x £151.18. 0. = £56. 19. 3. = £1. 1. 10.

Added sum from General Rate Fund.

$\frac{11}{120}$ x £151. 18. 0. = £13. 18. 8. = 5. 4.

£70. 17. 9. £1. 7. 2.

e of Retirement - 31st December, 1944.

RECOMMENDED

(a) that superannuation allowances as set out above be granted to the employees mentioned as from the dates indicated; and

(b) that, in regard to A. Hall, a gratuity of 5/10d. a week and in regard to W. Hall a gratuity of 2/10d. a week be granted under the provisions of Section 70 of the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908 in order to bring their superannuation allowances up to 30s. a week in accordance with the practice of the Council, such gratuities to be reviewed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in June, 1945.

(c) Refunds and Transfer Values.- The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of refunds made, and transfer values paid and received in respect of certain members of the Staff.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,
Chairman.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

Statement referred to in General Purposes Committee's Report.

RE-CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES.

Name.	Employment.	Date commenced.	Years' Service. 30.6.44.		Weekly Wages 30.6.44.	Date of Birth.	Age at 30.6.44.		Remarks.
			Yrs.	Mths.	£. s. d.		Yrs.	Mths.	
Anderson, J.H.	Labourer	23. 4.36.	8	2	4. 13. 2.	15. 2.1891	53	4	
Bonner, F.W.	Meter Tester & Repairer.	12. 8.37.	6	10	5. 9. -.	13.10.1905	38	8	6 years' service J.E.A.
Compton, F.J.	Plumber Jointer	5. 7.37.	6	11	5. 17. 6.	10. 4.1890	54	2	(2 years' " Watford. (6 months' " Ealing. (8 yrs.9mths. "Willesden.
Dilley, K.J.	Improver - Sub-stations.	23. 6.41.	3	-	3. 14. 5.	7. 121923	20	6	
Kirkham, W.	Acting Coal Trimmer.	15. 4.37.	7	2	5. 4. 7.	3. 1.1896	48	5	
Laker, C.	Maintenance Shop Foreman	29.11.37.	6	7	6. 16. -.	3. 6.1904	40	-	2 years' service Islington.
Reynolds, D.G.	Stoker	22. 4.36.	8	2	5. 12. -.	28.10.1898	45	8	
Williams, Mrs. K.	Senior Cleaner.	4. 4.36.	8	2	3. 14. -.	21. 3.1891	53	3	
Wooley, Mrs. C.	Cleaner.	27. 4.37.	7	2	2. 4. -.	13. 1.1889	55	5	

This is the list referred to in paragraph 2 (c) (ii) (a) of the Part II report of the General Purposes Committee referred to in paragraph 1043 (f) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944.

Mayor

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D.A.A. Merry
Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

14th September, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Major Steward (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.), Aldermen Syrett, O.B.E., and Wells and Councillors Blunden, the Rev.Brooksbank, J.P., Fitness, Langlands and Mrs.Roberts.

1. BANK BALANCE:

The Borough Treasurer reported that following consultation with the Chairman he had taken up with the Council's Bankers the question of an additional temporary overdraft and that he had received a verbal intimation that a further sum of £50,000 would be granted.

2. POST WAR BORROWING:

The Borough Treasurer reported that the Treasury had asked for the views of Local Authorities upon a proposal to centralize all local borrowing for the provision of funds to meet their capital purposes in the period immediately after the war. He intimated that these proposals were set out in a memorandum which had been submitted to the various associations of Local Authorities and that in due course the Council would no doubt have an opportunity of expressing their views through the medium of those associations of which they were members. He outlined the policy referred to in the memorandum and a full discussion ensued. The Committee were of opinion that the Council should object to any proposal which involved tied borrowing;

RECOMMENDED that the view of the Committee be adopted; that authority be given for this view to be conveyed to the associations concerned and that the Borough Treasurer report at the next meeting of the Committee upon the advisability of arranging further borrowing in the near future.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

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297(a) This is the report referred to in paragraph 1043 (h) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 25th September, 1944. (Together with the following page.)

Mayor

VALUATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Special Meeting.

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

PART II.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman) (Chai: Alderman Briant, Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Bryson, Fitness, Langlands and Lawrence and Mr. W.A. Gray.

Non-Members: Alderman Pateman and Councillor Mrs. Roberts

ASSESSMENTS:

The Valuation Officer reported as follows:-

1. 178, High Road, N.2.

That an application had been received from the occupier of the above-named property for a reduction in assessment in consequence of the loss of floor space;

RECOMMENDED that the assessment be reduced to Gross Value £45 Rateable £40.

2. Statutory Undertakings.

That the Panel Valuers, after considering the accounts of the under-mentioned undertakings in relation to the Companies' properties within this rating area, were of opinio that the assessments should be increased as indicated:-

(a) Gas Light & Coke Co. - from £29 to £48 Rateable
(b) Central Electricity Board - from £1519 to £1822 Rateable.

He also intimated that in view of the fact that the Council had this year levied a rate in two half yearly portions, protective proposals should be made in respect of the assessments of the under-mentioned undertakings in respect of the current half year:-

North Middlesex Gas Company.
North Metropolitan Supply and Electric Company.
Tottenham and District Gas Company.
Gas Light and Coke Company;

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RECOMMENDED that the increases proposed by the Panel Valuers in respect of (a) and (b) above be accepted, and that the Valuation Officer be instructed to lodge protective proposals in respect of the other undertakings referred to.

3. Railway Assessments.

That letters had been received from the Railway Assessment Authority regarding the completion of the London and North Eastern Railway 3rd Valuation Roll and the London Passenger Transport Board 2nd Valuation Roll in respect of the electrified High Barnet line, with the result that the London passenger Transport Board were being regarded as the rated occupiers of the line in question. He also intimated that the effect of the completion of the Rolls was to reduce the assessment of the London and North Eastern Railway Company by £184 and to increase that of the London Passenger Transport Board by £4967.

He also reported that the question of let-out properties was receiving attention and the matter was left to him to deal with in consultation with the Chairman;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

4. Proposals for Assessment and Revision of Assessment.

RESOLVED that the new assessments and alterations in assessments shown in the List now presented by the Chairman of the Committee be approved and that the Valuation Officer be instructed to make a proposal where necessary in accordance with the provisions of the Rating and Valuation Acts.

Arising thereon the Chairman declared an interest in the property named in the second item on the list and did not vote or take part in the proceedings in regard thereto.

R.J.N. NORMAN,

Chairman.

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COUNCIL MEETING - 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

PART II.

1. STREET LIGHTING:

I will submit a confidential circular letter dated 9th September, 1944, received from the Ministry of Home Security hereon.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH:

I hope to be in a position to report on this matter at the meeting.

R.M. FRANKLIN,

Town Clerk.

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(*h*) **Valuation (Special)** of the 19th September, 1944, subject to the inclusion in the List of Proposals for Assessment and Revision of Assessment, referred to in paragraph 4, of certain items shown in the list submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

1044 **Street Lighting:**

Reference was made by the Town Clerk to a confidential circular letter dated 9th September, 1944, received from the Ministry of Home Security hereon;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that no action be taken as regards the introduction of starlight lighting; and

(*b*) that the question of putting into force an increased standard of street lighting so soon as permission is received from the Government be referred to the Highways Committee for consideration.

1045 **Presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough:**

The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Mayor that, at a recent private meeting of members of the Council, it had been agreed that Alderman A. J. Briant should be presented with the Honorary Freedom of the Borough;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that, as a preliminary measure and in order that the necessary order for the casket may be placed with the makers, an expenditure of £150 in connection with the presentation be agreed, and that the Finance Committee be asked to approve a supplemental estimate for this amount;

(2) that the Mayor and the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, together with the Town Clerk, be authorised to make the necessary arangements; and

(3) that the matter be again brought before the Council at a later meeting with a view to the appropriate formal resolutions being passed.

1046 **Housing Committee:**

RECOMMENDED that the next ordinary meeting of the Housing Committee be held on the 27th September, in lieu of the 5th October, 1944.

1047 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mayor.

23rd October, 1944.

Housing Committee's Report.

27th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence and Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

Non-members: Alderman Wells and Councillors Fitness, Langlands and Wilmot.

1048 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

1049 Factory-Made Temporary Houses:

(*a*) Ministry of Health Circulars Nos. 105/44 and 125/44 which had been referred to the Committee from the last meeting of the Council were submitted, and it was pointed out that the Minister desired to be informed by not later than the 28th September, 1944:—

(i) the number of factory-made houses for which the Council desire to apply; and

(ii) to what extent they already have in their possession land which they think can properly be used for the erection of these houses without prejudice to their immediate programme for building permanent houses.

Arising thereon, the Chairman reported upon an interview which he had had with an official of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in conjunction with the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor when the suitability of various vacant land in the Borough for the purpose of erecting temporary houses was considered.

A full discussion ensued, and the Town Clerk was instructed to make application for 50 factory-made temporary houses to be allocated to the Borough and to inform the Ministry of Health that it was proposed to erect these on various small sites which would need to be acquired for the purpose;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(*b*) A communication was submitted from the Town Clerk of Croydon stating that his Authority had made representations to the appropriate Government Departments to the effect that Local Authorities who had suffered most severe damage by enemy action should have high priority in the allocation of factory-made houses. The Committee were in accord with the view expressed by Croydon, but were of opinion that no claim to such priority could be made so far as Finchley was concerned.

1050 Red Lion Hill Housing Scheme:

It was reported that a Housing Manual containing various proposals of the Government in regard to Post-War Housing had now been issued, and the Borough Surveyor was instructed to proceed with the preparation of revised plans for the completion of the above Scheme incorporating, where possible, the various improvements suggested in the Housing Manual, and it was decided to hold a special Meeting of the Committee before the end of the present municipal year for the purpose of considering the Borough Surveyor's suggestions, in order that he might be in a position to proceed with the preparation of the complete plans without delay.

1051 Housing (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1944:

Ministry of Health Circular No. 120/44 was submitted forwarding a copy of the Housing Act (Form of Orders and Notices) Amendment Regulations, 1944.

1052 **Post-War Housing:**

Communications were submitted from:—

(*a*) the North Middlesex Gas Co., forwarding a booklet entitled "Post-War Homes";

(*b*) The Royal Institute of British Architects enclosing a report on housing recently published by the Institute;

(*c*) The Motor Agents Association, Ltd., drawing attention to the need for making provision for car accommodation in Post-War housing plans.

1053 **"Elmshurst," East End Road:**

The Chairman reported upon Conferences which had taken place with the owners of the above land and the Government Department concerned in regard to the future development of the Estate, and after very full consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Council approve, in principle, of the development of the site as a Municipal Housing Estate, of a standard to be considered at a later date;

(2) that steps be taken under Section 74 of the Housing Act, 1936, to obtain a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the Elmshurst Estate (other than that part recently acquired by the Council for an open space and road widening purposes) and that the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the draft Compulsory Purchase Order and to submit same to the Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

1054 **Ministry of Health Demonstration Houses:**

The Town Clerk was instructed to obtain sufficient tickets to enable all members of the Housing Committee to visit the Ministry of Health Demonstration Houses at Northolt, and to arrange for the Members to visit the Exhibition as a party.

1055 **Vote of Thanks:**

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman of the Committee for his services during the past year.

A. T. PIKE,

Chairman.

Communal Feeding Committee's Report.

28th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Chairman), Councillor Grobel (Vice-Chairman), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Wilmot.

Non-member: Alderman Pateman.

1056 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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1057 **Attendances and Revenue:**

The following statement in respect of the four Restaurants for the March and June quarters, 1944, were submitted.

Restaurant. Quarter:	Total Meals. March 1944.	Total Meals. June 1944.	Cash Receipts. March 1944.	Cash Receipts. June 1944.	Average price per meal. March 1944.	Average price per meal. June 1944.	Average meals per day. March 1944.	Average meals per day. June 1944.
			£	£	d.	d.		
Hamilton ...	40,485	35,952	1,864	1,649	11.04	11.01	519	486
Gainsborough	43,027	41,450	1,956	1,862	10.91	10.78	552	560
The Park ...	43,883	38,664	2,025	1,782	11.07	11.06	562	522
Essex ...	44,450	39,577	1,995	1,739	10.78	10.54	570	535
Total ...	171,845	155,643	7,840	7,032	10.95	10.85	2,203	2,103

"CASH AND CARRY" MEALS.

Restaurant.	March Qtr. 78 days.	June Qtr. 74 days.
Hamilton	4,258 ...	4,032
Gainsborough ...	6,601 ...	5,628
The Park	7,334 ...	6,196
Essex	5,733 ...	4,753
Total	23,926 ...	20,609

1058 **Accounts—Quarter ended 30th June, 1944:**

The Trading Account and Balance Sheet for the above period were submitted and the following statement summarises the results of the operation of the Civic Restaurants from their inception until the 30th June, 1944:—

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

	Hamilton.	Gainsboro'.	The Park.	Essex.	Lyttelton.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure Incurred	2,066	2,551	2,465	2,068	1,747	*10,897
Pool Equipment supplied by Ministry of Food	391	392	381	970	—	2,134
	£2,457	£2,943	£2,846	£3,038	£1,747	£13,031

*Of this amount £9,650 has been received from the Ministry of Food.

TRADING RESULTS, JUNE QUARTER, 1944.

Revenue.						
Total number of meals supplied	35,952	41,450	38,664	39,577	—	155,643
Total Income	£1,651	£1,957	£1,790	£1,746	—	£7,144
Expenditure.						
Total working expenses ...	£1,668	£1,848	£1,789	£1,723	£352	£7,380
Excess of working expenses over revenue						£236
Provision for depreciation on Capital Expenditure to be provided on instructions of the Ministry of Food						£338

1059 **Losses and Breakages:**

A summary of losses and breakages which had occurred during the past quarter was submitted.

1060 **Lyttelton Civic Restaurant:**

The question of opening the above Restaurant was considered and after full discussion the Communal Feeding Officer was instructed to arrange for the premises to be completed as soon as possible. It was agreed that the question of opening should be considered at a Special Meeting of the Committee to be convened towards the end of October.

Reference was made to the expenditure which had already been incurred and the Communal Feeding Officer reported that having regard to the reasons which had delayed the opening of the Restaurant, any loss which was caused through circumstances over which the Council had no control would be reimbursed by the Ministry of Food.

1061 **Decline in Revenue:**

The Communal Feeding Officer submitted a graph indicating the attendances at the Civic Restaurants for the months of July, August and September, 1944—the period of flying-bomb activity—as compared with the corresponding period in 1943. This graph revealed that the increased tariff which had been imposed as from the 1st September, 1944, had not had any apparent effect upon the attendances. It was agreed that for the time being the increased charge should be retained but that as soon as possible the price should be re-considered and that if necessary a Special Meeting of the Committee should be convened for the purpose.

1062 **Third Party Claims:**

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that the Council were not permitted by the Ministry of Food to effect an insurance in respect of the above, and that any claims which might be received would have to be met out of revenue—the Ministry of Food meeting any loss resulting therefrom. It was pointed out that, as regards the Lyttelton Restaurant, arrangements had been made with the authorities of St. Jude's Church for them to take out the necessary insurance so far as their user of the premises was concerned.

1063 **Fish Meal—Hamilton Restaurant:**

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that, as an experiment, a fish meal was served once a week at the above Restaurant but that the number of persons taking advantage thereof was decreasing, presumably owing to the higher cost involved. The question of discontinuing this special meal was left to the discretion of the Communal Feeding Officer.

1064 **Mobile Meals Service:**

RESOLVED that W.V.S. helpers in connection with the above be granted a similar concession for their own meals as is granted to the W.V.S. helpers at the Civic Restaurants.

1065 **Emergency Feeding:**

The Communal Feeding Officer reported that the arrangements in connection with emergency feeding had recently been overhauled and were satisfactory.

1066 **Accounts:**

RESOLVED that the accounts submitted be approved and certified by the Chairman for payment.

1067 **Administration:**

A communication was submitted from Mr. W. G. Hart offering to forego the extra payment made to him in respect of additional duties in connection with the administration of Communal Feeding;

RESOLVED that such offer be accepted with thanks, as from the 31st October, 1944.

1068 **Costing Return:**

Statements setting out the average cost per meal served at the Civic Restaurants for the June quarter, 1944, as compared with March, 1944, and June, 1943, were submitted.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman.

CWS.

Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee's Report.

3rd OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Alderman C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., and Mrs. Roberts.

1069 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

1070 **Requisitions:**

RESOLVED that the Requisitions, as contained in the books submitted, be approved.

1071 **C.D. General Services—Increase in C.D. Pay; Revision of Scale of Service Pay, Etc.:**

Home Security Circular No. 103/44 was submitted in regard to the above. Arising thereon, the Medical Officer drew attention to the fact that certain personnel, i.e., the Mortuary Keeper and the Repair Depot Staff, had been transferred to their present duties because of their particular suitability for the work but that they had subsequently ceased to be included upon the Civil Defence establishment and that in consequence they ceased to be entitled to post war credits, to the daily meals voucher and to automatic increases in pay when these were granted to Civil Defence Services generally. The Committee shared the view of the Medical Officer that these personnel were being unfairly treated and it was

RESOLVED—

(i) that as regards the Mortuary Keeper, his wages be increased to £4 10s. 0d. a week with effect as from the 1st January, 1944, and that the Ministry of Health be informed accordingly; and

(ii) that as regards the staff of the Repair Depot application be made to the County Council for authority to pay an increased rate of wages similar to that granted to other personnel in accordance with the Circular in question and that representations be made to the County Council in regard to the injustice being suffered by them.

1072 **Local Ambulance Service:**

Ministry of Health Circular No. 97/44 was submitted intimating that it had now been decided that ambulance services which were previously staffed by the Fire Service and had since been taken over by the Civil Defence Ambulance Service should now be staffed where possible by persons employed on a whole-time basis and that where this could be arranged Civil Defence personnel should be granted conditional release for the purpose.

In this connection, a circular letter was submitted from the Clerk of the County Council enquiring whether local circumstances were such as to permit of the terms of the above circular being implemented and upon which date the arrangements could have effect;

RESOLVED—

(i) that the County Council be informed that this Council are not able to implement the terms of the Circular at the present time;

(ii) that the County Council be informed also of the cost which is likely to be involved by the transfer; and

(iii) that the matter be reported to the Public Health Committee.

1073 Attendance of Civil Defence Personnel at Army Blister Gas Exercises:

The Town Clerk reported that he had been asked to submit a nomination for an Officer to attend one of the above exercises and that the name of Mr. T. C. Judge, the Officer-in-Charge of the Decontamination Service under the Borough Surveyor, had been submitted;

RESOLVED that the action taken be approved.

1074 Collection and Disposal of Civil Defence Equipment:

Home Security Circular No. 111/44 was submitted in regard to the making of preliminary arrangements in connection with the above matter.

1075 District Warden's Headquarters—51, Long Lane:

It was reported that an elm tree situate in the front garden of the above premises appeared dangerous and that the Borough Surveyor had advised that it be topped during the coming winter at an estimated cost of £5;

RESOLVED that authority be given for the work to be put in hand.

1076 Flying Bomb Attacks:

The Town Clerk reported that up to the cessation of the flying bomb attacks from the French and Belgian coasts six bombs had exploded in the Borough as follows:—

(1) Mid-air;

(2) Glebe Land;

(3) Widecombe Way;

(4) St. Pancras Cemetery.

(5) Winnington Road;

(6) Winnington Road;

that, in addition, damage had been caused from a further eleven bombs which fell in neighbouring areas; that five persons had been killed, 20 taken to hospital and six treated at First Aid Posts; seven houses had been demolished, or would have to be demolished, 150 seriously damaged and 3182 slightly damaged.

1077 Re-Housing:

(a) Recent Incidents.—

The Re-Housing Officer reported upon the action which had been taken arising out of the recent flying bomb incidents.

(b) Fruit from Gardens of Requisitioned Houses.—

It was reported that with the help of members of youth organisations in the Borough 1,500 lbs. of fruit had been gathered from the gardens of empty requisitioned properties and distributed to day nurseries, the Finchley Memorial Hospital, the Wright-Kingsford Home, Chatfield House, Kingswood Sick Bay and the Home for Aged Ladies at 15, Seymour Road;

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee be accorded to Mr. A. J. Leoni of the Billeting Office staff and the various youth organisations for their assistance in this connection.

MRS.

(c) **Cars.**—

It was reported that the two cars originally used for re-housing purposes were now unfit for further use;

RESOLVED that these be disposed of and that the matter be left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor and the Ambulance Officer.

(d) **Statistics.**—

The Re-Housing Officer submitted a draft form of statistics which he proposed to adopt for the future;

RESOLVED that such form be agreed.

1078 **Evacuation—Private Arrangements Scheme:**

The Re-Housing Officer reported that 2,380 cases had been dealt with under the above scheme and that in addition considerable work fell upon the Department in connection with the issue of travel vouchers;

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee be accorded to Mr. Fooks and his staff for their assistance in the matter.

1079 **Circulars:**

The Town Clerk submitted a number of circulars which had been received since last meeting from various Government Departments;

1080 **Emergency Water Supply:**

The Chief Warden reported that in accordance with instructions 72 water tanks had been ordered for use by fire guards in conjunction with trailer pumps but that only 40 of these had yet been received and that an endeavour was being made to hold up delivery of the balance in view of present circumstances. He pointed out, however, that the form of protection provided with the tanks, which was intended to prevent children getting into the tanks, was in his opinion a greater danger and that he was taking the matter up with the Regional Commissioners;

RESOLVED that the action taken be approved and that for the time being the tanks be not filled.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman (pro tempore).

Highways Committee's Report.

4th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Alderman G. H. Pateman (Vice-Chairman), in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), and Councillors Fitness, Capt. Franks, Grobel and Lawrence.

Non-member: Alderman Wells.

1081 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

1082 Street Lighting:

In accordance with the reference from the Council, this matter was considered, and the Town Clerk reported upon a confidential circular dated 9th September, 1944, received from the Ministry of Home Security;

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that authority be given for the intensity of the lighting of the various bollards in the Borough to be increased, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Home Security being given thereto; and

(*b*) that, except as above-mentioned, no further action be taken in the matter for the time being.

1083 Extension of Trunk Roads System:

A letter dated 22nd September, 1944, was submitted from the Ministry of War Transport inviting not more than three representatives of the Council to a Conference to be held on the 17th October, 1944, when the above matter would be discussed.

The Committee appointed Councillor Grobel, the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor to attend the Conference in question.

1084 National Fire Service—Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944:

A circular letter dated 10th August, 1944, issued by the Home Office (Fire Service Department) on the above subject was submitted, and, arising thereon, the Borough Treasurer reported that at the present time there were no retired firemen entitled to the increase in pension under the Act.

1085 Post Office Wayleaves:

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of applications from the Post Office Authorities for permission:—

(i) to place an underground line along Hendon Avenue from outside "The Grange" to Hendon Lane; and

(ii) to erect a pole in the forecourt of the Cherry Tree Hill Depot, Great North Road;

RECOMMENDED that the applications be granted, subject, in the case of (ii) to the pole being recovered by the Post Office Authorities within six months of the cessation of hostilities, and to their agreeing to the payment of an acknowledgment rental of 1/- per annum.

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HIGHWAYS (*contd.*)

1086 **Electric Cables, Etc.:**

The Borough Surveyor reported receipt of applications from the General Manager and Engineer for permission:—

(i) to place a disconnecting box in Summers Lane near to its junction with the High Road;

(ii) to lay a cable in Summers Lane, near to its junction with the High Road; and

(iii) to lay a cable in Park Road, East Finchley, near to its junction with the High Road;

RECOMMENDED that no objection be raised thereto;

1087 **Lighting—Great North Road and High Road—The Bishop's Avenue to East Finchley Station:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that, as the completion of the road works consequent upon the construction of the new Railway Bridge did not take place until after the War had commenced, the lighting of this section of the main road had not been installed, and he submitted an estimate of the cost of the provision and erection of the necessary equipment amounting to £340.

In order that this section of the road might be put into lighting at the same time as the other portion of the road is lighted, it was

RECOMMENDED that authority be given for the carrying out of the work at the cost indicated.

Arising hereon, a supplemental estimate for the sum of £340 was referred to the Finance Committee for approval.

1088 **Purchase of Ford Vehicle:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that an opportunity arose to purchase, from the County Air Raid Precautions Department, a 30 cwt. Ford vehicle for the sum of £60 and that, with the authority of the Chairman of the Committee, the offer had been accepted;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved, and that Standing Order No. 13 be suspended so as to dispense with a formal Contract.

1089 **Military Road Barriers:**

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of War Transport, as a result of representations made by him, had agreed to the removal, at their expense, of one of the barriers erected in the High Road, North Finchley; further, that he was taking up with the Ministry the question of the removal of the barriers placed on the Church End Railway Bridge.

1090 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Borough Surveyor, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

1091 **Vote of Thanks:**

The Committee decided to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor Tyndall as Chairman of the Committee during the past year.

G. H. PATEMAN,

Chairman (pro tempore).

Education Committee's Report

9th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman), Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E., Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot; Miss Davey, M.A., and Mr. Wooding Monk.

1092 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of a meeting held on 11th September, 1944, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed.

1093 **School Attendance Sub-Committee:**

The Report of a meeting held on 18th September, 1944, was submitted and adopted.

1094 **Accounts:**

Accounts were examined and approved for submission to the Finance Committee for payment.

Note: Councillor Bryson did not vote or take part in the discussion.

1095 **Lettings:**

Applications from Youth Organisations for the use of school playgrounds were approved, particulars of which are entered in the Minute Book.

1096 **Surface dressing—Martin School Playground:**

It was reported that, with the approval of the Chairman, authority had been given to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor to carry out the above-mentioned work at an estimated cost of £65;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

1097 **Extension of Contracts—Books, Stationery and Apparatus and Needlework Materials:**

It was reported that the Committee's Contractors had submitted terms for the period 1st October—31st December, 1944. Prices showed little variation from that of the previous quarter, but the few alterations given were in an upward direction;

RECOMMENDED that the terms submitted by the Committee's Contractors for the period 1st October—31st December, 1944, be accepted.

1098 **Education Act, 1944:**

It was reported that in connection with the Council's decision to submit a claim to be excepted from any scheme of Divisional Administration to be made by the Middlesex County Council, the Council, at their September meeting, had approved the terms of a letter to be sent to the Ministry of Education accompanying the claim for "exception". In the letter reference had been made to the negotiations which had been proceeding, under the authority of the Council, with representatives of Friern Barnet Council, and had stated that, if satisfactory arrangements can be devised, the Finchley Council will be prepared favourably to consider the establishment of a Joint Divisional Executive for Finchley and Friern Barnet.

MRS.

1099 **Education Act, 1944—Termination of Agreements:**

Formal notice has been received from the Middlesex County Council determining present agreements and/or arrangements, as from 31st March, 1945, whereby certain functions are carried out by the Council on behalf of the County Council under the Children and Young Persons Act and in connection with Juvenile Employment.

1100 **Ministry of Education Circular 5 (15.9.44):**

The above-mentioned Circular dealt with the new machinery for the local administration in the County areas. The Circular related primarily to Schemes of Divisional Administration to be prepared by County Local Education Authorities, but stated that its general principles should be borne in mind by Councils of excepted districts when they prepare their Schemes;

RECOMMENDED that in addition to the Chairman of the Committee, the Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Committee should be authorised to represent the Council on the discussion between the Part III Education Authorities and the County Council, and also between the Friern Barnet Council, this Council and the County Council in regard to the suggested Scheme of Divisional Administration for the two areas.

1101 **Luton Education Committee—Meeting of Part III Authorities:**

A letter was submitted from the above inviting the Committee to appoint two representatives to attend a meeting to be held in London to discuss Schemes of Divisional Administration, so far as such Schemes relate to " Excepted Districts ". It was agreed to take no action.

1102 **Borough of Hornsey Education Committee: Resolution—Postponement of the Raising of the School Leaving Age:**

A letter, dated 21st September, 1944, from the above was submitted, which asked Local Authorities to support their Resolution to be sent to the Minister of Education regretting that he had found it necessary to postpone the raising of the school leaving age to 15, and that if the war situation permitted, they would welcome the expiry of the Order, made in this connection, before 1st April, 1946.

The Committee expressed the hope that the school leaving age would be raised to 15 as soon as practicable, but, in view of the present circumstances, it was felt that no useful purpose would be served by pressing the Minister on the matter at this stage.

RECOMMENDED that no action be taken.

1103 **Vote of Thanks to Chairman:**

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Councillor Wm. C. Langlands for his services as Chairman of the Education Committee during the past year.

WM. C. LANGLANDS,

Chairman.

Allotments and Food Production Committee's Report.

10th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor W. C. Fitness (Chairman), Mr. J. S. Sunderland (Vice-Chairman), Alderman Pateman and Councillor Wilmot and Mr. J. F. Hewitt.

Non-member: Councillor Lawrence.

1104 Minutes:

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Committee and of a Special Meeting held on the 20th June, 1944, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

1105 Land at Whetstone Stray:

A letter was submitted from the Honorary Secretary of the Whetstone Stray Allottees' Association stating that his Association were anxious to become incorporated with a view to entering into a lease with the Council in respect of the permanent plots on the above-named land, but before proceeding with this they were enquiring whether the Council would consider an offer of £60 per annum as the rent thereof. The Association would be willing to collect on behalf of the Council the rents of the war-time plots.

A full discussion ensued and after hearing reports by the Town Clerk and the Borough Treasurer it was

RECOMMENDED—

(*a*) that in the event of this Society becoming incorporated and making an application for a lease of the permanent plots, the rent charged be calculated at 8d. per pole per annum on the land available for actual cultivation, namely £63 6s. 8d., and

(*b*) that the offer of the Association to collect the rents of the war-time plots be not accepted.

1106 Arrears of Rent:

Particulars of unpaid accounts in respect of rents of a number of allotments were submitted and the Town Clerk intimated that the tenants of these plots had been warned that the plots would be re-let should the rents remain unpaid by a given date, now past.

In view of the fact that there was still a number of persons desiring plots in the vicinity of these allotments the Committee instructed the Town Clerk to give due notice to these tenants to determine their tenancies;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

1107 Lonsdale Meadows—Plot 26:

The Town Clerk reported that the above-named plot, having an area of 12 poles, was let rent free for one year from the commencement of the present tenancy, i.e., from the 13th August, 1943, the tenancy to be reviewed at the expiry of the first year.

After hearing a report by the Borough Surveyor on the poor condition of the soil of half of this allotment it was

RECOMMENDED that rent be charged on this plot for 6 poles only.

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ALLOTMENTS (*contd.*)

1108 **Brook Farm—Plot B.3:**

The Town Clerk reported that the above-named plot had recently been let and that an application had been received for the land to be cultivated rent free for a short period owing to its poor condition;

RECOMMENDED that the allotment be let rent free until the 31st March, 1945.

1109 **"Food for Victory" Committee—Autumn Show, 1944:**

A report by the Honorary Secretary of the above Committee was submitted together with a copy of the final accounts showing an expenditure of £25 8s. 6d. It was stated that considering all the conditions prevailing at the time the show had been successful, the attendance having increased over that of the previous year.

1110 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer and Surveyor, as entered in their Instruction Books, be approved.

1111 **Vote of Thanks to Chairman:**

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman by the Committee for his services during the past year.

W. C. FITNESS,

Chairman.

General Purposes Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

11th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Langlands, Lawrence and Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

Non-members: Aldermen Pateman and Wells and Councillors Fitness, Hugh Jones, LL.B., and Wilmot.

1112 **Provision of Car for Use by the Mayor and the Town Clerk:**

The Town Clerk reported hereon;

RECOMMENDED that the arrangement at present in force continue to operate during the forthcoming Municipal Year.

1113 **Year Book, 1944/45:**

It was reported that one quotation only had been received for the printing of the above, viz., that of the Finchley Press, Ltd., at the sum of 6s. a page;

RECOMMENDED that it be accepted.

1114 **Reinstatement and Rehabilitation of Local Government Officers:**

Referring to Minute No. 1002, the Town Clerk reported that the Committee's recommendation had been referred back by the Council for further consideration as it was understood that another circular letter on the subject was likely to be received from the Middlesex Whitley Council.

He added that the letter had now been received and that accompanying it was a copy of the Memorandum and recommendations (circulated) as amended by the National Joint Council.

The Town Clerk also reported that it was stated that the National Joint Council had transmitted to the Minister of Labour and to the Minister of Health their opinion that the cost of any facilities provided by Local Authorities for disabled officers who by reason of War Service were incapable of resuming their normal duties and responsibilities and who were in need of training of a character which was not provided by the Government in order to render them competent to undertake such duties should be borne by H.M. Government;

RECOMMENDED that a reply be forwarded to the effect that, whilst appreciating the various points raised, the Council regret that they are unable to implement the recommendations of the National Joint Council but will deal with each case on its merits.

1115 **Highgate Court House:**

A letter dated 28th September, 1944, was submitted from the Clerk to the Middlesex Standing Joint Committee stating that the Committee wished to convey to the Council their appreciation of the assistance rendered by the Council in connection with the provision of facilities for holding the Juvenile Court at Avenue House, and also for providing accommodation for the Probation Officers.

1116 **Instructions:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instructions given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

12th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Major Steward (Chairman), Councillor Wilmot (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Aldermen Syrett, O.B.E., and Wells and Councillors Blunden and Mrs. Roberts.

1117 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

1118 **Audit of Accounts:—Year ended 31st March, 1944:**

It was reported that notice had been received from the District Auditor that the audit of accounts for the above-mentioned period would commence on Monday, the 30th October, 1944.

1119 **Supplemental Estimates:**

(*a*) The Committee considered references from the under-mentioned Committees in respect of the matters indicated:—

Committee.	Purpose.	Amount.
General Purposes (reference via Council)	Presentation of Freedom of the Borough.	£150
,, ,,	Armistice Celebrations	£150

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FINANCE (*contd.*).

General Purposes.	Increased Pensions under Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944.	£872
Highways.	Provision and erection of Street Lighting equipment, Great North Road and High Road from E. Finchley Station to The Bishop's Avenue.	£340
Education.	War Wage Increase—School Caretakers and Cleaners.	£90

RECOMMENDED that supplemental estimates be approved in respect of the expenditure in question.

(*b*) The Borough Treasurer reported that, excluding the amount referred to in (*a*) above, supplemental estimates to a total of £1,948 16s. 8d. had been approved during the present financial year.

1120 Statement of Bank Balances—11th October, 1944:

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following report:—

Fund or Account.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.	Net Balance. £ s. d.
General Rate Fund Revenue		99.114 6 11	
A.R.P. Canteen	770 9 —		
Electricity Revenue	10,364 10 8		
Housing Revenue		14,401 — 2	
General Rate Fund Capital	4,583 3 7		
Communal Feeding		3,177 3 1	
Electricity Capital		4,055 11 1	
Consolidated Loans Fund	186,341 17 10		
Superannuation Fund		3,220 — 4	
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund		185 10 5	
Salaries		3,220 16 3	
Advance	784 — 11		
Suspense	361 6 9		
Loan Interest	15,040 7 1		
Wages		2,524 17 7	
	£218,245 15 10	£129,899 5 10	£88,346 10 — Dr.

1121 Summary of Accounts Approved and Recommended for Payment:

(a) Interim Order on Treasurer.—

In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 6(2) of the Standing Orders of the Council an Interim Order on the Treasurer amounting to £42,532 8s. 1d. made up as follows was approved by the Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	35,042	4	—
Electricity Revenue	3,454	6	1
Consolidated Loans Fund	24	2	3
Superannuation Fund	445	1	10
Fire Brigade Pensions Fund	16	12	6
Loan Interest	1,531	4	6
A.R.P. Canteen	120	15	10
Communal Feeding	1,898	1	1
	£42,532	8	1

(b) Order on Treasurer.—

RECOMMENDED that an order in writing be signed by three members of the Council and counter-signed by the Town Clerk, directing the Borough Treasurer to pay the several sums, hereunder mentioned, amounting to £18,928 os. 6d.:—

	£	s.	d.
General Rate Fund Revenue	10,355	0	11
Electricity Revenue	8,496	0	3
Loan Interest	76	19	4
	£18,928	0	6

1122 Housing Rents Arrears:

The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement in respect of the above;

RECOMMENDED that the statement be referred to the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Housing Committee to deal with subject to report.

1123 Financial Rating:

(a) Amendments to Rate.—

The Borough Treasurer submitted the Register of Amendments made in the Rate during the period 20th July to 12th October, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the amendments be approved and that the Register be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on behalf of the Rating Authority.

(b) Rate Collection—1st April to 30th September.—

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following statement:—

1943-44. £	1943-44. %		1944-45. £	1944-45. %
12,973	4.78	Arrears	5,042	1.92
255,845	94.21	Half-year's Rate	256,504	97.83
2,745	1.01	Additional Assessments	642	0.25
271,563	100.00	Total Collectible	262,188	100.00
		Amount collected—		
254,579	93.74	1st April—30th September ...	252,223	96.20
£16,984	6.26	Amount outstanding ...	£9,965	3.80

1124 Chief Internal Auditor's Report:

This was submitted.

1125 Vote of Thanks:

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman of the Committee for the services rendered by him during the past year.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,

Chairman.

Children's Safety Committee's Report.

17th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Lawrence (Chairman), Councillor Langlands, Inspector Harrison.

Non-member: Councillor Blunden.

1126 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Rowlandson, M.B.E., F.C.A., C.C., Miss Davey, M.A., Mr. Berrey and Mr. Leslie.

1127 Minutes:

The Minutes of a meeting held on 5th June, 1944, circulated, were confirmed and signed.

1128 Government Road Safety Campaign and Safety Training Exhibition:

The Director of Education reported that both the above-named projects had to be abandoned, with the Chairman's approval, on account of air raids and evacuation.

1129 Children's Safety Weeks:

The Director of Education reported that Films which were to have been shown in connection with the Safety Training Exhibition might still be shown as part of Children's Safety Weeks which might be arranged in Finchley schools during weeks between now and the end of March. A letter, dated 7th October, from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents was submitted, offering the services of Mobile Film Van Units at schools.

After some discussion, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of this matter until a later meeting, it being thought that these Weeks could be held with greater effect at a later date, possibly early in the New Year.

1130 Film Displays in Schools:

Arising out of the foregoing, the Committee considered the desirability of arranging in the schools for evening displays of films to which parents and their children would be invited, and of following these displays by showings of films to school children during school hours. After full discussion it was

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that, subject to the co-operation of the Royal Society for the prevention of Accidents, a display of films for parents and children should be arranged as far as practicable, these displays to be out of school hours and spread over a period of three months, the dates to be arranged according to the availability of the films; and

(2) that film demonstrations to children should be given subsequently in school hours, so far as this can be arranged.

1131 Road Accidents to Finchley Children:

A report on street accidents during this year to children up to the age of sixteen was submitted.

P. LAWRENCE,
Chairman.

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Borough of Finchley

Municipal Offices,
Finchley, N.3.
3rd November, 1944.

Sir (or Madam),

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Council of the BOROUGH of FINCHLEY will be held on THURSDAY NEXT, the 9th day of NOVEMBER, 1944, at 6 o'clock in the afternoon at AVENUE HOUSE, Finchley, and all and several the members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at such meeting is as follows:—

(1) To elect the Mayor.

(2) Confirmation of the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd day of October, 1944.

(3) To receive the Mayor's intimation, in writing, of the appointment of:—

(*a*) Deputy Mayor.

(*b*) Mayor's Chaplain.

(4) Presentation to Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P. of an engrossment, on vellum, of the resolution passed by the Council on the 23rd October, 1944 expressing appreciation of his services as Mayor during 1943/44.

(5) The Town Clerk to report the receipt of a letter dated 24th October, 1944 from Mr. C. S. Syrett, O.B.E. resigning his office as an Alderman of the Borough.

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Children's Safety Committee's Report.

17th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Lawrence (Chairman), Councillor Langlands, Inspector Harrison.
Non-member: Councillor Blunden.

(6) The Town Clerk to report the receipt of a letter dated 23rd October, 1944 from Mr. Wm. Blunden resigning his office as a Councillor for the East Ward of the Borough.

(7) The Town Clerk to report the receipt of a letter dated 28th October, 1944 from Mr. G. F. Tyndall resigning his office as a Councillor for the West Ward of the Borough.

(8) To appoint the following Committees:—

(*a*) **Standing Committees:**

(1) Public Health;
(2) Finance;
(3) Highways;
(4) Town Planning;
(5) Parks and Open Spaces;
(6) Public Libraries;
(7) General Purposes.

(*b*) **Other Committees:**

(8) Electricity;
(9) Education;
(10) Valuation;
(11) Allotments and Food Production;
(12) Legal and Parliamentary;
(13) Local Old Age Pension;
(14) Housing;
(15) Maternity and Child Welfare.

(9) To appoint such of the following Special Committees as may be deemed desirable:—

(*a*) Civil Defence (Emergency);
(*b*) Children's Safety;
(*c*) Communal Feeding;
(*d*) Post-War Reconstruction;
(*e*) Co-Ordination of Wages (Sub);
(*f*) Day Nurseries (Sub);
(*g*) Armistice Celebrations (Torchlight Procession).

(10) To appoint the Council's representatives on the Local Higher Education Committee.

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(11) To appoint representatives to serve on the following Bodies:—

Name of Body.	No. of Representatives.
Finchley, Hornsey, Wood Green and Friern Barnet Joint Hospital Committee.	Four
North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee ...	Two
Middlesex Borough and District Councils' Association ...	Two
Conference of Local Authorities owning Electricity Undertakings in Greater London.	Four
London Council of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.	Three
Hendon Employment Committee	One
Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association	One
Outer London Standing Joint Committee	One
Council and Staff Joint Committee	Seven and one substitute member
Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee (Holidays at Home).	Six
Whitley Works Committee (Employers' Side)	One
Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services.	One
Finchley Council of Social Service	One
Provincial Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the County of Middlesex.	One
International Union of Local Authorities:—	
(a) General Council	One
(b) Executive Committee	One

(12) To nominate representatives to serve on the following Bodies:—

Name of Body.	No. of representatives.
Finchley Memorial Hospital Committee	One
Finchley Golf, Sports and Social Club, Ltd.	One

(13) To fix dates and times for Special Meetings of the under-mentioned Committees to appoint Chairmen, Sub-Committees, etc:—

(a) Education;
(b) Allotments and Food Production;
(c) Valuation;
(d) Maternity and Child Welfare;
(e) Day Nurseries (Sub);
(f) Public Health;
(g) Finance;
(h) Highways;
(i) Town Planning;
(j) Parks and Open Spaces;
(k) Public Libraries;
(l) Electricity;
(m) Legal and Parliamentary;
(n) Housing;
(o) General Purposes;
(p) Communal Feeding;
(q) Post-War Reconstruction;
(r) Civil Defence (Emergency).

Children's Safety Committee's Report.

17th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Councillor Lawrence (Chairman), Councillor Langlands, Inspector Harrison.
Non-member: Councillor Blunden.

(14) To appoint the Food Control Committee for the year 1945.

(15) To fix the day and hour of ordinary meetings of the Council during the ensuing year.

(16) To fix the day and hour of ordinary meetings of the Committees during the ensuing year.

(17) To consider the question of the remuneration of the Mayor.

(18) To receive and consider a report of a special meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 30th October,. 1944.

(19) To authorise the Corporate Seal to be affixed to certain documents, (list to be circulated).

(20) To authorise the issue of an Order directing the Borough Treasurer to pay certain sums as shown in the list to be circulated.

(21) To consider the desirability of assigning Aldermen as Returning Officers at any elections which may take place during the ensuing municipal year for the several wards of the Borough.

(22) Reports of Officers.

(23) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

Council in Committee.

(24) To receive and consider a report of a special meeting of the Housing Committee held on the 30th October, 1944.

(25) Reports of Officers.

(26) Questions (if any) of which notice has been given to the Town Clerk.

R. M. Franklin

Town Clerk.

Questions.

Notice of any question intended to be asked at the Annual Meeting of the Council must be given at the office of the Town Clerk not later than 10 a.m. on the day of such meeting.

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Borough of Finchley

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY held at Avenue House, Finchley, on Monday, the 23rd day of OCTOBER, 1944.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.).
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman).

Aldermen—

A. J. Briant.
F. J. Grocott.
G. H. Pateman.
A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P.
C. S. Syrett, O.B.E.
Vyvyan Wells.

Councillors—

W. Blunden.
Flying Officer J. G. Bryson.
W. C. Fitness.
Captain L. L. Franks.
C. P. Grobel.
Lt.-Col. J. Hugh Jones.
Squadron Leader M. A. B. King-Hamilton.
W. C. Langlands.
P. Lawrence.
Mrs. M. E. Legge, M.B.E.
Mrs. F. A. Roberts.
Major H. W. Steward.
H. H. Wilmot.

1132 **Prayers:**

The Mayor's Chaplain attended the meeting, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

1133 **Minutes:**

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25th day of September, 1944, were presented, and it was

RESOLVED that such Minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record of the proceedings.

1134 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Baines, C.C., and Councillor The Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, J.P.

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1135 **Tenders for the Printing of Agenda, Minutes and Reports:**

RESOLVED that the tender received in connection with the above be opened and referred to the Council in Committee for consideration.

1136 **Reports of Committees:**

RESOLVED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Housing** of the 27th September, 1944.

(*b*) **Communal Feeding** of the 28th September, 1944.

(*c*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 3rd October, 1944.

(*d*) **Highways** of the 4th October, 1944.

(*e*) **Education** of the 9th October, 1944.

(*f*) **Allotments and Food Production** of the 10th October, 1944.

(*g*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 11th October, 1944.

Arising on the report, reference was made by Alderman Wells to paragraph 1 headed "Post-War Development" in the report of the Committee proposed to be considered by the Council in Committee, and he expressed the view that it was a matter which should be dealt with in public session.

The Mayor therefore put the question to the vote, and it was

RESOLVED that such paragraph, as set out below, be now dealt with:—

"The Committee considered carefully a report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the above matter, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council.

Arising thereon, it was

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the view expressed by the Sub-Committee that the provision, after the war, of centralised offices for all the Departments of the Council is absolutely necessary and that the Glebe Land site is the most suitable for the following reasons:—

(*a*) that it appears to be the only suitable available site in the Borough;

(*b*) that it would not involve disturbing any existing user;

(*c*) that plans for the erection of Municipal Offices thereon are already in existence and have received the necessary approvals from the Government Departments concerned;

be confirmed by the Council;

(2) that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for the erection of new Municipal Offices on the Glebe Land site would need modification bearing in mind future requirements and as to whether any increase in size would be necessary and the effect of the rise in building costs on any such Scheme;

MRS.

This, together with the following three pages, is the report referred to in paragraph 1136 (g) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 23rd October, 1944. 316(a)

Mayor.

REPORT OF THE POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee met on two occasions, when there were present -

On the 10th May, 1944:

The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), Alderman C.S. Syrett and Councillors the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. and Langlands.

On the 19th June, 1944:

The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Aldermen A.T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. and C.S. Syrett, O.B.E. and Councillors the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. and Langlands.

1.- CHAIRMAN:

Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P. was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2.- POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT:

The Town Clerk reported that, under Standing Orders, the general arrangements of the Council's Staff came within the purview of the General Purposes Committee and that, in this connection, the Sub-Committee might like to consider the question of the housing of the staff centrally after the war; therefore the question of new Municipal Offices and their site would affect any allocation of sites in proposals for post war development.

The question of the erection of new Municipal Buildings is one which has been before the Council for many years past and various sites therefor have been considered. On the 29th April, 1935 the Council passed the following resolution:-

"that the Gun-station site on the Glebe Land be selected as the site for new Municipal Buildings".

At a later date application was made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the appropriation of approximately 5.92 acres of the Gun-station site for the purpose, and the formal instrument of appropriation was issued by the Ministry on the 11th October, 1938.

Upon the site being approved by the Council, the Borough Surveyor was entrusted with the preparation of a scheme and this was ultimately approved by the Council and finally by the Ministry of Health after a public Inquiry which was held on the 18th June, 1937.

Tenders were then obtained and on the 24th October, 1938 the Council resolved as follows:-

"(1) that the tender of Messrs. Wm. Moss & Sons, Ltd. providing for the inclusion of metal windows, at the sum of £82,740 be accepted, subject to contract and to the consent of the Minister of Health being received to the necessary loan; and

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(2) that the Finance Committee be asked to make provision for an expenditure of £90,000 made up as follows:-

	£
Amount of tender	82,740
Lay-out of site	3,000
Clerk of Works, Quantity Surveyor's fees and Establishment Charges	4,260
	90,000 "

On the 21st November, 1938, however, and before any formal contract was sealed, the matter was reconsidered when the foregoing resolution was rescinded and a fresh resolution in the following terms passed:-

"that the further consideration of any tenders for the erection of New Municipal Offices be deferred for a period of seven months and that in the interval the matter be referred back to the Municipal Buildings Committee to consider the possibility of an alternative scheme, and also the advisability of utilising for the purpose the site of Avenue House, having regard to the attendant probability of a saving in cost."

The Committee met again on the 2nd February, 1939 to consider the reference from the Council and, arising thereon, instructions were given to the Borough Surveyor to prepare block plans for a layout at -

(a) Avenue House
(b) The Hawthorns
(c) Avenue House and Hertford Lodge.

Owing to the outbreak of hostilities, however, no further meeting of the Committee took place.

When the Municipal Offices in Hendon Lane were damaged by enemy action in October, 1940 a Sub-Committee was set up to deal with the question of office accommodation.

Subsequently, this Sub-Committee submitted the following recommendation to the Council which was adopted on 28th December, 1940:-

"that the question of the provision of new Municipal Offices after the War be referred to the Sub-Committee for investigation and report."

The Sub-Committee met on several occasions to consider the matter, and in October, 1941, a full report was presented to the Council wherein it was recommended as follows:-

"(1) that the suggested site for the new Municipal Buildings, as shown coloured green, pink and yellow on drawing No. 13089, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved;

(2) that the layout of the suggested Municipal Buildings on the lines indicated in the plan be approved;

(3) that the proposed diversion of The Avenue along the line "C" shown on the plan be approved;

(4) that the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate for the purchase of the freehold interest in Nos. 294, 296, 304 and 308, Regents Park Road in respect of which the leasehold interests are already owned by the Council;

(5) that the Town Clerk be also instructed to negotiate with a view to obtaining an option for the purchase (exercisable after the cessation of hostilities) of the freeholds of the other properties concerned;

(6) that the Sub-Committee be authorised to continue its investigation of the problem and to submit in due course a financial report and the whole of such scheme in greater detail."

The suggested site referred to in recommendation (1) above was in Regents Park Road extending from the Queens Head Public House to Arcadia but excluding these two properties.

On the report coming before the Council it was resolved that the consideration thereof be deferred until the commencement of the new Municipal Year when a special meeting of the Council be convened to consider the matter. This Special Meeting was duly held on the 10th December, 1941 when it was resolved by 12 votes to 6 that the further consideration of the matter be deferred until the cessation of hostilities.

We set out below a list of the buildings (excluding the Electricity Works and Offices) which are at present used for the administrative work of the Council :-

Avenue House	- Council Chamber, Committee Rooms, Civil Defence Offices, etc.
Hertford Lodge	- Town Clerk's Department.
King Edward Hall	- Borough Treasurer's Department.
294/296, Regents Park Road	- Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.
304, Regents Park Road	- Education Department.
308, Regents Park Road	- Public Health Department.
316, Regents Park Road (North Middlesex Gas Company Building) (one room).	- Valuation and Rehousing Department.
364, Regents Park Road (Ground floor).	- Housing Section of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

The following information may be of assistance to the Members concerning each of the above-mentioned properties:-

AVENUE HOUSE.-

The late Mr. H.C. Stephens devised to the Urban District Council of Finchley the Avenue House Estate subject to the condition that the same should be open for the use and enjoyment always of the Public. In the Will, the Testator defined the Avenue House Estate to mean and include the Testator's house at Finchley know as Avenue House and the stables, buildings, gardens and land appurtenant thereto.

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The attention of the Council has already been drawn to the legal and other difficulties which would be likely to arise if it were decided to encroach on any portion of the Avenue House Estate for use as Municipal Offices, and the only course open in order to overcome these difficulties would appear to be the promotion of a Bill in Parliament. This would be a costly matter and it is probable that it would be opposed by the Charity Commissioners who are always reluctant to agree to any alteration in Charity Trusts.

By an Order of the High Court (Chancery Division) made in February, 1941, the Scheme Scheduled to the Order dated 17th October, 1930 was modified as follows:-

> "Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 6 of the said Scheme during a period from the 17th October, 1940 until the expiration of one year from such day as His Majesty may by Order in Council declare to be the date on which the emergency that was the occasion of the passing of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939 came to an end
>
> (a) all or any part of the Mansion House may be set apart and used by the Corporation for offices connection with any department of the Corporation and for any purpose in connection with any Civil Defence Services (a fair rent being charged for such use)
>
> (b) the stables or any part thereof may be used by the Corporation for garaging any vehicles used in connection with the care of open spaces within the Borough of Finchley or for any vehicles used by officers of the Civil Defence Services or otherwise in connection with Civil Defence
>
> (c) such part of the grounds as the Corporation shall from time to time decide (not exceeding one half of an acre in extent) may be used by the Corporation as a nursery garden for the propogation of plants and flowers and the Corporation may exclude the public from such part of the grounds."

If it should be desired to continue the use of a portion of Avenue House after the period mentioned in the Order for purposes which would have the effect of depriving the public of the use and enjoyment thereof in accordance with the terms of the Will, it would necessitate an application being made for a further Order of the Court and opposition might be forthcoming from the Charity Commissioners having regard to the attitude which they usually adopt in matters of this character.

HERTFORD LODGE.-

This property was acquired by the Council in 1935 for purposes of public walks and pleasure grounds.

Before it could be used for any other purpose it would, therefore, be necessary to obtain consent to an appropriation. If it were possible to appropriate land acquired for public walks and pleasure grounds to a municipal buildings site permanently (and this is not at all clear) it would, we think, be necessary to provide land equal in area and equally convenient to the public to replace that taken and the Ministry would undoubtedly take into consideration the fact that the Council already have in their possession the Glebe Land site.

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[illegible] course, the [illegible] have to be [illegible] agreed to [illegible] may live themselves [illegible] alternative accommodation [illegible] as is well known, there is a great [illegible]

[illegible], REGENTS PARK ROAD, [illegible]

Both are leasehold properties, the leases [illegible] 25th December, 1969.

The ground rents are as follows :-

No. 294 - £[illegible] per annum.
No. 296 - £[illegible] 25. 0.

[illegible] REGENTS PARK ROAD, [illegible]

This is leasehold property, [illegible] 25th December, 1969. The Ground rent is [illegible] per annum.

[illegible] REGENTS PARK ROAD, [illegible]

This is leasehold property, the lease expiring on the 25th December, 1969. The Ground rent is £8. 8s. 0d. per annum.

We understand that the freehold of each of [illegible] premises has been acquired privately and [illegible] the Ardon Estate for investment purposes.

316, REGENTS PARK ROAD (North Middlesex [illegible]

Accommodation for the [illegible] premises is rented from the North Middlesex [illegible] per annum.

364, REGENTS PARK ROAD

A portion of this property is rented from Mr. [illegible] Walker at £[illegible] per annum for use as [illegible] Engineer and Surveyors Department.

GENERAL.-

In the difficulty of [illegible] (if any) are likely to take place [illegible] War. In an unprecedented [illegible] take place, the [illegible] are not sufficient to meet the [illegible] Finally, it should be [illegible] accommodation of the administrative [illegible] increasingly urgent.

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If a proposal were put forward to appropriate for new Municipal Buildings land which had been acquired for some other purpose or to purchase further land for the purpose considerable difficulty might be experienced with the Government Departments concerned in view of the fact that the Council are already in possession of the Glebe Land site. We are therefore of opinion

(1) that the provision, after the War of centralised offices for all the Departments of the Council is absolutely necessary.

(2) that having regard to what has been said above, the Glebe Land site is the most suitable for the following additional reasons :-

(a) so far as the Sub-Committee are aware, it appears to be the only suitable available site in the Borough;

(b) it would not involve disturbing any existing user;

(c) plans for the erection of Municipal Offices thereon are already in existence and have received the necessary approvals from the Government Departments concerned.

In the circumstances, we

RECOMMEND that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for the erection of new Municipal Offices on the Glebe Land site would need modification bearing in mind future requirements and as to whether any increase in size would be necessary and the effect of the rise in building costs on any such Scheme.

We have given careful consideration to the question of the erection of an Assembly Hall bearing in mind the decision of the Council in 1937 to delete such a Hall from the Scheme.

Experience has shown that there is a great need for a large public hall in the Borough - almost the only halls available for public use being those belonging to the Religious Bodies and none of them being capable of holding more than 300 people at the most.

The War has proved conclusively that the public are suffering from this lack of accommodation, and we are of opinion that it will not be possible to get any prominent public speakers to the Borough whilst this lack of facilities exists. The cinemas have been used on occasions, but there are always considerable difficulties in making arrangements for the use of these premises, and usually the public are somewhat restive if the cinema performances are interrupted for any length of time.

In these circumstances, we

RECOMMEND that, in connection with the erection of new Municipal Buildings, a Town Hall be provided as part of the Scheme, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for a Town Hall (deleted from the previous Scheme) would need modification.

3.- POST-WAR USE OF AVENUE HOUSE AND HERTFORD LODGE:

The question of the post-War user of Avenue House and Hertford Lodge received our careful consideration, but as these premises are likely to be in occupation for some considerable time after the War pending the erection of New Municipal Offices, we do not feel competent at the present juncture to make any recommendation to the full Committee.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

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In these circumstances, we

RECOMMEND that, in connection with the erection of new Municipal Buildings, a Town Hall be provided as part of the Scheme, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for a Town Hall (deleted from the previous Scheme) would need modification.

(3) that, in connection with the erection of new Municipal Buildings, a Town Hall be provided as part of the Scheme, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for a Town Hall (deleted from the previous Scheme) would need modification;

(4) that the report be referred to the Post-War Reconstruction Committee for consideration, and that such Committee be notified of the decision of the Council thereon."

The Deputy Mayor, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, then moved the adoption of the report, including the said paragraph.

An amendment was thereupon proposed by Alderman Wells, seconded by Councillor Grobel, " that all the words after ' that ' in the recommendation contained in the said paragraph be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:—' a decision as to the site of the new Municipal Offices be deferred until the Council have had an opportunity of considering a scheme for their erection on the Hertford Lodge site.' "

On being put, the amendment was lost.

The motion was then put to the meeting and declared carried, Alderman Wells and Councillors Grobel, King-Hamilton and Mrs. Legge voting against the adoption of the said paragraph.

(*h*) **Finance** of the 12th October, 1944.

(*i*) **Children's Safety** of the 17th October, 1944.

1137 Presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Alderman A. J. Briant:

RESOLVED, unanimously,

(*a*) that at a Special Meeting of the Council to be convened for the 17th day of January, 1945, at 3 p.m., Alderman Arthur James Briant be admitted an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Finchley in recognition of the long, faithful and devoted services rendered by him to Finchley, and that the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to such documents in the matter as may be requisite; and

(*b*) that the form of presentation be an illuminated scroll inscribed upon vellum, the scroll being contained in a presentation casket surmounted with the Borough Arms enamelled in colours and suitably inscribed.

1138 District Joint Board of Employers and Members of Staff—Electricity Supply Industry—Area No. 10—Greater London:

A circular letter dated 5th October, 1944, was submitted from the Secretary of the above-mentioned Board, stating that a fresh election of representatives to form the Employers' Side next year would again be conducted by means of a postal ballot of all authorities, and asking the Council to furnish the Board with—

(*a*) the name and address of the person appointed by the Council as a *candidate* for the year ending December, 1945; and

(*b*) the name and address of the person to whom the Council had delegated the power of voting in the election;

RESOLVED that the matter be left to the Town Clerk and the General Manager and Engineer to deal with.

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1139 Trolleybus Stopping Place—High Road, East Finchley:

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the London Passenger Transport Board, referring to the representations made by the Council arising out of the request of Messrs. Simms Motor Units, Ltd., that the stopping place outside Willow House, High Road, East Finchley, should be made a compulsory stopping place, and stating that, as the facts of the case did not justify adopting the alteration desired, the Board regretted that they were unable to take any action in the matter at present.

1140 Annual Meeting of the Council—9th November, 1944:

RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Council on the 9th November, 1944, be convened for 6 p.m.

1141 Game Licence:

It was reported that an application to deal in game at 1164, High Road, Whetstone, had been received from Mr. F. E. Lacey;

RESOLVED that a licence to the above-named person be granted for the period ending 30th June, 1945.

1142 Holidays at Home:

The Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated 18th October, 1944, from the Hon. Secretary of the Finchley Joint Entertainments Committee, forwarding a copy of certain resolutions passed by that Committee at their last meeting. Copies of the Summary of paid Admissions and Statement of Accounts referred to in such resolutions were circulated.

It was thereupon moved by the Deputy Mayor and duly seconded—

(*a*) that the Statement of Accounts be received and adopted, and entered on the Minutes of the Council;

(*b*) that the Council approve of the continuance of the Joint Committee with the Finchley Council of Social Service for sponsoring a programme of entertainments, and that a grant of £1200 be made for the purpose for the season 1945, subject to the production to the Borough Treasurer of proper vouchers for the expenditure, and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee with a view to their making the necessary financial arrangements;

(*c*) that permission be granted to the Joint Committee to hold fairs and circus performances on the Woodhouse Open Space during the season 1945;

(*d*) that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to advance to the Joint Committee a sum not exceeding £25 to cover petty cash expenses to the 31st March, 1945;

(*e*) that, with a view to reducing the cost of hiring, the Parks and Open Spaces Committee be asked to consider the desirability of purchasing additional chairs.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Mrs. Legge, seconded by Councillor Grobel, "that the whole matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration."

On being put, the amendment was lost, 8 voting in favour and 10 against.

A further amendment was then proposed by Councillor Mrs. Legge, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Roberts, "that the words 'during the month of August' be inserted after the word 'entertainments' in item (*b*) above and that '£600' be substituted for '£1200' mentioned therein."

On being put, the amendment was lost, only two voting in favour.

The motion was then put to the meeting and declared carried.

1143 Civic Service:

RESOLVED that the usual arrangements be made for a Civic Service to take place on Sunday, the 12th November, 1944, at the Parish Church of St. Mary.

1144 Ordinary Meeting of the Council—December, 1944:

The Town Clerk reported that the Ordinary Meeting of the Council in December would fall due on Christmas Day;

RESOLVED—

(*a*) that the date of the Council Meeting be altered to Thursday, the 28th December, 1944; and

(*b*) that the January meetings of the Allotments and Food Production and Parks and Open Spaces Committees which fall due on the 28th December, 1944, be altered to Wednesday, 3rd January, 1945.

1145 Post-War Housing:

A letter dated 13th October, 1944, was submitted from the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council, inviting the Council to appoint three delegates to a conference of all the local authorities in Middlesex to be held at the Guildhall, Westminster, on Tuesday, the 7th November, 1944, at 3 p.m., in regard to this matter;

RESOLVED that Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P., the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to represent the Council thereat.

1146 Government Evacuation Scheme—Christmas Entertainment for Evacuated Children:

Reference was made by the Mayor to a letter which he had received from the Chairman of the London County Council, pointing out that it had been the practice since 1939 for the evacuating authorities in the Greater London area and the Medway towns to set up a common fund just before Christmas from which grants were made to the reception authorities to help them to provide Christmas entertainment for evacuated children, and inviting the Council, which was now for the first time concerned in the evacuation of children in the Greater London area, to join this year with the other evacuating authorities.

The letter added that each participating authority agreed to contribute to the fund at the rate of 1/- for each child of school age or under still evacuated from the authority's area and officially billeted, either unaccompanied or with its mother.

Arising thereon, the Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had issued a circular letter stating that the Minister was prepared to give sanction to local Authorities to incur reasonable expenditure (which should not normally exceed 1/- per head) on such entertainment at the cost of the rates, but that application for sanction should be made before expenditure was incurred;

RESOLVED that, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, a contribution at the rate suggested be made by the Council to the Fund in question.

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1147 **Documents for Sealing:**

RESOLVED that the Corporate Seal be affixed to the following documents:—

1. Any necessary documents in connection with the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £200,000 for the replacement of mortgages and Corporation Bonds at a rate not exceeding 2⅝ per cent. for a period of seven years.
2. All necessary documents in connection with the investment from time to time of moneys in the Superannuation Fund and the Fire Brigade Pensions Fund.
3. Discharges of Registered Charges or Vacating Receipts (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts) in respect of the following:—
   (*a*) Mortgage No. 191—Miss G. M. Dasley, Thurtene, Summerlee Avenue.
   (*b*) ,, ,, 42—Mrs. M. M. Whiting, 16, Mayfield Avenue.
   (*c*) ,, ,, 926—C. H. Higley, 23, Alexandra Grove.
4. Licence to deal in game to Mr. F. E. Lacey, 1164, High Road, Whetstone.
5. Certificate in connection with the presentation of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough to Alderman A. J. Briant.
6. Engrossment of resolution expressing appreciation of the services rendered by the Mayor.
7. Contract and Conveyance to the L.N.E.R. of 1 rood of land at junction of L.N.E.R. and North Circular Road.
8. Deed of Grant of Easement over Cherry Tree Wood in favour of Metropolitan Water Board.
9. *Mortgage of the General Rate to The Leicester Permanent Building Society to secure repayment of the sum of £50,000.
10. *Mortgage of the General Rate to the Leeds Permanent Building Society to secure repayment of the sum of £50,000.
11. *Mortgage of the General Rate to Messrs. Harold Guylee Chester and Sidney Albert Spratt to secure repayment of the sum of £50,000.
12. *Mortgage of the General Rate to the Co-operative Permanent Building Society to secure repayment of the sum of £50,000.
13. *Contract with Warden & Co. Ltd. for the printing of Agenda, Minutes and Reports.

*See report of Council in Committee.

1148 **Chair:**

At this stage in the proceedings the Chair was vacated by the Mayor and it was duly proposed, seconded and agreed that the Deputy Mayor should take the Chair.

1149 **Vote of Thanks to the Mayor:**

Reference was made by Alderman Wells to the valuable services which had been rendered by the Mayor during his period of office, and he also spoke in appreciative terms of the part which the Mayoress had played in supporting the many and varied activities of the Mayor.

He thereupon moved as follows:—

> "that the cordial and sincere thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Douglas Archibald Alfred Merry, J.P., upon the expiration of his term of office as Mayor of the Borough, for the able, courteous and impartial manner in which he has conducted the proceedings of the Council from the Chair, and for the devotion displayed by him at all times to matters concerning the well-being of the Borough."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Major Steward, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED

(*a*) that authority be given for a copy of the above resolution to be engrossed, on vellum, for presentation to the Mayor at the Annual Meeting; and

(*b*) that such engrossment be included in the list of Documents for Sealing.

The Chair was then re-occupied by the Mayor.

1150 Membership of the Council:

The Mayor reported that he had reason to believe that this was the last occasion on which three of the members of the Council would be present, as it had come to his knowledge that Alderman Syrett and Councillors Blunden and Tyndall were proposing to resign their respective offices. To the two last mentioned he extended the thanks of the Council for the services which they had rendered to the Borough.

As regards Alderman Syrett, he stated that it was a matter of great regret to the Council that they were about to lose the services of a member of such long standing and he referred to the public work which the Alderman had carried out in Finchley over a period of 35 years. He added that he was pleased to report that Alderman Syrett was not severing his connection entirely with Finchley, as he had decided to retain his membership of certain Bodies.

He then presented Alderman Syrett with a gift from his fellow-members, and expressed, on their behalf, his best wishes to him and Mrs. Syrett.

Alderman Syrett, in acknowledging the gift, stated that he greatly appreciated the kind sentiments which had been expressed by the Mayor and that he would always remember the many happy years he had spent in Finchley.

1151 Council in Committee:

It was moved by the Deputy Mayor "that, in view of the special nature of the business about to be dealt with, the representatives of the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting, such exclusion being advisable in the public interest."

The motion was duly seconded by Councillor Lawrence, and, on being put, was carried unanimously.

The representatives of the Press and the Public then withdrew.

1152 Reports of Committees:

RECOMMENDED that the reports of the under-mentioned Committees be received and adopted, as varied by the amendments (if any) set out and adopted:—

(*a*) **Civil Defence (Emergency)** of the 3rd October, 1944.

(*b*) **Education** of the 9th October, 1944.

(*c*) **General Purposes (Special)** of the 11th October, 1944, with the exception of paragraph 1 (Post War Development) which had already been dealt with by the Council in public session.

(*d*) **Finance** of the 12th October, 1944.

Arising out of paragraph (*b*), the Chairman of the Committee reported that the Borough Treasurer had been successful in negotiating a loan of £200,000 for a period of seven years at 2½%.

RECOMMENDED that the necessary mortgages be added to the list of documents for sealing.

1153 Council and Staff Joint Committee:

A report of this Committee, dated 4th October, 1944, was submitted and considered;

RECOMMENDED that the report be adopted, and entered on the Minutes of the Council.

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1154 **Education—Post-War Reconstruction Sub-Committee:**

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order No. 2(12) be suspended, and that a meeting of the above Sub-Committee be convened for Wednesday, the 1st November, 1944, at 7.30 p.m.

1155 **Education Act, 1944:**

The Chairman of the Education Committee reported on a letter dated 14th October, 1944 (circulated) received from the Ministry of Education with reference to the Council's claim to be excepted from any scheme of Divisional Administration to be made by the Middlesex Education Authority. A discussion took place thereon, and the Chairman made a statement, in the course of which he intimated that a further conference would shortly be held between representatives of the County Council, the Friern Barnet Council and the Corporation.

After hearing a report by the Town Clerk, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Ministry be informed that the Council are not prepared to withdraw their claim to become an excepted district, but that they are willing to consider any scheme for the joint administration of the two areas for educational purposes which does not involve the surrendering of their rights as an excepted district.

1156 **Avenue House:**

(*a*) The Town Clerk reported upon a letter which he had received from the Clerk to the County Probation Committee with regard to two rooms at Avenue House being placed at the disposal of the Probation Officers for the Division, in lieu of the room at present occupied at Hertford Lodge;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the Council agree thereto, on the understanding that the rooms will be vacated on reasonable notice should circumstances so require, and that a rental of £1 a week (inclusive) be charged to the County Standing Joint Committee for the accommodation;

(2) that authority be given for the use of the telephone already installed, subject to the County Standing Joint Committee undertaking to bear the cost of the calls which may be made.

(*b*) The Town Clerk also reported that there was a possibility that the County Standing Joint Committee might be glad to avail themselves of the use of the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoons for the holding of the Matrimonial Court, and that an inspection of the accommodation would shortly take place;

RECOMMENDED that such facility, if desired by the County Standing Joint Committee, be granted.

1157 **Printing of Agenda, Minutes and Reports:**

The Town Clerk reported that only one tender had been received for the above, viz., that of Messrs. Warden & Co. Ltd., at the sum of 13s. 9d. a page;

RECOMMENDED that it be accepted, subject to contract, and that the contract be added to the list of documents for sealing.

1158 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Town Clerk, as entered in the Instruction Book, be approved.

1159 **Resumption of Council:**

RESOLVED, on the motion of the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Langlands, that the Council do now resume in public session, and that the recommendations above set forth be adopted.

Mary E Segge
Mayor.

9th November, 1944.

CIVIL DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

3rd OCTOBER, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Alderman C.S.Syrett, O.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), in the Chair, the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Blunden, the Rev. W.L.Brooksbank, J.P., Lawrence, Mrs.Legge, M.B.E. and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-Member: Councillor Blunden.

1.- REHOUSING:

(a) Requests for release of requisitioned premises.- Applications were submitted for release of a number of premises;

RESOLVED that these be dealt with in the manner indicated below:-

135, Abbots Gardens.- that the matter be considered at a later meeting when further information is available.
35, Beechwood Avenue.- that the application be not granted.
38, Brentway.- that the application be not granted.
57, Church Crescent.- that the present occupier be asked to find other accommodation and that the premises be released when vacant.
41, Etchingham Park Road.- that the application be not granted.
60, Lichfield Way.- that, as soon as possible, the present occupants be rehoused elsewhere and that the premises be then released.
21, Manor Park Road.- that the application be not granted.
48, Middleway.- that steps be taken to obtain vacant possession of the premises and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take legal proceedings, if necessary, to this end, and that the premises be then released.
50, Middleway.- that the application be not granted.
33, Ossulton Way.- that the application be not granted.
16, Spencer Drive.- that the application be not granted.
Woodland House, The Bishop's Avenue.- that the application be not granted.
14, Chessington Avenue.- that the application be not granted.
Eaglescliffe, The Bishop's Avenue (Garage).- that the garage of the premises be released.
Mayland, Woodside Avenue.- that the application be not granted.
64, Windermere Avenue.- that the premises be released when vacated by the present occupiers.
11, Beechwood Avenue.- that the application be not granted.

(b) Available Accommodation.- Particulars of the accommodation at present available for rehousing of homeless persons was submitted and arising thereon it was reported that the Group Rehousing Officer had intimated that the Regional Commissioners desired all suitable properties to be requisitioned for this purpose.

In this connection the Rehousing Officer referred to various difficulties which arose at the present time in regard to requisitioning premises e.g. premises evacuated temporarily owing to flying bombs; premises owned by serving men expecting to return at an early date, and arising thereon certain instructions were given to him by the Committee.

(c) 32, Nether Close.- It was reported that difficulty had been experienced in finding alternative accommodation for the persons present accommodated in the above premises, but that it was propos to utilise No.38, Brentway for the purpose as soon as certain war damage repairs had been effected;

RESOLVED that this be agreed.

(d) Staff.- It was reported -

(i) that Mrs. Knowles had been granted two days leave of absence, without pay, owing to the serious illness of a relative;

(ii) that Miss Pamela Taylor had been appointed as Temporary Junior Clerk as from the 21st August, 1944 in accordance with the usual scale.

(e) Deputy Rehousing Officer - Car.- It was reported that, arisin out of the authority given at an earlier meeting for the Deputy Rehousing Officer to use his private car in connection with his official duties, it had been necessary for him to incur an expenditure of £12. 4s. 5d. to render the car usable;

RESOLVED that such expenditure be borne by the Council.

2.- FIRE PREVENTION:

(a) "Tower" and "Green Trees", The Bishop's Avenue.- It was repor that the Middlesex County Council, who were the occupiers of the above premises, as a Maternity Home, were unable to make adequate arrangements for fire watching and that the Regional Commissioners had suggested that this Council should agree to become the Appropriate Authority and direct enrolled personnel or street fire parties to the premises.

The Fire Guard Officer reported that personnel were not available for the purpose and that he was unable to arrange for fire watching thereat;

RESOLVED that the Regional Commissioners be informed that the Council are unable to agree to act as Appropriate Authority for the premises in question.

(b) Staff.- The Town Clerk reported that, with the approval of th Chairman of the Committee and the Chairman of the General Purpose Committee, Miss G.Brinton had been transferred temporarily from o Fire Guard Department to the Borough Surveyor's Department and tha the matter was being reported to the General Purposes Committee;

RESOLVED that the arrangement be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

3.- CASUALTY SERVICE - DEPOTS:

The Medical Officer reported that there was a possibility of further reductions taking place within the near future in the Civil Defence Personnel and that this might make it possible for one of t two first aid posts to be closed down.

The Officers were instructed to ascertain the views of the Educa ion Committee as to which of the two schools they would prefer to b released.

4.- WARDENS' POST AND STORE - MANORSIDE SCHOOL:

It was reported that bugs had been discovered in the room at above which was occupied at night by the Wardens' Service and having regard to the fact that the room formed part of school premises it was

RESOLVED that the Chief Warden, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, be instructed to obtain alternative accommodation for use by the Wardens and that if this be not possible, the County Council be consulted with a view to the closing of the Post.

C. S. SYRETT,

Chairman, (pro tempore).

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 1152 (a) of the report of the Council Meeting of the 23rd October, 1944.

Mary E Segge

Mayor

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Appointment of Sub-Committees for the Municipal Year 1944-45.

Consideration was given to the question of reducing, if possible, the number of Sub-Committees. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND

(1) that the School Attendance and Appointments Sub-Committees be not appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year, and

(2) that, until further notice, the duties assigned to those Committees be carried out by the School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

9th October 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Langlands (Chairman),
Councillor the Rev. Brooksbank, J.P. (Vice-Chairman),
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.),
Councillors Bryson, Grobel, Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.,
Mrs. Roberts and Wilmot;
Miss Davey, M.A. and Mr. Wooding Monk.

1. School Attendance Sub-Committee.

The Report of a meeting held on 18th September, 1944, was submitted. Arising therefrom, it was reported, as follows:-

(a) Care and Protection case - Paul Welsher. That the third and last child of this family had now been boarded-out, through the agency of the Waifs and Strays Society, with Mrs. O'Dell, Sunnybank, Chappel, Colchester, Essex, on the 8th August, 1944.

(b) Special Schools - case Bernard Lines. That on the 1st August, 1944, Bernard M.B.Lines, aged 11½ years, a Finchley boy attending St. James' C. of E. School, Whetstone, had been charged with stealing and had pleaded guilty. The Middlesex Divisional School Medical Officer had advised his admission to an Open Air School and the Court adjourned the case.

A place had been secured at the St. John's Open Air School, Woodford Bridge, Essex, from the 19th August, 1944, and the Juvenile Court, on the 15th August, 1944, placed the boy on probation for two years, under supervision, a condition being that he resided at the St. John's Open Air School for a period of six months. Arising from this decision, it was

RECOMMENDED that the Finchley Education Authority accept responsibility for the education and maintenance of Bernard M.B.Lines at the St. John's Open Air School, Woodford Bridge, Essex, at a fee of 34/- per week, the parent to contribute a sum of 7s.6d. weekly towards maintenance expenses.

(c) Mentally Defective Children.

(i) That James Lester, aged 11 years, attending St. John's School, had been certified mentally defective and had been recommended for admission to a Special Day School for Mentally Defective Children. Arrangements are being made for his admission to the Oak Lodge School.

(ii) That Ivy M. O'Shea, aged nearly 6 years, lately attending Summerside Infants' School, had been certified as an imbecile, and that the case had been notified to the Middlesex Authority.

M. E. LEGGE,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDED that the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

Appointment of Sub-Committees for the Municipal Year 1944-45.

Consideration was given to the question of reducing, if possible, the number of Sub-Committees. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND

(1) that the School Attendance and Appointments Sub-Committees be not appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year, and

(2) that, until further notice, the duties assigned to those Committees be carried out by the School Management and Works Sub-Committee.

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3. Compassionate Grant - J.C.Dunn (deceased). Caretaker, Northside School

The Director of Education reported that Mrs. Dunn, the widow, has recently re-married, and that the question of payment of the compassionate grant agreed by the Council in July last had thereby arisen.

It was decided to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that in view of the circumstances, three monthly payments only of £4.3.4. be made to Mrs. Dunn.

4. Schools used as First Aid Posts.

It was reported that, in the event of the possible reduction of Civil Defence personnel in the near future, one of the two schools now occupied as First Aid Posts (i.e. Northside and St. Mary's) would be released, and that the Civil Defence Committee wished to know which of the two schools should be made available to the Education Authority.

After full consideration had been given to the matter, it was agreed to inform the Civil Defence Committee that it would be of advantage if St. Mary's School were first made available.

5. Provincial Joint Industrial Council - War Wage Increase.

The Director of Education reported that the cost of applying the war wage increase to the School Caretakers and Cleaners, operative and payable on the pay day in the week commencing 4th September, 1944, was estimated at £90. for the present Financial Year.

RECOMMENDED that the Finance Committee be asked to approve a supplemental estimate of £90.

6. School Meals - Loss of cash in transit.

The Director of Education stated that a sum of £4.17.6. in cash had been lost in transit on the 4th October by the Caretaker of Martin School whilst on his way to bank the school meals' money. The Borough Treasurer is in touch with the Insurance Company on the matter.

7. School Meals - Transport Personnel.

The Director of Education intimated that in the event of the Civil Defence personnel being released, those men who had undertaken the duty of delivering school meals to various schools would not be available and that it would be necessary to make other arrangements.

RECOMMENDED that, as and when necessary, the Director of Education be authorised to make suitable arrangements for the delivery of school meals, subject to report.

8. Education Office - Substitute Cleaner.

It was reported that Mrs. L. Lamb had been engaged for two weeks of 18 hours per week during the holiday period of the regular cleaner.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

9. Staff.

(a) Mr. W.E.Thomas, Alder School - Payment of Salary. The Director of Education stated that after the 15th October, 1944, Mr. Thomas would have been absent, through illness, for a period of six months, with full salary.

After consideration the Committee authorised full payment of salary, if necessary, for a further three months.

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(b) Mrs. W. Burns, Temporary Teacher, Manorside School - Leave of Absence. It was reported that Mrs. Burns had been absent since the 27th September, 1944, because of the illness of her child.

RECOMMENDED that Mrs. Burns be paid salary for the first three days of absence.

(c) Mrs. A Lonsdale, Temporary Teacher - Our Lady of Lourdes School - Resignation. It was reported that Mrs. Lonsdale had submitted her resignation to the Managers to take effect on the 31st October, 1944.

(d) Miss M.O.Walker, St. John's School - Appointment of Assistant Teacher. It was reported that the Managers had appointed Miss Walker as a full-time assistant teacher and that she had commenced her duties on the 4th September, 1944.

RECOMMENDED that the Authority raise no objection to the appointment.

O. Staff Absences.

A list of members of the teaching staffs absent since the last meeting of the Committee was submitted, and it was reported that, apart from those cases dealt with elsewhere, the absences of teachers were within the terms of the Authority's regulations.

RESOLVED that in the cases of absence of teachers which were within the terms of the Authority's regulations, full salary be paid for the period in question.

Supply Teaching Appointments.

RECOMMENDED that the list submitted to the Committee of the supply teaching appointments for the period 1st April to 20th July, 1944, be approved.

Wm. C. LANGLANDS,
Chairman.

This, together with the previous page, is the report referred to in paragraph 1152 (b) of the Council Minutes of the 23rd October, 1944.

Mary E Legge
Mayor.

This, together with the following page, is the report referred to in paragraph 1152 (c) of the Council Minutes of the 23rd October, 1944.

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BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(Special Meeting).

11th October, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor the Rev. W.L. Brooksbank, J.P., (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Alderman Briant and Councillors Langlands, Lawrence and Mrs. Legge, M.B.E.

Non-Members: Aldermen Pateman and Wells and Councillors Fitness, Hugh Jones, LL.B. and Wilmot.

1.- POST WAR DEVELOPMENT.- (Taken in Part I)

The Committee considered carefully a report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the above matter, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council.

Arising thereon, it was

RECOMMENDED

(1) that the view expressed by the Sub-Committee that the provision, after the war, of centralised offices for all the Departments of the Council is absolutely necessary and that the Glebe Land site is the most suitable for the following reasons :-

(a) that it appears to be the only suitable available site in the Borough;

(b) that it would not involve disturbing any existing user;

(c) that plans for the erection of Municipal Offices thereon are already in existence and have received the necessary approvals from the Government Departments concerned;

be confirmed by the Council;

(2) that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for the erection of new Municipal Offices on the Glebe Land site would need modification bearing in mind future requirements and as to whether any increase in size would be necessary and the effect of the rise in building costs on any such Scheme;

(3) that, in connection with the erection of new Municipal Buildings, a Town Hall be provided as part of the Scheme, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a report as to how far the existing plans for a Town Hall (deleted from the previous Scheme) would need modification;

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(4) that the report be referred to the Post War Reconstruction Committee for consideration, and that such Committee be notified of the decision of the Council thereon.

2.- AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION OF WORK BETWEEN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS BY AN ALTERATION IN THE SYSTEM OF CHECKING.-

The Town Clerk reported that the following recommendation contained in the report of the Sub-Committee dealing with the question of the reorganisation of the Borough Treasurer's Department was referred to the Chief Officers for consideration and report :-

"that, in order to avoid duplication of the work between the Finance Department and other Departments, the system of checking be revised on the following lines :-

(a) each department to check its own invoices as to prices, terms, descriptions, quantity and quality, leaving the checking of the extensions and total to the Finance Department;

(b) invoices to be in the hands of the Borough Treasurer 48 hours after receipt in the department concerned."

He added that the matter had been considered by the Chief Officers who were of opinion that it was one that should be deferred until the centralisation of the separate Departments takes place;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

3.- STAFF.-

(a) Salary Increments - Temporary Staff.- A statement containing the Chief Officers' recommendations in regard to the above, was submitted;

RECOMMENDED that the increments suggested in column 9 of the attached statement be granted with effect as from the 1st October, 1944.

(b) Fire Guard Department.- The Town Clerk reported that, owing to the difficulty experienced by the Borough Surveyor in obtaining the services of an experienced shorthand-typist, he had, after discussion with the Chief Warden and with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee, arranged for Miss G. Brinton to be transferred, temporarily, from the Fire Guard Department to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department as from the 27th September, 1944; further, that Miss Brinton was a member of the permanent staff, and before being seconded to the Fire Guard Department, was a member of the staff of the Electricity Department.

He added that the matter had been duly reported to the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee at their last meeting when no objection was raised to the arrangement;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(c) Borough Surveyor's Department.- The Borough Surveyor reported as follows :-

(i) Mrs. N.M. Catley.- that Mrs. Catley left the service of the Council on the 7th October, 1944, and that Mrs. Archer commenced her duties on the 25th September, 1944 at a basic salary of £3 per week.

(ii) Checking of War Damage Accounts.- that, in accordance with authority given at the last meeting of the Committee Mr. P.A. Williams had been appointed in a temporary capacity at a basic salary of £4 per week and commenced his duties on the 26th September, but that as his services were not found satisfactory the appointment had since been terminated; further, that on taking up the matter with the Ministry of Labour and National Service it would appear that the salary offered was not considered adequate, and that he had since interviewed a Mr. F.C. Corbett who appeared to be suitable for the position.

The Committee therefore gave authority for Mr. Corbett to be appointed at a wage of £6. 1. 0. a week, plus bonus, with effect as from and including the 13th October, 1944;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

(iii) Miss E.R. Taylor.- that, owing to ill-health, the services of Miss Taylor, a part-time Clerk in the Housing Section had now been terminated.

4.- COMPASSIONATE GRANT - J.C. DUNN, DECEASED.-

The Town Clerk reported that the widow of Mr. J.C. Dunn, to whom the Council in July last agreed to make a gratuity under the Finchley Urban District Council Act, 1908, had recently re-married; that it was originally intended to make a payment to her at the rate of £4. 3. 4. a month, but that, in the circumstances, no payment had yet been made; further that the Education Committee had considered the case and had decided to recommend that three monthly payments only be made to Mrs. Dunn;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

5.- PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1944.-

The Borough Treasurer reported that a preliminary report was submitted to the Committee in June last outlining the principal provisions of this Act which provided for certain war-time increases in pensions payable under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937 and the Fire Brigade Pensions Act, 1925.

He stated that no pension could be increased to such an extent as would bring the total annual income of the pensioner above £300 for a married person or a person with at least one dependant or £225 for an unmarried person; but for this purpose the first £52 of any income, apart from the pension, must be disregarded; further that completed forms had now been received from those pensioners desiring to make claims, and it was therefore possible to give details of the cost to the Corporation; that the following table showed the scale of increases, together with the numbers of pensioners falling within each category :-

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Pensioner married or at least one dependant.	Pensioner unmarried with no dependants.	Increase in Pension.	Number of Pensioners.	Annual Cost.
				£
Pensions up to £100 per annum	Pensions up to £75 per annum	30%	25	392
Pensions between £100 and £200 per annum	Pensions between £75 and £150 per annum	25%	17	423
Pensions above £200 per annum	Pensions above £150 per annum	20%	7	168
		Totals.	49	£983

The total annual cost of £983 was, he added, divided as follows - General Rate Fund £672; Education £56 and Electricity £255.

The increases were payable retrospectively from the 1st January, 1944, and the total cost from this date to the 31st March 1945 was estimated at £1,152 divided as follows - General Rate Fund £802; Education £70; and Electricity £280, and that as the increases were payable out of the Fund from which the remuneration of the employee was paid at the time of retirement and not from the Superannuation Fund, a Supplemental Estimate would be required in respect of General Rate Fund and Education, viz. £872.

Arising hereon, a supplemental estimate for the sum of £872 was referred to the Finance Committee for approval.

6.- CAR ALLOWANCES.-

The Borough Treasurer reported that a car allowance was granted in July last by the Civil Defence (Emergency) Committee to Mr. F.C. Goodman to enable him to use his private car in connection with his duties as Deputy Rehousing Officer, and that he would be glad if the Committee would reinstate the arrangement for the use of this car by Mr. Goodman for his duties as Chief Internal Auditor which would greatly facilitate the outside work of the Department;

RECOMMENDED that this be agreed.

7.- FINCHLEY DANCE HALL, HIGH ROAD, N. 12.-

The Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with instructions, certain negotiations had taken place with the Agent for the owner in regard to the above property and that a letter had now been received from him giving certain details with regard to the premises and stating that, whilst he had no definite instructions as to price, he would submit an offer of £30,000, subject to contract;

RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in the matter.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 1152 (d) of the Council Minutes of the 23rd October, 1944. 321(c)

Mary E Legge
Mayor

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

12th October, 1944.

PART II.

Present: Councillor Major Steward (Chairman), Councillor Wilmot, (Vice-Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D.A.A. Merry, J.P.) the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman), Aldermen Syrett, O.B.E., and Wells and Councillors Blunden and Mrs. Roberts.

POST-WAR BORROWING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

(a) The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the authority of the Council following upon the recommendation of this Committee, communications had been addressed to the various Associations of Local Authorities intimating that this Council was opposed to any Government proposal which would involve tied borrowing and that replies had been received from the Association of Municipal Corporations and the Urban District Councils Association to the effect that the proposals of the Government had not been opposed in principle but that it was hoped that conditions satisfactory to Local Authorities generally would be approved in connection with this scheme which was of a temporary character only.

(b) Arising out of the discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Committee upon this matter, the Borough Treasurer reported fully upon the advisability of arranging further borrowing in the near future. After full discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED (i) that steps be taken to borrow a sum not exceeding £200,000 for the replacement of Mortgages and Corporation Bonds at a rate not exceeding $2\frac{5}{8}$ per cent for a period of seven years;

(ii) that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report from time to time as to the desirability of any surplus balance being invested; and

(iii) that authority be given for sealing the necessary documents.

HERBERT W. STEWARD,
Chairman.

[illegible] Local Authorities be recommended to make arrangements to secure as a general principle.

(a) That in order that the normal promotion prospects of officers on war service shall not be prejudiced, all promotions and appointments of officers made during the period of the war shall be of a strictly temporary character, whether to fill newly created posts or vacancies due to the absence of an officer on war service or any other cause.

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regard to the premises and stating that, whilst he had no definite instructions as to price, he would submit an offer of £30,000, subject to contract;

RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in the matter.

WALTER L. BROOKSBANK,

Chairman.

BOROUGH OF FINCHLEY.

REPORT OF FINCHLEY COUNCIL AND STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE.

4th October, 1944.

PART II.

Present:

Council Representatives.

Alderman A.J.Briant (Chairman)
The Mayor (Councillor D.A.A.Merry, J.P.)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N. Norman)
Alderman Syrett, O.B.E.

Staff Representatives.

Mr.P.T.Harrison (Vice-Chairman)
Mr.S.V.French
Mr.J.Gray
Mr.T.C.Judge
Mr.L.Smith
Mr.W.A.Stokes
Mr.C.R.Westlake

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of last meeting were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. SALARY SCALES & GRADING SCHEME:

In accordance with the reference from the Council at its meeting held in February last, the Committee considered the question of revising the salary scales and grading scheme and had before them the report of a Sub-Committee which they had appointed to deal with the matter. After due consideration, it was unanimously

RECOMMENDED that the report of the Sub-Committee, as circulated herewith, be adopted.

3. STAFF APPOINTMENTS DURING WAR TIME:

The Staff Side drew attention to the fact that at the meeting of the Council on the 29th September, 1940 the following recommendation from the Middlesex Whitley Council for Local Authorities' Administrative Technical and Clerical Services was submitted:-

"That this National Council urges the Provincial Councils to take all appropriate steps to secure the implementation by the Local Authorities of the following recommendations:-

That Local Authorities be recommended to make arrangements to secure as a general principle.

(a) That in order that the normal promotion prospects of officers on war service shall not be prejudiced, all promotions and appointments of officers made during the period of the war shall be of a strictly temporary character, whether to fill newly created posts or vacancies due to the absence of an officer on war service or any other cause.

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(b) That where a temporary appointment has been made to a vacancy created by the absence of an officer on war service, the appointment of such temporary officer other than an officer who has been promoted from a permanent appointment under the same or any other Local Authority should be subject to the condition that he shall not be entitled to any augmentation of pay in the event of his subsequently being called up or volunteering for war service."

It was pointed out that arising thereon the Council had resolved, inter alia,

"that the recommendations of the National Council be adopted by the Council, subject to the deletion of the words "or any other cause" in recommendation (a)".

Having regard to the fact that a number of permanent appointments had been made since the passing of this resolution, the Staff Side asked that in dealing with future appointments every consideration should be given to the terms of the resolution and that while as far as possible all appointments should be of a temporary character, in the event of a permanent appointment being made the resolution should indicate that it was made notwithstanding the provisions of the resolution passed by the Council on the 28th September, 1940.

The Council Side were in accord with the views of the Staff Side and it was

RECOMMENDED that the foregoing suggestions be adopted.

4. VOTE OF THANKS:

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his services during the past year and the Staff Side of the Committee expressed their congratulations to him upon the honour which was shortly to be conferred upon him by the Council.

A. J. BRIANT,
Chairman.

PERCIVAL T. HARRISON,
Vice-Chairman.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 1153 of the Council Minutes of the 23rd October, 1944.

Mary E Legge
Mayor

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AND STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE.

28th September, 1944.

Present: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor R.J.N.Norman) and Aldermen Briant and Syrett representing the Council side.
Messrs.S.V.French, P.T.Harrison and L. Smith representing the Staff side.

1. CHAIRMAN:

Alderman Briant was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. SALARY SCALES AND GRADING SCHEME:

In accordance with the reference from the full Committee, the Sub-Committee considered the desirability of revising the Salary Scales and Grading Scheme and in this connection certain proposals, prepared by the Staff side in conjunction with the Chief Officers, were submitted. With regard to the Junior Grade Salary Scale the Sub-Committee had before them, in addition to the proposals of the Staff side, the scales at present in force for -

(a) The Civil Service
(b) The Middlesex County Council
(c) The London County Council
(d) Three of the principal Banks; together with
(e) The Recommendations of the Middlesex Whitley Council.

After due consideration, it was unanimously

RECOMMENDED (1) that, as from the 1st April, 1945

(a) the present Junior Grade of the Middlesex Whitley Council Scale up to the age of 21 years be substituted for the Council's existing Junior Grades (including (i) junior grade male and female, (ii) junior machine operators, and (iii) junior library assistants) (particulars of the new Scale and the Council's existing Scale are set out below); and

(b) as a temporary post-war measure only, all members of the Staff on war service within this Grade receive, on their resuming service with the Council, increments of £15 per annum beyond the salary of £150 at 21 for each year over the age of 21; this temporary post-war measure to be in operation for a period of two years after the cessation of hostilities or until post-war revision of Establishment has been adopted by the Council, whichever is the shorter period;

(c) as regards service increments, item 9(c) of the Council's Scheme be amended by the substitution of £25 for £15 in the first paragraph and that the words in the second paragraph "These increments shall apply to all grades" be deleted and the following substituted therefor "These increments shall not apply to the Junior Grade";

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(d) a grade be instituted for the Senior Sanitary Inspector of £500 rising to £600 by annual increment of £25.

(2) that the other proposals submitted by the Staff side be considered further when the Salary Scales and Grading Scheme are again under consideration in conjunction with the Establishment after the war.

A. J. BRIANT,

Chairman.

PROPOSED REVISED SCALE

Age.	Middlesex Whitley Council Scale.	Existing Scale. (Male & Female.)
16	£75.	£65.
17	£90.	£80.
18	£105.	£95.
19	£120.	£110.
		Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 8 of the Scheme, if there is no vacancy in the next grade, the salaries of Juniors may proceed as follows:-
20	£135.	£120.
21	£150.	£135.
		Junior Machine Operators (female) and Junior Library Assistants £65 to £140 by £15 annually.

This is the report referred to in paragraph 2 of the report of the Finchley Council and Staff Joint Committee referred to in paragraph 1153 of the Council Minutes of the 23rd October, 1944.

Mary E Segge
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Housing Committee's Report.

(Special Meeting).

30th OCTOBER, 1944.

Present: Alderman A. T. Pike, O.B.E., J.P. (Chairman), the Mayor (Councillor D. A. A. Merry, J.P.), the Deputy Mayor (Councillor R. J. N. Norman), Alderman Pateman and Councillors Lawrence and Mrs. Roberts.

Non-members: Councillors Fitness and Langlands.

1160 Derequisitioning of War Department House Property:

The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 136/44 from the Ministry of Health intimating that when premises at present under requisition by the War Department were released, and were not being returned direct to the owner or tenant, particulars thereof would be furnished to the Local Authority concerned in order that consideration might be given to the desirability of taking over the premises in accordance with the procedure laid down under Circular 2845 for the purpose of accommodating persons inadequately housed.

1161 London Housing—Winter Plans for 1944/45:

Ministry of Health Circular No. 134/44 was submitted in regard to the repair of war damage to houses, etc., and the Borough Surveyor reported that extremely good progress was being made in the execution of repairs and that the majority of premises within Category D (cost of repairs not exceeding £300 a house) had already been dealt with and that it was hoped at an early date to commence upon Category C premises (cost of repairs from £300 to £500 a house).

He also reported that it might be possible in the near future to deal with the conversion into flats of some of the larger damaged premises and that he would report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

1162 Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944:

The Town Clerk submitted, for the information of the Committee, a report (circulated) of the Housing Committee of the Association of Municipal Corporations, together with a Memorandum prepared by the City Treasurer of Sheffield in regard to the provisions of the above Act.

1163 "Elmshurst," East End Road:

(*a*) In accordance with instructions the Town Clerk submitted Draft of the Compulsory Purchase Order in regard to the above;

RECOMMENDED that a Compulsory Purchase Order, entitled "The Finchley Compulsory Purchase Order, 1944," be made in the form now submitted; that application be made to the Minister of Health for confirmation thereof and that all necessary advertisements and notices be published and served by the Town Clerk.

(*b*) The Town Clerk referred to correspondence which he had had with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to war-time allotments on part of the Estate and arising thereon, the Borough Surveyor reported that, in the event of the land being acquired by the Council, development would first proceed upon the land not occupied by allotments in order that the allotment holders might remain undisturbed for as long as possible.

The Town Clerk was instructed—

(1) to inform the Ministry that the Council have no alternative land to which the present tenants of the war-time plots could be transferred; and

(2) to notify the Allotment Association of the steps proposed to be taken by the Council with a view to the acquisition of the Estate;

RECOMMENDED that the action taken be approved.

1164 **Red Lion Hill Housing Scheme:**

The Borough Surveyor submitted Drawing No. 13382 indicating the original layout of the Red Lion Hill Estate and showing the stages in which it was proposed to complete the Scheme, together with a sketch plan of the proposed revised layout for a two-bedroomed flat.

He also submitted a proposal for the construction of a laundry and drying ground on the roof;

RECOMMENDED—

(1) that the proposals for the completion of the Scheme in three stages as indicated in Drawing 13382, be approved;

(2) that the layout for the two-bedroomed flat be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans as regards Stage 1 of the Scheme;

(3) that the provision of a laundry on the roof be agreed, in principle, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make provision therefor in the four blocks of flats comprising Stage 1; and

(4) that the layout for the interior of the three-bedroomed flats be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

1165 **Instruction:**

RECOMMENDED that the Instruction given to the Town Clerk, as entered in his Instruction Book, be approved.

A. T. PIKE,

Chairman.

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