

# Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Company

## Minutes of Directors' Regular Meetings; 7th June 1899 to 14th June 1979

(Part IV - 1916-1920)

### 1916

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, 18th January, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, F. W. Lovesy, A. C. Williams, Directors.  
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. Bretherton and Mr. Dancey.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Football Club.

A letter was read from Mr. Fielding, Chairman of the Football Club, stating the Club would instruct their sub-tenants to pay their rents to the Company as soon as sufficient money had been received to pay off a small balance due to the Club's Treasurer, Mr. Worth.

Gloucester Volunteer Training Corps.

A letter was read from Mr. Norman Bruton, Hon. Sec. to the Gloucester Volunteer Training Corps., offering 15/- per week as rent. Also that notice to quit should be 3 months on either side, and asking permission to dig trenches near the River Twyver towards Serlo Road.

A lengthy discussion followed and it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Bingle seconded by Mr. Williams that the rent be not less than £1 per week.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Bingle that the notice be one month either side and that the Corps shall have no right to sub-let, but that the Buildings, Field, etc., be used for Drilling by the Gloucester Corps., only. Also that Trench digging could not be permitted near the River, as at present there was an enquiry for that portion of the Field, but that a portion of the Ground in the corner opposite the White Hart Hotel should be marked off for the purpose. The Corps. to fence the Trenches so that animals grazing cannot get into them.

Stephens' and More Ground.

The Secretary reported Messrs. John Stephens, Son, & Co. had enquired if they could have more ground if they needed it, and the matter was left for them to state what further accommodation they wanted and what they were prepared to pay.

Mr. Grimes mentioned he had received an enquiry re. a portion of the Field, but at present nothing could be reported on the matter.

Damage by the Gale of December 27th.

The Secretary reported that considerable damage was done to the roof, spouting and chimney of the Gymnasium and part of the pavilion by the gale on December 27th, and that he had instructed Mr. Burton Barnes to do the necessary repairs.

Income Tax.

The Secretary reported having [an] interview [with] the Surveyor of Taxes and the Surveyor was prepared to accept £8 12s. 8d. the amount deducted from Mortgage interest paid to June 24th, 1915, the date to which interest had been paid, and leave the remainder in abeyance for the time being.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, February 25th, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, A. C. Williams, F. W. Lovesy, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. H. A. Dancey and Mr. Grimes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Late Mr. C. E. Brown.

The Chairman alluded to the great loss the Board had sustained by the death of Mr. C. E. Brown and he moved that a Vote of Condolence be sent to the widow and children.

Mr. Williams seconded and all present added words of appreciation of Mr. Brown's services and regret at his death. The resolution was carried and the Secretary was instructed to convey the same to Mrs. Brown.

Training Corps.

A letter was read from Mr. Norman Bruton accepting on behalf of the Training Corps., all the conditions laid down by the Board at the last meeting, and the Secretary reported he had received £4 0s. 0d. being rent for the first four weeks of this year, which had been duly banked.

Messrs. Stephens and More Land.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Stephens had informed him that having made other arrangements they would NOT require any more land than what they occupied at present.

Circus; May 16th and May 30th.

The Secretary reported having let the usual piece of ground for Taylor's Circus for March 16th for £5, and to Sangers' on March 30th for £10. Both Mr. Jones and Messrs. Stephens had promised to make the road as good as possible, so that the circus people should have no difficulty in getting in and out the Field.

County Scouts Association; Easter Monday.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Percy Evans asking what would be the charge for the use of the Ground for the inspection of the County Scouts by General Sir Robert Baden Powell. After a lengthy consideration it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Berry that the charge be Two Guineas.

Insurance against Aircraft.

The Secretary enquired if the Board wished to insure the buildings against aircraft. The Board unanimously decided NOT to insure.

Hudson and Summer Lettings.

The Secretary stated he had received no communication from Mr. Hudson re. the summer months, but the Directors were of opinion that the matter had better wait owing to the War having entirely altered Tennis Clubs and all such.

Mr. C. E. Brown's Successor.

Mr. H. A. Dancey wrote a letter re. the appointment of Mr. Brown's successor, which was read to the Board and ordered to be considered at a future meeting.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, March 27th, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), Harry A. Dancey, H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, A. C. Williams, F. W. Lovesy, A. F. Fielding, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mrs. C. E. Brown acknowledging the Directors' Vote of Condolence.

It was reported the Training Corps. had paid rent for the first twelve weeks of the year and the amount - £12 - had been duly banked.

Also Taylor's Circus; £5 for March 16th.

Sangers' had also taken the Field for Thursday, March 30th.

Hudson and Summer Months.

A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Hudson offering to take the Field for the four summer months on the same conditions as last year excepting that the Training Corps. are now the direct Tenants of the Ground Company.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. H. A. Dancey that the offer be accepted.

Training Corps. and Outdoor Range.

A letter was read from Mr. Norman Bruton asking the Directors permission to erect an outdoor range. The Secretary stated he had written for full particulars but as yet had received no reply but was of opinion the Corps. had made other arrangements.

Scouts and Easter Monday.

A letter was read from the Rev. Fox Harvey, Secretary to the County Boy Scouts Association accepting the terms for the use of the Field on Easter Monday, and thanking the Directors for their kind consideration and good wishes.

Rates.

The Secretary reported that the City Authorities were demanding increase rates, but as at present it was impossible to say what Rent would be actually received. The Directors resolved to consent to the same payment as for the previous half year viz. £10 2s. 7d. and leave the matter for re-adjustment in the future.

It was also resolved to pay Mr. Harry Dancey's account £3 3s. 0d. in connection with the suggested land to be sold but afterwards let to Messrs. Stephens. Many plans had been prepared with alternative schemes.

Football Club Balance Sheet.

The Football Club for the time being having ceased to be Tenants, the Treasurer, Mr. Worth, had prepared a Balance Sheet of the Club's affairs to the end of 1915, showing a loss of £73 4s. 2d. to the Club from January 1st. to December 31st, 1915.

Mr. C. E. Brown's Successor.

Mr. Harry Dancey's letter was read re. the appointment of a Director in Mr. C. E. Brown's place. After the matter had been fully discussed it was unanimously resolved to write Mr. H. G. Norman to accept the vacant Directorship and the Secretary was instructed to interview Mr. Norman on the matter.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, July 24th, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy, S. W. Bingle, A. F. Fielding, A. C. Williams, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. H. A. Dancey, Mr. Bretherton, and Mr. Grimes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. H. G. Norman and Directorship.

The Secretary reported having interviewed Mr. Norman re. taking Mr. C. E. Brown's place on the Board of Directors, but Mr. Norman was at present so fully engaged with Military and Tribunal work that he could not now consent. The Secretary pointed out that Mr. Norman had not refused, and if the Directors were willing to allow the matter to remain open for a time, until the Tribunal work was finished, he thought Mr. Norman would then consent. This the Board agreed to do.

Stephens' wants Ground for 1917.

Messrs. John Stephens, Son, & Co. wrote applying to rent the ground now occupied by them for next year, 1917, but extended from 130ft. x 100ft., to 150ft. x 120 ft., and offering the sum of £55 as rent for the whole year; January 1st to December 31st, 1917.

A discussion followed when it was pointed out that whereas the space now was about 1,444 square yards, the new measurements would be 2,000 square yards; an increase of 556 square yards. On the proposition of Mr. Bingle seconded by Mr. Fielding, it was unanimously resolved to ask £60 as rent, or in the event of Messrs. Stephens refusing to pay that amount, their offer of £55 be accepted.

Grazing, from Sept. 1st. 1916 to August 31st. 1917.

Mr. Arthur Hudson wrote offering £12 10s. 0d. for Sheep and Pony Grazing only, from Sept. 1st. 1916, to August 31st. 1917. Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Lovesy that the offer be accepted.

Hockey; Sept. 1st. 1916, to April 30th, 1917.

Mr. Hudson also wrote offering £7 10s. 0d. for the use of the Field for Hockey from Sept. 1st., 1916 to April 30th, 1917. On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Lovesy this offer was accepted.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on the Ground on Monday, October 9th, 1916, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears, F. H. Bretherton, F. W. Lovesy, S. W. Bingle, A. C. Williams, Directors.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Mr. Harry A. Dancey attended earlier and marked out the ground to be considered.

Messrs. Jno. Stephens, Son, & Co., being anxious to purchase a portion of the Field, wrote asking what price the Directors would want for a piece of land, Worcester Street frontage 50 yards from Mr. Jones' boundary wall, to a point straight across the Field, Deans Walk side, 50 yards from the Cottage boundary at Deans Walk entrance to the Field.

The Directors therefore met to see how far that would interfere with the Football playing field and the Board saw they could not part with as much as 50 yds. Dean Walk's side without cramping the Football playing ground and not allowing sufficient room for spectators.

Mr. Harry Stephens attended the Meeting and after discussing the whole matter the Directors agreed that they may be able to part with a 35 yds. frontage Deans Walk end. Mr. Stephens said they would be glad to know the price of the portion suggested by the Directors, also they would be open to consider an offer of the whole Field.

The Board resolved that Mr. Harry Dancey should measure up the piece of land, ascertaining the number of square yards and that a meeting of the Directors be called at 7:30 p.m. on Friday October 13th to consider the price.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.



Directors' Meeting held on Friday, October 13th, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. A. Dancey, H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, F. W. Lovesy, A. C. Williams, F. H. Bretherton, Directors.  
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. Arthur Fielding.

The Minutes of the last two Directors' meetings were read and confirmed.

Sale of Land to Messrs. Stephens.

Mr. Harry Dancey stated that the piece of land in question as per Minutes of the last meeting (on the Ground) contained about 8,835 square yards and at 4/- per yard came to £1,767.

A discussion followed, all present being strongly in favour of the sale providing a good price could be made. A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Fielding also favouring a sale if possible.

It was resolved on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Bingle that Mr. Grimes now take up negotiations (as Solicitor to the Company) with Messrs. Stephens' and offer the piece as per plan and measure, for £2,000.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, November 20th, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, Harry A. Dancey, A. F. Fielding, F. W. Lovesy, A. C. Williams, F. H. Bretherton, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported application from Mr. S. Brighton of 10 Exchange Street, for the use of the field for a Football Match; Wounded Soldiers v. Wagon Works. Unfortunately they had printed the Bills before enquiring if there was any Hockey Match on the date mentioned; Saturday, November 25th. on the proposition of Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Lovesy it was resolved that should there be no Hockey Match the free use of the Field be granted.

Sale of Land to Stephens.

The Chairman reported that Messrs. John Stephens, Son, & Co. had secured other premises therefore negotiations for the sale as mentioned at the last Director's meeting had fallen through.

The Extra Ground occupied by Stephens; Sept. to Dec. 1916.

The Secretary reported that Stephens had taken possession and were using the Extended Area of Ground viz. 150ft. x 120ft. as taken by them for 1917, from Sept. 1st., to Dec. 31st, 1916, and he had obtained (and banked) an extra £10 from them for this increased facility.

Stephens go beyond the Ground taken.

It was mentioned by several Directors that Stephens continued to go very much beyond the space they had taken. The Secretary reported he had that day seen Mr. Harry Stephens on the matter and Mr. Stephens informed him that they would be continually hauling away and not putting more stock on the ground and he would give instructions to his men to keep within the space rented. The Directors were however of the opinion that the space had better be wired off and on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Williams it was resolved to wire the space off and direct Messrs. Stephens that they must keep within the space, viz. 150ft. x 120ft.

Balance Sheet to August 31st, 1916.

The Secretary read a draft Balance Sheet to August 31st, 1916, stating no Mortgage Interest had been yet paid and seeing there was £109 14s. 6d. credit balance at the Bank, it was decided to pay Interest £70 less tax up to Dec. 25th, 1916.

It was resolved to hold the Annual General Meeting on Monday, December 11th, 1916, at 7:30 p.m.

Also that the Chairman and Mr. H. J. Berry sign the Report and Balance Sheet on behalf of the Directors.

The Chairman read the drafted Report which was accepted by the Board.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, December 11th, 1916.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), A. F. Fielding, A. C. Williams, F. H. Bretherton, F. W. Lovesy, H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

An apology was received from Mr. Harry A. Dancey who was too unwell to attend.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Wire in Stephens' Piece.

The Secretary reported the stakes and wire had not yet been put round the Ground rented by Messrs. Stephens because stakes would not carry the weight of the heavy wire used round the Football playing ground. It was therefore decided to put posts round with the wire and instruct Messrs. Stephens that they must keep within their boundary.

Red Cross and Football.

Three applications had been received for the use of the Field for playing Football for the benefit of the Red Cross. The Secretary reported that he had replied in all cases, that applications must come through Mr. George Romans who had been officially appointed to conduct all Football matters and other Entertainments for the Wounded Soldiers.

A letter was then read from Mr. Romans asking for December 26th; January 13th, and 27th, and it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Lovesy that free use of the Field be granted conditionally; that the dates did not clash with any Hockey Matches by Mr. Hudson's tenants.

Secretary offers to accept £5 less Salary during the War.

The Secretary stated that owing to the War, as the Directors knew, the Company were doing badly, and if the Directors thought fit to allow him to do so, he would accept £5 less in salary, viz. £15 instead of £20, while the war lasted.

Some members of the Board at first were not agreeable to the suggestion, while others thought under the circumstances the offer was reasonable. Finally it was decided that the offer be accepted conditionally; that when the Company was in a better financial position whatever amount the Secretary had foregone should be looked upon as a debt due to him.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

## 1917

Meeting of Directors held on February 26th, 1917.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy, Harry A. Dancey, H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, Directors; and J. E. Dutton, acting Secretary (in the absence of the Secretary through ill health).

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Ground let to Messrs. Stephens' for 1917.

A letter was read from Messrs. Stephens' expressing regret that they had encroached beyond the space rented by them for 1917, and promising to put the matter right as soon as the weather would permit.

Football Match in aid of Infirmary; March 3rd, 1917.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Brown asking for permission for playing a Football Match in aid of the Infirmary, which was duly sanctioned by the Board.

Volunteer Corps. and a Terms of their Tenancy.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. H. G. Norman, H. Godwin Chance, and G. Norman Bruton attended the meeting with reference to the Field being let by the Directors for Tennis during the Summer Months.

The deputation stated that when they agreed to pay £1 per week they were under the impression it was for the whole ground, and that Tennis Courts were in the way of the Volunteers' drilling. The Directors explained their position with reference to the various lettings, and from the Company's point of view it was not thought the Volunteers expected the exclusive right to the whole Field as well as the Gymnasium, Offices and Rooms for £1 per week.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to adjourn the matter for information as to what the "other lettings" amounted to during the four summer months.

Allotments ? Let or Sell a portion of Ground to Messrs. Stephens for Allotment Ground.

The Chairman stated Messrs. Stephens' had enquired if the Company would be willing to let or sell a portion of the Field to be used as allotment ground.

Mr. Harry Dancey produced a plan showing the part (next to the River Twyver) suggested.

After the matter had been well considered, it was resolved on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Bingle;

'That in reply to Messrs. Stephens the Directors were unwilling to let or lease any part of the ground for allotment purposes, but that the Board would be willing to sell the land with about 7,482 square yards of back land, as per sketch, for £1,500, or the whole piece of about 2 acres and 469 yards which included a portion of the frontage to Worcester Street, for £2,500.'

It was decided (that as Mr. Dancey had plans and particulars) he should convey the Directors' decision to Mr. Grimes who had made the application for Messrs. Stephens.

[Signed] F. W. Lovesy,

Chairman.

June 29th, 1917.

Meeting of Directors held on June 29th, 1917.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey, A. C. Williams, F. W. Lovesy, Directors.  
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. Bingle and Mr. H. J. Berry.

The Secretary reported to the Board that the Chairman of the Company, Mr. A. W. Vears, died on June 13th; therefore he, the Secretary, requested the Board appoint a Chairman for that meeting.

Mr. Williams proposed and Mr. Dancey seconded that Mr. Lovesy should preside. Carried.

Mr. Lovesy took the Chair, and stated the first thing to be done was to pass a Vote of Condolence with Mrs. Vears and family, which was carried.

Mr. Lovesy, Mr. Dancey, Mr. Williams and Mr. Grimes all spoke of the amount of time the late Mr. Vears had given to the Company, particularly in the earliest days of the undertaking, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Mrs. Vears not only the Board's condolence, but also the due appreciation of Mr. Vears' service for so many years.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were then read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, the Secretary reported that Mr. Norman Bruton still contended that the Volunteer Corps. were tenants in possession of the whole Field, while the Company's agreement was intended for Drilling only, by the Volunteer Corps.

After reading the correspondence on the matter, it was decided that Mr. Grimes should see Mr. Norman Bruton so as to obtain a clear understanding.

Stephens' Enquiry for Land for Allotments.

Mr. Grimes reported that Messrs. Stephens' had purchased other land adjoining their premises, therefore would not require the portion of the Field referred to in the Minutes of the last meeting.

Election of Chairman of the Company.

Mr. Grimes, referring to the Articles of Association, stated it was now the duty of the Board to elect a Chairman of the Company to act until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Mr. Harry A. Dancey elected Chairman of the Company.

On the proposition of Mr. Lovesy, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. Harry A. Dancey was unanimously elected Chairman of the Company until the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

Mr. Dancey then took the Chair and Mr. Grimes handed him the Key of the Company's Seal, which had been duly given up to the Solicitor by the Representatives of the late Chairman.

The Question of Filling Vacancies on the Board.

The Secretary reported that Mr. H. G. Norman fully appreciated the honour offered him by a seat on the Board, but owing to Military and Tribunal work he could not undertake any further duties.

The Secretary read the names of all Shareholders qualified for Directorship, and it was unanimously resolved to ask Mr. T. A. Washbourn to allow himself to be elected. This was done on the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Hudson and Tennis.

The Secretary explained that Mr. H. G. Norman, as Commander of the Gloucester Volunteer Corps., consented to sanction sufficient Ground being let for two Tennis Courts, and Mr. Hudson agreed to take it and pay the Company £5 for the same for the summer months. Owing however to the delay caused by the Volunteers not giving consent, Mr. Hudson lost one Tenant and was only using one court. The Directors therefore resolved on the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Dancey that Mr. Hudson should only [be] called upon to pay £2 10s. 0d. viz. only the rent of one court.

Filling Factory Sports - June 23rd.

The Secretary reported that by the instructions of the late Chairman the Field was let for Sports in aid of the Gloucester Infirmary and the Great Western Road Red Cross Hospital on June 23rd, for the sum of two guineas as a nominal rent. The Sports were held and proved a great success. However, it was the unanimous opinion of the Directors present that letting the Field for "nominal" rents must cease or how was the Company to meet its liabilities.

Wagon Works Sports; September 8th.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Stanley asking for the use of the Ground for Sports and Dancing in aid of Infirmary and Red Cross from 2:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday September 8th. On the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Williams it was resolved that, subject to the consent of the Volunteers and that it did not interfere with their Drilling, the use of the Field be granted for the sum of Five Guineas.

Employers' Liability and Harris.

The Secretary pointed out that as the retaining fee paid Harris the Groundsman was only 3/- per week, he asked for instruction as to continuing the Insurance; the annual premium being fifteen shillings. The Board decided to continue the Insurance.

The Groundsman Position, and Wages.

Some of the Directors being unaware of the arrangements with Harris, the Acting Groundsman, the Secretary explained that Harris undertook the safe custody of the keys of the Field and Buildings, and oversight of the whole property, safeguarding the property of the Company; Tenant's property as well as that of the Company, for 3/- per week. Roberts and Starr undertook to employ him week in and out in any weather with give and take time, for 18/- per week, so that Harris may always be in telephonic communication with all the Company's tenants. The Training Corps. pays him 3/- per week as Caretaker of their property, and also 2/- per week for Rifle Cleaning.

The Board considered the arrangements satisfactory seeing that Harris had a regular wage of 26/- per week and was always in a position to be communicated with by either of the Company's Officials or any of the Company's Tenants.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

September 11th, 1917.



Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, September 11th, 1917.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey, Chairman, S. W. Bingle, A. C. Williams, F. W. Lovesy, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported the Volunteer Training Corps. had now given up and paid their rent to August 11th, the date they gave up, so that the difference over the Conditions of Letting were now at an end.

Mr. Washbourn declines Directorship.

The Chairman reported Mr. T. A. Washbourn much appreciated the compliment paid him by offering him a seat on the Board, but on the score of age respectfully declined.

A letter from Mrs. Vears, acknowledging the Board's message of sympathy was read.

Election of Mr. Frank Tandy, Director.

A letter was read from the Athletic Club [stating] that the Shares belonging to the Club were to be transferred from the late Mr. Vears and Mr. Lovesy to Messrs. Lovesy and Frank Tandy, of Sandhurst Road, Gloucester, Brickmaker.

On the proposition of Mr. Berry seconded by Mr. Lovesy, Mr. Frank Tandy was unanimously elected a Director of the Company.

Wagon Works Sports.

The Chairman reported that the promoters of the Wagon Works Sports had left the Field in a most satisfactory state and that no damage had been done through the Sports being held.

Application from Commandant, Mr. Parnall, for Field for Football Match - MINIMUM RENT £5 5s. 0d.

A letter was read from Mr. Parnall, Commandant of the Palace Red Cross Hospital, asking for the use of the Field for a Football Match.

After discussion it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Williams that the fee be £5 5s. 0d. for the hire of the Field, and that this shall be the minimum fee for any letting of the Ground when a charge for admission is made.

Hudson; Hockey and Grazing, 1917-1918.

Resolved to let to Mr. Arthur Hudson the right to play Hockey on the Field from September 1st 1917 to September 1st 1918, for an inclusive sum of Twenty Pounds, on the conditions that the Company always reserve the right of letting the Field for other purposes.

Ground Let to the Gloucester Volunteers.

The Chairman reported the letting of the Field and Buildings to Col. Jenne for Drilling by the Gloucestershire Volunteers under Col. Jenne's Command, on the following terms:

*1st. The rent to be £1 per week as from August 11th, payable every 4th week.*

*2nd. The surface of the Ground not to be disturbed without the Directors' special sanction.*

*3rd. The Company reserves the right to let the Field for other purposes, providing such lettings do not interfere with the drilling, and that the Volunteers be informed as early as possible of any other lettings.*

*4th. The Tenancy to be determinable by either side by 4 weeks' notice, in writing.*

Future Meetings - Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m.

The Chairman took the feeling of the Meeting as to most convenient time and day for future Meetings, and it was decided that Directors' Meetings should be held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., except in cases of emergency.

[Signed] F. W. Lovesy.

Chairman

September 25th, 1917.

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, September 25th, 1917.

Present: Messrs. S. W. Bingle, F. H. Bretherton, F. W. Lovesy, H. J. Berry, Frank Tandy, A. F. Fielding, A. C. Williams, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Owing to Mr. Harry Dancey being unable to attend, Mr. F. W. Lovesy was voted to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Welcoming Mr. Frank Tandy.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board sincerely welcomed Mr. Frank Tandy as a Director and Mr. Tandy acknowledged the kind remarks of the Chairman, and said he much appreciated the honour done him by his election to a seat on the Board.

Trench Digging near Deans Walk Entrance.

The Secretary reported that application by the Volunteer Corps. to dig a limited number of Trenches had been granted by Mr. Dancey, near the Deans Walk Entrance, but from what they had done, no inconvenience would be experienced by other Tenants.

Atlas Athletic Club and Association Football.

A letter was read from the Atlas Works Athletic Club offering £10 for the use of the portion of the Field near the River Twyver for playing Association Football. After being satisfied that there was room for Association [Football] being played without interfering with Rugby it was resolved to accept the offer on the following conditions:

1. *The Company always reserving the right to let the Field for other purposes.*
2. *The Club to be allowed to make a charge for admission, excepting on such days as there may be a Rugby Match, or other Entertainment, when the whole of the gate money shall go to the Promoters of the Rugby game, or other Entertainment.*
3. *That the width of the Association portion of the Field shall not reach to any distance able to interfere with playing Rugby Football.*
4. *That the Atlas Club take reasonable responsibility for the care of the Company's property.*

[Signed] F. W. Lovesy

Chairman

January 8th, 1918.

## 1918

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918.

Present: Messrs. F. W. Lovesy, H. J. Berry, S. W. Bingle, F. Tandy, A. C. Williams, A. F. Fielding, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Secretary explained that Mr. Harry Dancey, having been appointed Executive Officer to the Gloucester Food Control Committee, found it impossible at present to devote any time whatever to the affairs of the Company. On the proposition of Mr. Berry seconded by Mr. Bingle, Mr. F. W. Lovesy was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman.

Mr. Lovesy took the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Stephens' Portion Cleared.

The Secretary reported Messrs. Stephens' had cleared the piece of Ground they had rented until December 31st 1917, had paid the £20 balance rent due then, which had been duly banked.

Harris the Groundsman to have 4/- per week instead of 3/-.

The Secretary reported that Harris the Groundsman had intimated his intention of giving up the arrangements unless his weekly wage was increased.

It was mentioned Roberts & Starr had increased their portion to him by 2/- per week and the Volunteers 2/- per week so that his total receipts were now (with the 3/- from the Company) 30 shillings. On the proposition of Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Tandy it was resolved to give Harris 4/- per week instead of 3/-; thus making his estimated wages 31/- per week.

Roberts & Starr	£1	0s.	0d.
Volunteers	£	7s.	0d.
Company	<u>£</u>	<u>4s.</u>	<u>0d.</u>
	<u>£1</u>	<u>11s.</u>	<u>0d.</u>

Gloucester Filling Factory; Application for the Ground.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Watkins, General Manager of the Gloucester National Filling Factory, Quedgeley, had seen him with reference to taking the Field for all kinds of outdoor Games & Sports. In reply to Mr. Starr informing Mr. Watkins that the Buildings and Field were already let to the Volunteers, for drilling, he, Mr. Watkins, said that would not interfere with the Filling Factory Games. Mr. Watkins promised to write on the matter, which he had now done and the letter was read to the meeting. It amounted to the Filling Factory applying to take the place of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club and for summer months as well.

A letter was read from Mr. Grimes expressing the opinion that the amount of rent asked should be equal to the total receipts in pre-war days.

A prepared statement was then produced which showed that the average receipts in the nine years after the completion of the Gymnasium and Offices, etc., were £446 7s. 5d.

A very lengthy consideration was given to the subject. Finally Mr. Fielding proposed and Mr. Bingle seconded and it was carried;

'That the Directors offer the Ground on the same terms as the Football Club, viz. £275 per annum, plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  Rates & Taxes. The Directors' understanding from Mr. Watkins conversation [with] the Secretary that the fact of the Buildings and Ground being let to the Volunteers for drilling purposes will not interfere with the Factory's requirements. Also that the Ground is available on May 1st, 1918, but by arrangement this date could be anticipated.'

In case Mr. Watkins wished an interview on the matter, Mr. Bingle proposed and Mr. Tandy seconded that the Deputy Chairman [and] Mr. Fielding, with the Solicitor and Secretary, act for the Company. Carried.

[Signed] F. W. Lovesy.

Chairman

February 19th, 1918.

Directors' Meeting held on February 19th, 1918.

Present: The Deputy Chairman, Mr. F. W. Lovesy, Messrs. A. C. Williams, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, F. Tandy, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Filling Factory; Application for Ground.

The Secretary read the reply from Mr. Watkins acknowledging the Directors' terms, but stating he was unable at that date (January 12th) to give any definite reply, but would later.

Balance Sheet for 1917.

The Chairman submitted the Balance Sheet as audited to August 31st, 1917. The particulars were carefully compared with the year previous, and on the proposition of Mr. Fielding, seconded by Mr. Bingle, was passed. Messrs. Lovesy and Berry to sign same on behalf of the Board.

The Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

Urgent Repairs.

On the proposition of Mr. Berry seconded by Mr. Bingle it was resolved that Messrs. Lovesy, Tandy, and Williams be appointed to confer with the Secretary on the field to decide what repairs were absolutely necessary, as although some, in fact the majority might remain for a time, yet there was some should be done without delay.

[Signed] F. W. Lovesy.

Chairman

March 5th, 1918.

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, March 5th, 1918.

Present: Messrs. F. W. Lovesy (Deputy Chairman), who presided; F. H. Bretherton, H. J. Berry, Frank Tandy, A. C. Williams, S. W. Bingle, Arthur F. Fielding, Directors. Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that no further reply had been received from Mr. Watkins re. the Filling Factory taking the Field.

Soil for Education Authority.

The Secretary stated Mr. Barrett Cooke had enquired if the City Education Authority could have about 8 loads of soil from the Ground. On the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Williams it was resolved to let them have what quantity they wanted at 2/6d per cart load.

[Signed] F. W. Lovesy.

Chairman

April 30th, 1918.

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, April 30th, 1918.

Present: Messrs. F. W. Lovesy (Chairman), S. W. Bingle, Frank Tandy, F. H. Bretherton, A. F. Fielding, A. C. Williams, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that so far the Education Authority had had eight loads of soil but may require more.

Filling Factory Application for Ground.

The Chairman explained that this meeting had been called to consider a communication made by Mr. Watkins to Mr. Fielding with further reference to taking the Field. Mr. Fielding explained that Mr. Watkins had stated to him that the Munitions Authorities considered the rent asked viz. £275 plus ½ Rates & Taxes was too high. The Board went carefully into the matter, particularly as to what other incomes would be lost. Rates & Taxes etc., were also considered.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Watkins attended, fully explaining his position and then retired, leaving the Directors to further consider the matter.

Mr. Watkins was again called in and the Chairman informed him that the Board had decided to let him the Ground on the following terms;

*Rent £275 per Annum. The Company paying Rates & Taxes, except the charge for Water, which Mr. Watkins was to pay.*

*Tenancy to be a yearly one, terminable by either side by six months' notice expiring any First of May. Rent to be paid half-yearly; First of May and First of November.*

*The letting to be subject to the existing tenancy of the Volunteer Corps., which the Company shall be at liberty to continue. The Volunteers to have the exclusive use of the Gymnasium.*

*Also, the Company reserves the right of Advertisements and that Mr. Watkins undertakes to keep the Ground, Grandstand, Turf, and Fences in good order and so leave them at the end of the Tenancy.*

Mr. Watkins said he clearly understood the conditions and promised a definite reply to the Secretary Wednesday evening, May 1st.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey

December 17th, 1918.



Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, December 17th, 1918.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), S. W. Bingle, A. F. Fielding, F. W. Lovesy, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes the Secretary reported the Education Authority had only had eight loads of soil and did not require more.

Also that the Agreement with Mr. Glyn Watkins was duly signed and stamped, in accordance with terms arranged at the last Directors' meeting.

Also that Harris the Groundsman had signed an agreement to take every care of the Company property and the Company's tenants' property, and act generally as Caretaker for the sum of 4/- per week.

Volunteers give Notice to Leave; December 31st 1918.

The Secretary reported that Capt. Thorpe had given notice to terminate his Tenancy of the Field and Gymnasium (for Drilling) on December 31st. The Secretary stated he had duly acknowledged the Notice.

Mr. Watkins gives Notice to Leave; May 1st, 1919.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Glyn Watkins gave Notice on October 26th that he wished to terminate his Tenancy, on May 1st, 1919. This Notice had also been acknowledged.

Tree Lopping.

A letter was read from Mr. L. A. Roberts, 59 St. Mark Street, asking that the tree in the Field near his garden might be lopped back as the leaves therefrom continually stopped his drains. The Directors consented to Harris doing it as soon as he could.

? Site of Two Dead Trees.

Two of the trees carrying each one of the Corporation ventilating shafts were reported dead. One is a large Chestnut tree; the other a Beech. The question of cutting them down was considered, but it was decided for the present they should remain.

The Question of Letting for 4 Summer Months.

The Secretary enquired if he should make any enquiries as to the letting for May, June, July, and August, but the Directors decided to wait and see what offers were likely to be made.

Balance Sheet to August 31st, 1918.

The Chairman read the Balance Sheet to August 31st 1918, and every item in the accounts was gone through, showing a Balance on the years' working of £7 6s. 9d. which the Directors decided to recommend the Annual General Meeting should be carried to Depreciation Account. Resolved that the Chairman, Mr. Dancey, and the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Lovesy, should sign the Balance Sheet on behalf of the Board.

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders shall be held at the New Inn Hotel at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

January 14th, 1919.

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Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), A. C. Williams, S. W. Bingle, H. J. Berry, F. H. Bretherton, F. Tandy, A. F. Fielding, F. W. Lovesy, Directors.  
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. Stephens' offer to rent part of Field but Directors are prepared to sell.  
A letter was read from Messrs. Stephens, Son, & Co. offering £100 a year as rent for the portion of the Field alongside the River Twyver, with 50 yards frontage to Worcester Street and 35 yards frontage to Deans Walk.

The Directors went very carefully into the whole communications and interviews that had taken place with regard to Messrs. Stephens' repeated negotiations respecting this piece of land. They also had laid before them by the Chairman the probable other rents the Company would lose if Messrs. Stephens' offer was accepted, also the effect it must have by spectators trespassing to see the Football Matches as the fence suggested by Messrs. Stephens' would be only of a temporary nature.

Finally, after the matter had been considered from all points, it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Bingle seconded by Mr. Bretherton, that the Board do not see their way to accept Messrs. Stephens' offer to rent but are prepared to sell the suggested portion of the Field for £2,500.

The Directors then attended the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders which followed.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

March 24th, 1919.

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, March 27th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Fielding, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Stephens' Application for Land.

The Secretary reported he had received no written reply from Messrs. John Stephens, Son, & Co., but that Mr. Harry Stephens had informed him (the Secretary) that they had secured other land.

Hudson offer of £20 for Summer Months.

The Secretary reported that several enquiries had been made for the Ground for the four summer months (May, June, July, and August, 1919) but that he had received only one definite offer, and that was from Mr. Arthur Hudson, offering £20 for the right of Cricket, Tennis, Sheep and Pony Grazing, School Treats, Bowling Greens, and Croquet; but that incomes from Circuses, Fetes, Sport Meetings and any other unmentioned events should be equally divided between Arthur Hudson and the Company.

On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr Berry it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Hudson's offer.

New Gateway that Mr. Jones should make.

When Mr. William Jones (Builder) purchased the piece of land he now occupies, he contracted to remove the double-door entrance to just beyond his land. However, in consequence of the War, the Directors allowed him to postpone moving the gateway. Now the Secretary reported there was some prospect of Sangers or other Circuses wanting the use of that corner of the Field usually occupied by Circuses it would be necessary that the gateway should be made.

After the Directors had considered the matter, they instructed the Secretary to see Mr. Jones and call his attention to it, and inform him that if he would still consent to the Circus people going through his yard, as they had done on other occasions, the Directors would allow the erection of the Gateway to be further postponed for a time.

Rates - £52 7s. 7d.

A cheque was signed for Corporation Rates to the amount of £52 7s. 7d.

Mr. H. G. Norman elected a Director.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. C. E. Brown in 1916 was still open, and that they would remember in 1916, it was decided to offer a seat on the Board to Mr. H. G. Norman and that at the time Mr. Norman was so full up with public and other work in connection with the War that he could not see his way to accept same. Now that the War was over, he (the Chairman) had seen Mr. Norman who said if it was still the desire of the Directors that he should join the Board he would be pleased to render what services he could in the interest of the Company.

On the proposition of Mr. Harry A. Dancey seconded by Mr. Berry it was unanimously resolved that Mr. H. G. Norman, J.P., Corn Merchant, of Hayburn Wyke, Alexander Road, Gloucester, be elected a Director of the Company.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

April 8th, 1919.

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, April 8th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy (Deputy Chairman), F. Tandy, S. W. Bingle, H. J. Norman, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Welcome to Mr. Norman.

The Chairman on behalf of the whole of the Directors warmly welcomed Mr. Norman, and stated they were of one opinion; that he would be of great service to the Company. In reply, Mr. Norman said he should always be pleased to be of whatever assistance he could be in the best interest of the Company, and Football.

The Minutes of the last Directors' meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out [of] the Minutes the Secretary reported he had not communicated with Mr. Jones with reference to the new gateway, as the offer of Mr. Jacob Studt, soon to be considered, had somewhat altered the question of the gateway.

Mr. Jones on the Field regarding the New Gateway.

Mr. Dancey stated Mr. Jones had requested him to lay before the Directors the fact of the increased cost of the posts and other matters as compared with the time when the land was sold to him, [in] April, 1915, and Mr. Jones suggested that the Directors might help him by providing the new posts. Mr. Dancey said he had held out no hope of the Board consenting to do anything of the kind, but pointed out to Mr. Jones that had he done the work at the time, he would have saved himself the increased expense.

The matter having been thoroughly discussed, it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Fielding that Mr. Jones be called upon to carry out his contract with regard to removal of the Gateway forthwith in its entirety.

Mr. Jacob Studt and Barton Fair.

The Secretary reported that he conveyed by letter the Board's decision to Mr. Studt on April 9th re. letting for Barton Fair, but received no reply or acknowledgement of his letter until August 1st (4 months) when Mr. Studt's representative called on him and said he was prepared to take the Field on the Company's terms. However the Secretary informed him that since April circumstances had changed and the whole matter would have to be reviewed after Mr. Studt had made a renewed application in writing

This he did on August 4th, when he enclosed a cheque for £25 on account but changed the dates as from September 13th to 30th (before it was Sept. 25th to Oct. 7th). The Secretary reported he immediately returned the cheque stating the letting would be considered at the next Directors' meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed. Finally it was unanimously resolved on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Bretherton the rent for the time stated be £85, subject to Mr. Studt accepting same on or before August 20th.

New Football Agreement.

A conversation took place as to what terms the Football Club would hold the Field for in the future. No resolution was submitted to the Meeting but Mr. Fielding promised to bring the

matter up at the first Committee Meeting of the Football Club and the Chairman suggested it should be the main subject of the next Directors' Meeting.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey

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Directors' Meeting held on August 20th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy (Deputy Chairman), A. C. Williams, Frank Tandy, H. J. Berry, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. S. W. Bingle and Mr. H. G. Norman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Jones and New Gateway.

A letter was read from Mr. William Jones, again pointing out the vast difference in the cost of posts and labour today, as compared with 1915, and suggesting that a contract made in 1915 could not be expected to be carried out in 1919. By directions of the Chairman, the Secretary had seen Mr. Grimes who said "The legal position was quite clear; Mr. Jones being liable to execute the contract made by him in 1915, but as to any consideration the Board would like to make was another matter."

The whole circumstance were again reviewed [*sic*], the Board showing a general desire to give the matter further thought, and on the proposition of Mr. Lovesy seconded by Mr. Tandy it was resolved that Mr. Jones be asked to submit the price of posts in 1915 also the same today, for the consideration of the Directors.

Studt; Barton Fair.

A letter was read from Mr. Jacob Studt, again enclosing a cheque for £25 on account of the rent for Barton Fair, but as it was not definitely clear that it was on account of £85 to be paid it was decided to send him an agreement to be signed by him and on receipt of same to acknowledge the cheque as part payment.

Harris; Groundsman's Wages.

The Chairman mentioned the fact that the groundsman had intimated to the Secretary that he would need a considerable increase in wages during the coming winter. The Board however considered this was a matter for the Football Club to deal with.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

August 29th, 1919.



Directors' Meeting held on Friday, August 29th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. H. A. Dancey (Chairman), A. C. Williams, H. J. Berry, F. Tandy, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. Bretherton and Mr. Lovesy, both being away from home; and Mr. Norman, who had a previous engagement.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Jones and New Gateway.

The Secretary read a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Jones to which he had not up to the present received a reply.

Studt; Barton Fair.

The Chairman reported Mr. Studt had signed the Agreement which was now at the Post Office for stamping (20/-). Receipt had been sent for the £25 on account and the cheque duly banked.

Football Club Rent for 1919-1920.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. A. F. Fielding - Chairman, J. T. Brookes - Hon. Sec., G. Collingbourne - Hon. Treas., A. Hudson, and G. Romans - Members of the Committee of the Football Club, waited on the Board regarding the Rent the Club should pay.

The Chairman of the Board welcomed the deputation and said the Directors would be glad to hear their views. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Brookes then went carefully through the Football Club's last Balance Sheet (1913-1914) and also gave particulars of Income they hoped to get by raising the amount of the members' yearly subscriptions and increasing the admission fees to matches, and stated that as all this was only estimated, they, on behalf of the Club were prepared to make the following proposals:

Rent to be £250 from Sept. 1st, 1919 to April 30th, 1920.

The Club to pay half the yearly Rates, and to pay to the Directors in addition one third the profits made during the season.

The Club to receive from the Directors half the net receipts from any other income derived from sources other than Rugby Football during the 8 months (the Club did not wish to take the Grazing).

The deputation with the Directors discussed all matters in detail and from all points of view with regard to the interest of the Company and Club and then retired, except Mr. Fielding who remained as a Director.

A discussion followed, the Secretary supplying all particulars of the Income and Expenditure of past years.

Mr. Bingle then proposed that the Club's offer be accepted, for one season only. This was seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Dancey advocated the further consideration at an early meeting when they may have the attendance of a larger number, if not every Director.

Mr. Williams proposed that the meeting be adjourned, but there was no Secunder.

The Chairman therefore put Mr. Bingle's proposition which was duly carried.

The deputation then re-entered the room, and the Chairman reported to them the Board's decision.

Mr. Fielding and Mr. Brookes voiced the thanks of the Club for the reception the Directors had given the deputation, both gentlemen assuring the Directors that the Football Club Committee would do all in their power for the welfare of the Club and thus be helping the Company's interest at the same time.

Harris the Groundsman.

A conversation took place with regard to Harris the Groundsman and it was agreed he should become the servant of the Football Club as from August 31st, 1919, the date Mr. Hudson's tenancy ceased.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey

November 25th, 1919.

Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday, November 25th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy, (Deputy Chairman), A. C. Williams, Frank Tandy, H. G. Norman, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Before commencing the business the Chairman warmly welcomed back Mr. Bingle and Mr. Norman, each having gone through a serious illness, and stated this meeting might have taken place some weeks ago, but he ordered it to be delayed with hope that both gentlemen might be well enough to attend, and all were very glad indeed to have them there again.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Dancey also extended hearty congratulations to Mr. Norman on his appointment of City High Sheriff.

The Chairman reported that a number of soldiers were billeted on the Ground during the Railway Strike, and that the Accounts £3 11s. 6d., Electric Light 5/-, Damage 19/-, had been sent to the proper Military Authorities and duly acknowledged October 16th, but to the present nothing further had been received.

W. Jones and Gateway.

A letter was read from Mr. W. Jones stating the cost of new post[s] in 1915 would have been £5 17s. 0d. Today, 1919, - £14 8s. 0d.; but he was of opinion that the old posts could be moved and placed in the new position at a cost of £6 16s. 0d.

This amount the Directors of course decided should be paid by Mr. Jones.

As to the question of the state of the Posts and the advisability of using them, on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Williams the matter was left with the Chairman and Mr. Williams to inspect them and interview Mr. Jones as to their removal.

The Chairman stated permission was given Mr. Jacob Studt to remove a portion of the fence conditionally that at the end of his tenancy the same should be properly put back in order at his expense. This had been done by Mr. Jones the Builder, the result being a bay of new wood which considerably strengthened that portion of the fence without any cost to the Company.

Attention was called to the urgent need of repairs to the wood fence along Worcester Street, and the Board decided that the matter should be left with Mr. Dancey and Mr. Williams to go into. The idea being that in two bays the posts should be spliced and drawn into position, the cost of which would enable the Directors to arrive at the probable cost to do the whole length.

Hudson offers £10 10s. 0d. for Hockey and Grazing during Winter.

Mr. Arthur Hudson wrote offering ten guineas for Sheep Grazing up to April 30th, 1920, and Hockey on the spare part of the Field up to the same date.

It was resolved that subject to the Football Club offering no objection to the sheep grazing, the offer be accepted.

Hudson - Summer Months, 1920.

Another letter was received from Mr. Hudson offering to take the Field for the Summer Months; May, June, July, and August, in 1920, on the same terms as in 1919. The Directors however considered it would be best to leave the matter until the New Year.

The Balance Sheet up to August 31st 1919 was read by the Chairman, and passed.

Also the drafted Report and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman requested to sign same on behalf of the Board.

The Annual General Meeting was ordered to be called for Monday, December 15th, at the New Inn Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

Reserved Seats for Directors at Matches.

Mr. Norman enquired of Mr. Fielding if the Football Club would consider a suggestion that seats may be reserved for the Directors in the Grand Stand; not free, but as a compliment to the Directors for gratuitous services rendered. The Directors all supported Mr. Norman in the matter and Mr. Fielding promised to bring it before the Football Committee.

? A Director Representative on Football Finance Committee.

Mr. Williams enquired if anything had been done with regard to the Company being represented on the Football Club's Finance Committee. Mr. Fielding replied that nothing had been done up to the present but he also promised to bring this up at the next meeting of the Football Club Committee.

Memorial to Fallen Volunteers.

Mr. Norman stated there was a movement on foot to erect a Memorial to men who were first trained as Volunteers at Kingsholm and afterwards fell in the Great War. If such took place would the Directors sanction it being placed in the Gymnasium, should those promoting the Memorial wish to do so. The Board were unanimous in granting permission.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

December 15th, 1919.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, December 15th, 1919.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy, (Deputy Chairman), Frank Tandy, H. G. Norman, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, A. C. Williams, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

An apology was received from Mr. Berry.

The Minutes of the last Directors' Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the money from billeting the soldiers in October had not yet been received from the Military Authorities.

New Gateway.

Mr. Dancey reported that with Mr. Williams he had inspected the posts and had interviewed Mr. Jones on the matter, and they were all of the opinion that parts of the posts could be used again and Mr. Jones estimated the cost of making good the old posts and fixing them would be £12 0s. 0d. Of this, the Chairman stated Mr. Jones would pay £6 16s. 0d., leaving £5 4s. 0d. for the Directors to pay. After consideration, it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Lovesy that this arrangement should be accepted.

Repairs to Doors.

Mr. Dancey then pointed out that the doors to be removed were in a very bad state indeed and he had an estimate to repair them from Mr. Jones for £11. On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Tandy this was accepted.

Repairs to Fence.

The Chairman also reported that with Mr. Williams they had instructed Mr. Jones to repair a portion of the Worcester Street fence in such a way as would materially strengthen a good length, and when that was done they would know what would be the cost to do the whole.

Hudson; Sheep Grazing & Hockey.

Mr. Fielding reported that the Football Committee had no objection to sheep grazing, therefore the Directors would accept Mr. Hudson's offer of £10 10s. 0d. for sheep grazing and hockey from September 1st 1919, to April 30th, 1920.

Reserved Seats for Directors at Football Matches.

Mr. Fielding also reported that the Football Committee had consented to seats being reserved for the Directors at all Football Matches in the future.

Directors to be represented on Football Club Finance Committee; Mr. Norman appointed.  
Mr. Fielding also stated the Football Club Committee had decided that a Director would be welcomed on the Club's Finance Committee, and on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Bingle, Mr. H. S. Norman was duly appointed to represent the Board.

The Directors then attended the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

February 2nd, 1920.

## 1920

Directors' Meeting held on Friday, January 30th, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), Frank Tandy.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Mr. Berry and Mr. Lovesy.

Meeting adjourned, as there was not a Quorum present.

After waiting twenty minutes, the Chairman adjourned the meeting and ordered the Secretary to summon another meeting for Monday next; February 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

February 2nd, 1920.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, February 2nd, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), Frank Tandy, H. J. Berry, A. C. Williams, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, H. G. Norman, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apology was received from Mr. Lovesy.

The Minutes of the last Directors' Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman referred to several matters that had occurred since the last Directors' meeting. He reported that the Annual Return to be made to the Government had [been] done and receipt of the Registration duly received and filed.

Fire in Gym; December 26th.

After the match on December 26th, a fire was discovered in the Gymnasium, which fortunately was discovered before any very great damage had been done. The necessary repairs had been carried out and the Insurance Company through Mr. Grimes had paid £38. Mr. Jones the Builder's account being £35 and Groundsman's wages during the time workmen were in the Gymnasium, £3.

Insurance doubled.

On examination of the fire and the serious consequence which might have been, and taking into account the present cost of building material and labour he (the Chairman) gave instructions for the Insurance to be doubled, viz. (the two buildings; Gymnasium and Grandstand) from £1,500 to £3,000, and this had been done. All the Board agreed this was necessary.

Repairs.

The gale on January 11th did a very considerable amount of damage to the roof of the Gymnasium and fences, which had been duly repaired. Also certain repairs to the boiler chimney and damper, windows, etc., all quite necessary.

Likewise the stretch of Stands between the Gym and Grandstand had been completely overhauled. New staging supplied, so that with all these absolutely necessary repairs there would be a big Bill to come from Mr. Jones, the builder.

The Secretary reported that the crowd was so great at the Newport match on Saturday, January 31st, the spectators climbed onto the St. Marks Street fence and he (the Secretary) had also instructed Mr. Jones to do the needful repairs to the fence caused by the unusual crowd.

Corporation Sets.

The Chairman reported the double doors had now been erected in their new position, and the Board agreed that the Corporation be asked to put the usual sets for new driving way into the Field as soon as possible.

Interest Paid.

The Chairman reported all interest up to December 25th, 1919, had been paid.

Club buys 170 Shares.

[The Chairman reported] That the Football Club had bought 170 Shares.

Club Pays Rent.

[Also] that the Club had paid £150 of their rent and Mr. Fielding stated the Club could pay the other £100 if it would be any advantage to the Company, and it was decided to apply for the remaining £100 and place same on deposit at the Bank.

Secretary repaid £15.

Also that the £15 due to the Secretary should be paid; this amount being due to him in lieu of his allowing his salary to be £15 instead of £20 during 1917, -18, -19.

Re. Stephens' buying land.

The Secretary reported meeting Mr. Harry Stephens who intimated to him that they (John Stephens, Son, & Co.) might wish to re-open negotiations for buying the spare land near their works, and the Secretary informed Mr. Stephens when they had quite made up their minds what they wanted and the offer they wish to make to the Directors he would gladly place same before the Board. The Directors unanimously supported the Secretary's action.

Girl Guides - May 8th, 1920.

Miss Flora Binton wrote asking terms for hire of Field for exclusive use of the Gloucestershire Girl Guides rally on Saturday May 8th, 1920, asking the Board to make the fee as low as possible. A considerable discussion followed, and seeing the Guides were making a charge for admission, the resolution of September 11th, 1917, applied - viz. £5 5s. 0d. On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Bingle it was unanimously resolved the charge be £5 5s. 0d.

Four Summer Months - 1920.

Mr. Arthur Hudson having intimated that he would be glad to have an early reply re. his application for the Field for the coming four summer months the whole matter was again thoroughly considered. One main point being that the amount offered by Mr. Hudson would not meet the rates for which the Directors were liable; also enquiries - verbal enquiries - had been made by Messrs. Blinkhorns people and also the Blue Taxi staff, but no definite offer had been received. Finally it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Fielding that the use of the Field for May, June, July, and August be advertised, and that in the advertisement it also be stated that the Directors were prepared to receive offers to purchase the spare portion not used by the Rugby Club. The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Hudson of the Board's decision before the advertisement appeared.

Billeting Money for Soldiers.

The Chairman reported that the amount for billeting soldiers last September had not yet been received and the Secretary was directed to make further application.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

February 13th, 1920.



Directors' Meeting held on Friday, February 13th, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), Frank Tandy, A. C. Williams, H. J. Berry, H. G. Norman, S. W. Bingle, A. F. Fielding, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apology was received from Mr. Lovesy.

The Minutes of the last Directors' Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman said since the last meeting he had visited the Ground and there was still a very considerable [number of] repairs to be done.

He also stated the £100 received from the Football Club on February 4th had been placed at the Bank at 4%, on deposit.

Hudson - 4 Summer Months.

The Chairman explained the reason of this meeting was that since the last, Mr. Hudson had interviewed him re. the Summer Months' Letting, and having regard to what Mr. Hudson had told him, also the great interest and influence Mr. Hudson was to the Football Club in making it the success it was this season, he instructed the Secretary to withhold the advertisement ordered at the last meeting until the Directors had another opportunity of discussing the matter, as Hudson now offered £30. Every member present expressed his views on the subject and it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Tandy that the resolution of the last meeting be rescinded and that Mr. Hudson be offered the Field for £40 for the 4 months on the same conditions as before, with the addition that should the Directors sell any part of the Field, Mr. Hudson to vacate it and allowed the rent pro rata [*sic*].

At this juncture Mr. Hudson attended the meeting and the Chairman informed him of the Board's decision. Mr. Hudson put his position before the Directors and thanked them for the further consideration, but stated he could not accept the offer; the most he could pay was £30, and he then retired from the meeting.

Advertise the Four Summer Months.

Mr. Norman moved and Mr. Tandy seconded; 'In view of Mr. Hudson having refused this offer, the original resolution of 2nd of February be carried out. The Advertisement to appear for a week in *The Citizen*.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

February 27th, 1920.

[EXTRACT FROM *CITIZEN* NEWSPAPER]

[ADVERTISEMENT AS REPORTED IN AND ATTACHED TO ABOVE PAGE]

THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND  
ATHLETIC GROUND CO., LTD.

TO LET, KINGSHOLM FOOTBALL  
GROUND. from MAY 1st TO AUGUST  
31st, 1920.

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FOR SALE that portion of the Field unused  
by the Rugby Football Club, nearly two  
Acres. Offers to be addressed to :-

SIDNEY S. STARR,  
99, Northgate Street, Gloucester.

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Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey, Chairman, F. W. Lovesy, Deputy Chairman, Frank Tandy, A. F. Fielding, A. C. Williams, H. G. Norman, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apology was received from Mr. Berry.

The Minutes of the last Directors' Meeting were read and confirmed.

Summer Months' Letting.

Many verbal enquiries re. the Ground had been received but only two definite, in writing. One from Mr. W. Hassell, 94 London Road, offering £35 for the 4 months for sheep grazing or to mow the Field, and the other from Mr. Arthur Hudson increasing his offer to £35 on the same conditions as former years. On the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Lovesy, Mr. Hudson's offer was accepted.

The Secretary reported that the money for billeting last September had not yet been paid and he was instructed to wait a week and if the account had not been settled to take the matter up with the War Office.

The Chairman reported he had very carefully inspected the old Pavilion and found the joists generally were in good condition, yet there were some that needed renewing at once, and also the wall plate on the front half towards Worcester Street, which he had given orders to Mr. Jones to see to at once.

Sale of Land.

On the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Fielding it was resolved to inform Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co., and Mr. William Dancey that the Directors were prepared to consider offers for the Land all along the frontage to Worcester Street as well as that part next to the river.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

August 13th, 1920.

Directors' Meeting held at the Chairman's Office, 1 Barton Street, Gloucester, on Friday, August 13th, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), S. W. Bingle, A. C. Williams, H. G. Norman, A. F. Fielding, Frank Tandy, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were announced from Messrs. F. W. Lovesy (Dep. Chairman), F. H. Bretherton, and Mr. H. J. Berry.

Mr. Dancey, before commencing the business for which the meeting was called, referred to the illness of Mr. Berry, and the Secretary was directed to write him and express the Board's sympathy and fervent hope that he would soon be restored to health and able to attend the Directors' meetings again.

#### Military Billeting Money.

The Chairman reported that after endless trouble and correspondence the money for billeting soldiers during the Railway Strike in September 1919 had at last been received.

The Board considered Rates & Taxes that had been demanded and the following were passed for payment;

Income Tax	£ 75 0s. 0d.
Rates	£104 4s. 3d.

Also balance of Jones, Builders, for certain repairs to Stands, fences, etc., etc., amounting to £28 14s. 2d.; the account being £78 14s. 2d. of which £50 had previously been paid.

The account from the Corporation for moving the driving way to the new entrance £23 15s. 4d. was considered to be most excessive and the Board ordered that enquiries should be made before payment as to material used, etc.

#### Football Club Balance Sheet for 1919-1920.

The Chairman stated the Club had paid the Rent agreed, viz.	£250 0s. 0d.
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Also stated to be $\frac{1}{3}$ of the profit for the Season	£293 13s. 4d.
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Less $\frac{1}{2}$ lettings other than Football	<u>£ 60 0s. 9d.</u>	<u>£233 12s. 7d.</u>
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Making a total paid of	£483 12s. 7d.
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The printed Balance Sheet of the Football Club was produced and certain items on the side of Expenses were discussed, and Mr. Norman raised the question whether the Club should deduct Income Tax before paying the Company the  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the profits.

A lengthy debate took place; ultimately it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Williams that the opinion of Messrs. Duart-Smith, Baker, and Price should be obtained on the matter, Mr. Norman undertaking to get their opinion.

Football Club's Terms for 1920-1921 Season.

The Chairman stated that no communication had yet been received from the Football Club regarding next season, but Mr. Fielding informed the meeting that the Football Committee had appointed a deputation to wait on the Directors in regard to the matter.

After consulting the members present, the Chairman ordered a Directors' Meeting to be called for Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at his office; 1 Barton Street, at 7:30 p.m. and that the deputation be requested to attend at 7:45 p.m.

Hockey and Hudson's Offer.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Hudson had stated to the Secretary his willingness to rent the spare part of the Ground for Hockey and Sheep Grazing of the whole Field, the offer being £10 10s. 0d. as before. A discussion followed to the effect that seeing the Rates & Taxes had advanced so enormously, that more should be paid and it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Williams that offers be advertised for.

Barton Fair.

The Chairman informed the Board that no application, as yet, had been made for the hire of the Field for the coming Barton Fair but it was necessary for the Secretary to have an idea of what the Directors considered the rent should be. Last year Mr. Studt paid £85; equal to £5 per day for the time he was on the Ground. After some discussion the Secretary was instructed to ask £100 from any applicant but not to actually conclude the letting until a Directors' Meeting had been called and the matter placed before them.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

Directors' Meeting held at the Chairman's Office, 1 Barton Street, Gloucester, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), Frank Tandy, H. G. Norman, S. W. Bingle, A. C. Williams, A. F. Fielding, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were announced from Mr. Lovesy and Mr. Berry, and a letter from Mr. Berry acknowledging the message of sympathy sent him in his illness.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Corporation Account for the New Driving Way.

The Chairman stated Harris the Groundsman said the Sets used in the Roadway were new ones or old ones re-dressed. Even if that were so the Directors still claimed that the amount charged was excessive and the matter was left with the Chairman and Secretary to see Major Carter, the City Surveyor, together and ask how the amount was made up.

Football Club and Income Tax.

Mr. Norman reported his interview with Messrs. Duart-Smith Baker, and Price, and the result was that in their opinion under the agreement, the Club had no right to deduct Income Tax from the Company's  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the profits for the Season.

Hockey.

With reference to advertising the spare part of the Ground for Hockey, the Chairman enquired from Mr. Fielding if the Club had let the spare part of the Field for Football. Mr. Fielding replied that they had not, but were negotiating about the matter.

Football Deputation re. 1920-1921 Season.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. A. F. Fielding, G. Collingbourne, A. Hudson, W. Warner, and J. T. Brookes attended the meeting with the Club's offer for Season 1920-1921, and Mr. Brookes explained the Football Club Committee's views which were as follows:

The Club to pay a fixed rent of £250, also 20% of the net profits made during the season, as the Club was erecting a covered Stand on the cheap side of the Ground, which was estimated to cost about £1,200 and by which the Club hoped to considerably increase the income.

Or, as an alternative, the Club to pay £250, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the profits on the season, exclusive of the amount taken for admission to the New Stand.

A lengthy discussion followed in which the matter of Income Tax was again introduced and debated.

The deputation, with the exception of Mr. Fielding (who remained, as a Director) then withdrew.

After all points had been fully considered, Mr. Norman proposed and Mr. Williams seconded that the Company accept the terms;

' That the Club pay a fixed rent of £250, plus 1/3rd of the profits made during the Season, but exclusive of the extra amount taken for admission to the new Stand on condition that no Income Tax shall be deducted from the Seasons' profits before the division is made. '

Mr. Bingle proposed as an amendment and Mr. Fielding seconded that these terms be accepted but that the Club be allowed to deduct Income Tax before the division.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Normans' resolution was then put and carried *nem con*.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

Directors' Meeting held at 1 Barton Street, Gloucester, on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy (Deputy Chairman), F. H. Bretherton, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, H. G. Norman, A. C. Williams, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

An apology was received from Mr. Frank Tandy.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman stated they had not yet [received] any report re. the cost of the new driving way, having been unable to fix up an appointment with the City Surveyor up to the present.

Hockey.

A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Hudson making a definite offer of £15 for the use of the spare piece of Ground for Hockey from September 1<sup>st</sup> 1920, to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1921, and also for the right of sheep grazing for the same period. On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Bretherton it was resolved to accept the offer.

Mr. Brookes elected a Director.

The Football Club having asked for further representation on the Board, recommended Mr. John Thomas Brookes, who was joint holder of the Club's shares in the Company. The Chairman pointed out there [were] only nine Directors, but that by the Company's Articles of Association there could be 10.

It was therefore resolved on the proposition of Mr. Norman seconded by Mr. Bingle that Mr. John Thomas Brookes, 1 Seymour Road, Gloucester, Quantity Surveyor, be and is hereby elected a Director of the Company.

Football Club's New Terms.

A very long debate took place with reference to the Football Club's reply, wherein they offered to increase the amount over and above the £250 definite rent, from 20% to 25%, and again the matter of Income Tax and other items in the Football Club's last Balance Sheet were brought into discussion. Finally it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Bingle seconded by Mr. Bretherton that the Directors offer to accept £500 as a definite rent from September 1<sup>st</sup> 1920 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 1921, the Club to pay half the local rates as heretofore, and the arrangements re. other lettings also to remain, viz. each party to take an equal share.

The Club's 1919-1920 Balance Sheet.

Much time was spent into going fully into what the Directors considered items on the expenditure side which should not, they thought, appear before dividing the Season's profits with the Company. However as no definite conclusion could be arrived at, the Chairman adjourned the matter for further consideration.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1920.



Directors' Meeting held on Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1920, at 1 Barton Street, Gloucester.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), Frank Tandy, F. H. Bretherton, J. T. Brookes, A. F. Fielding, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were announced from Messrs. F. W. Lovesy, S. W. Bingle, H. J. Berry, and H. G. Norman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman warmly welcomed Mr. Brookes, referring to the great amount of work he had done for the Football Club, and expressed belief that he would be of the same valuable assistance to the Company.

Mortgage Interest Increase.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Prible to the effect that the Gloucester Conservative Benefit Society would raise the rate of interest on the Mortgage from December 25<sup>th</sup> 1920 from 4% to 4½%, and on June 24<sup>th</sup> 1921 to 5%. The Directors considered this very reasonable and on the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Bretherton the same was agreed to.

The Football Club having made application to move the Turnstile on the Worcester Street side, so as to admit the public direct into the two shilling side of the ground, and to erect a new single door. On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Tandy permission was granted.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, November 29th, 1920, at 1 Barton Street, Gloucester.

Present: Messrs. H. A. Dancy (Chairman), F. W. Lovesy (Deputy Chairman), J. T. Brookes, A. C. Williams, F. H. Bretherton, A. F. Fielding, S. W. Bingle, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Messrs. H. J. Berry, H. G. Norman, and F. Tandy.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Corporation Account reduced to £20 12s. 10d.

The Chairman said at last he had been able to confer with Major Carter re. the cost of making new driving way at where the new doorway had been made with the result Major Carter had reduced the Corporation Account from £23 15s. 4d. to £20 12s. 10d. The Directors considered this satisfactory and same was ordered to be paid. Likewise, an account from Mr. William Jones, Builder, £14 4s. 0d. for repairs.

A letter was read from Mr. Arthur Hudson pointing out that the Football Club had now settled with the Income Tax people and there now remained a credit balance of £75 8s. 0d. of which the Company were entitled to  $\frac{1}{3}$ , viz. £25 2s. 8d. This the Board decided to accept.

Football Club's New Terms.

With reference to the Directors' offer to the Football Club of September 6th, for a definite rent of £500, a letter was read from the Secretary of the Club as follows:

*October 1st, 1920*

*Dear Sir,*

*I am directed by my Committee to inform you that they are prepared to offer the following terms for Kingsholm Ground for Season 1920-1921.*

*To pay £250 rent and a share of the profits to the extent of £250 to assist towards dilapidations of the property.*

*My Committee sincerely hope this will be acceptable to your Directors.*

On the proposition of Mr. Bingle seconded by Mr. Lovesy, these terms were accepted and the Secretary directed to write Mr. Hudson of the Board's decision.

The Chairman gave a rough idea of the amount there would be as Balance in Hand over the year ending August 31st, 1920 - just over £227, and pointed out it took £157 10s. 0d. to pay 5%.

On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Lovesy it was resolved to hold the General Meeting of Shareholders on Friday, December 17th, and then recommend a dividend of 5%.

Advertisements.

Mr. Fielding asked that particulars as to Contracts with Advertisers might be produced at the next Directors' meeting and the Chairman promised to endeavour to be prepared with same by Monday, December 6th.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, December 6th, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey, A. C. Williams, Arthur F. Fielding, Directors.  
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apologies were received from Messrs. H. G. Norman, H. J. Berry, and J. T. Brookes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported that the Shares held by Messrs. Lovesy and Tandy (for the Athletic Club) having now been transferred to the representatives of the Football [Club], both Mr. Lovesy and Mr. Tandy ceased to be Directors.

The Chairman then read a list of Shareholders holding sufficient shares (20) to qualify for a seat on the Board. On the proposition of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. Albert George Winfield of Westgate Street, Gloucester, Seed Merchant, was duly elected.

The Balance Sheet to August 31st 1920 was read by the Chairman showing a Balance of £216 2s. 6d. made on the years' working. Also a drafted Report; both were accepted by the meeting.

Solicitors.

Proposed by Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr. Williams and resolved that Messrs. Grimes, Madge & Lloyd be appointed Solicitors to the Company.

Resolved that Messrs. Harry A. Dancey and A. F. Fielding sign the Balance Sheet on behalf of the Board.

The Chairman produced the particulars of the Lettings of Advertisement Spaces as supplied by Mr. William Dancey, the Agent.

The question of the Directors being able to use their seats in the Pavilion on County Match days was raised and Mr. Fielding promised to see if it could be arranged.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

December 17th, 1920.

Directors' Meeting held at the New Inn Hotel, on 17th December, 1920.

Present: Messrs. Harry A. Dancey (Chairman), A. F. Fielding, J. T. Brookes, H. J. Berry, A. C. Williams, F. H. Bretherton, A. G. Winfield, Directors.

W. H. Madge, Solicitor.

J. E. Dutton, Auditor.

William Dancey, Agent.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Before commencing the business of the Meeting the Chairman warmly welcomed Mr. Berry who had, through illness, not been able to attend a Board Meeting since February, and stated they were all very delighted to observe the improvement in Mr. Berry's health.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Winfield as a Director, and, as Solicitor, Mr. Walter Madge, feeling quite sure both would render whatever help they could in conducting the affairs of the Company. Both gentlemen acknowledged the Chairman's remarks.

Mr. Norman's Resignation.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. H. G. Norman resigning his seat on the Board and requesting that his name should not be put forward before the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders for re-election.

Everyone present greatly regretted Mr. Norman's resignation and the Secretary was instructed on the proposition of Mr. Brookes seconded by Mr. Fielding to convey the expression and thanks to Mr. Norman for his service as a Director.

Also to Mr. Lovesy and Mr. Frank Tandy who had done much to help the Board.

The Directors then attended the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey.

March 14th, 1921.