

Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Company, Ltd.

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

(Part I - 1899-1905)

1899

Directors' Meeting Wednesday, June 7th, 1899.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), T. Gurney, C. H. Dancey, S. Davis, H. J. Berry, Directors.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Hubert J. Boughton, Solicitor.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Stout wrote apologizing for non-attendance owing to the Football Club audit taking place at the same hour.

Mr. Berry acknowledges his Election.

The Chairman, on behalf of the whole Board warmly welcomed Mr. Berry to assist in conducting the Company's business. Mr. Berry thanked the Board for his election and expressed the pleasure it would give him to render whatever aid he could in the interest of the Company.

The Secretary reported Lettings as follows:

Symonds; Vinegar Corner, June 1st to 12th, including water supply - £11.

(Mr. Symonds also paying the Post Office Committee £2 for using the Corner on their Sports Day.)

Post Office Sports, June 10th - £5 5s. 0d.

George Sangers' Circus, June 27th - £8 10s. 0d. (water included)

Bruton Knowles & Co.; Sale, June 21st - £3 3s. 0d.

Foresters Loss on Whit Monday.

A letter was read from Mr. Workman to the effect that the Foresters had sustained a loss on the Tournament held on Whit Monday and asking if the Directors could make any reduction in the rent.

After carefully considering the matter it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Gurney not to make any allowance off the rent, as it would form a

precedent, but the Board sanctioned a donation of £5 towards the funds now being raised to defray the expenses of getting the Foresters High Court to Gloucester.

Bill Posting in Worcester Street.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk to the effect that the Streets Committee had received a Memorial objecting to the Bills being posted on the Worcester Street fence. After some conversation on the matter the Secretary was instructed to see Mr. W. Dancey and get particulars as to the letting, and to obtain a copy of the City Bye Laws, respecting Bill posting stations.

Mortgage Transfer.

A letter was read from Mr. Walter Madge, Secretary to the Conservative Benefit Society making a definite offer of £3,000 at 3% providing a satisfactory valuation by Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. was laid before the Society's Committee, and that the money be required for a term of years. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. Gurney that the offer be accepted.

Valuation.

Resolved on the proposition [of] Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Gurney that Mr. Madge be asked to obtain a valuation of the property from Messrs. Bruton Knowles and Co.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 6th, 1899.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, W. Stout, T. Gurney, D. Reardon, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, G. Cummings, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Post Office Sports.

A letter was read from Mr. Huggins expressing thanks to the Company for obtaining the £2 from Mr. Symonds for his having the use of the Vinegar Works Corner on their Sports Day, and stating the arrangement worked most satisfactorily.

England v Wales Match.

A letter was read from Mr. Grimes addressed to the Chairman respecting the probability of the International Match being played at Kingsholm - pointing out that if such came about considerable alterations would be necessary but that his (The Football) Committee took it the Directors would not raise any objection. Mr. Vears said that he had replied to the letter to the effect that the Club could rely on the Directors rendering every assistance and support in their power.

Sangers' Circuses.

The Secretary pointed out that one Sangers paid £10 for the use of the Field for a Circus and the other £8 10s. 0d., and seeing both establishments were about the same size he considered both ought to pay £10. But he wanted the Board's authority to act in the matter. The Directors were unanimous that both ought to pay £10, and instructed the Secretary not to let the Field to either under £10.

Balance Sheet.

The Chairman then read a rough Balance Sheet for the year ending Aug. 31st '99, which showed a Balance sufficient to pay 5% dividend and to carry off nearly £40 to depreciation account if the £60 paid for the Improvements on the Pavilion side was diluted to Capital account.

A considerable amount of discussion followed on the matter, the general opinion being that the whole of the £60 should be charged to Capital account and on the proposition of Mr. T. Gurney seconded by Mr. Cummings it was resolved to recommend 5% be paid and carry to depreciation account the balance over £150 it takes to pay same [*sic*].

Accounts were ordered to be paid amounting to £36 10s. 0d., and Rates £31 12s. 2d.

The Annual General Meeting was ordered to be summoned for Friday Oct. 6th, 1899, at 7:30 p.m.

Office.

The Chairman again mentioned the fact that he was still of the opinion that they might give up the Office at the Oddfellows Hall, and one or two of the Directors shared that opinion with him, but as the Board were not unanimous at present on the matter the question of saving the rent (£2) must be again considered at a future date.

Football Club's Agreement and Supplementary Agreement, 1895.

The Chairman called on the Secretary to read a Minute of a Meeting held March 1st 1899 relating to the Supplementary Agreement entered into with the Football Club. This having been done, the one opinion prevailing with the whole Board was that the time had arrived when the Supplementary Agreement should be cancelled, and it was considered the best way to do this was to invite the Football Committee to send a sub-committee to confer with the Directors on the matter.

On the motion of Mr. Cummings seconded by Mr. Gurney the Secretary was instructed to acquaint Mr. H. W. Grimes of the Directors' wishes.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors' Meeting] Friday September 15th, 1899.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, C. H. Dancey, G. Cummings, H. J. Berry, H. W. Grimes, C. E. Brown, T. Gurney, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Resignation of Mr. Stout.

Mr. Stout wrote to the effect that having resigned from the Committee of the Football Club he felt it his duty to resign his position on the Board of Directors, as he sat there as the Trustee of the Football Club's shares which were registered in his name.

The Chairman said he deeply regretted the resignation of Mr. Stout; he was a man highly respected and his attendance and advice at that Board were much appreciated. Besides he was [a] keen sportsman of a real genuine type, and a Gentleman it was a pleasure to be associated with. Every Director fully endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Stout and express to him the regret every Director felt in losing such a valuable member. The resignation was formerly accepted on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Reardon.

Mr. C. E. Brown's Election.

The Secretary reported receiving a letter from Mr. Grimes with instruction [to] prepare transfer of the shares in Mr. Stout's name to Mr. C. E. Brown on behalf of the Football Club. Mr. Reardon then proposed and Mr. Cummings seconded that Mr. C. E. Brown be elected to fill the vacancy on the Board. Carried unanimously.

At this point Mr. Brown entered the room when the Chairman informed him of his being unanimously elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Stout's resignation. Mr. Brown thanked the Board for the honour the members had conferred on him.

Football Club's Deputation.

Messrs. Harry A. Dancey and F. W. Lovesey with Mr. Brown then represented the Football Club as a deputation from the Club's Committee to confer with the Directors respecting the cancelling of the Supplementary Agreement referred to at the last meeting. All present entered fully into the matter in a thorough amicable spirit.

No resolution or vote was taken but a suggestion was made that the Club should pay £325 for the eight months and have entire right to let it for what they could, undertaking that the field should be left in proper order. Another suggestion was that the Club should pay half the rates, and a third suggestion was to the effect that the Club should allow £30 out of their half, so that should more than £60 be derived any winter from other sources than Football matches the Club would claim half of all over that amount. Another suggestion was that the Club should forego any income derived on the ground from any sources other than Football during the Club tenancy.

[Signed] A. W. Vears

[Directors'] Meeting Friday, October 6th, 1899.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. E. Brown, S. Davis, D. Reardon, H. J. Berry, C. H. Dancey, G T. Gurney, Directors.
Boughton, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Sheep Grazing.

The Secretary reported that the Football Club had taken the sheep grazing again for the twelve months for £7 10s. 0d. as before.

Football Rent and Symonds' Rent.

The Secretary also reported that the Football Club had paid £200 of their rent, which was banked Sept. 30th.

Also that W. Symonds had paid £60 for the Vinegar Works Corner which was also banked.

Football Club paying half Rates.

A letter was read from Mr. Bingle to the effect that the Football Club would be willing in future to pay one half of the local Rates. Mr. Reardon proposed, Mr S. Davies seconding that the Board should accept this offer. Carried. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and thank the Club Committee for the amicable consideration they had given the matter.

Sangers' Circus.

The Secretary reported letting the Vinegar Works Corner for John Sangers' Circus for Monday Oct. 16th, for £10.

Symonds' Barton Fair.

Mr. Symonds applied through the Secretary for the Vinegar Works Corner during Barton Fair & Mops, 1900. If he kept it locked up and unused he offered to pay £50, (as he had now not used it for two years paying £60 each time) but if he used it or had any machines running he was willing to pay £60.

As the General Meeting was summoned for 7:30 the time to discuss the matter was so short that the Chairman adjourned the subject to be decided at the next meeting.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

1900

[Directors' Meeting] Wednesday, January 31st, 1900.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, H. J. Berry, T. Gurney, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Mr. Dancey sent an apology for absence owing to his being unwell.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Symonds' - Barton Fair.

On the motion of Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Reardon, it was resolved to accept Mr. Symonds' offer viz. to pay £50 if the ground was unused, and £60 if the ground was used and machines running as at Barton Fair.

Dancey's Sale by Auction.

The Secretary reported Mr. W. Dancey held a Sale by Auction on the Field January 24th to dispose of a portion of the Timber used for Stands in connection with the International Match, and that he, Mr. Dancey, had paid a fee of 10/6d. for the use of the field, and half the amount, viz. 5/3d. had been handed to the Treasurer of the Football Club.

Whit Monday, 1900.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. F. McCrea asking for the first refusal of the Field for Whit Monday, 1900.

"Citizen" Telephone on the Ground.

The Secretary reported that a Telephone Instrument had been erected on the Pavilion for the exclusive use of the proprietors of the "Citizen" to send messages and communicate with their office in St. John's Lane, and the Chairman (Mr. Vears) had considered the fee of 21/- per annum a reasonable sum to be paid for the right of having the instrument on the Company's property. The Proprietors of the Citizen (Messrs. Chance and Bland) however considered 10/6d. a fair amount. After the matter had been well discussed, Mr. Brown proposed and Mr. Berry seconded and it was unanimously resolved that 21/- should be the charge.

Bill Posting on the Worcester Street Fence.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk stating strong objections had been brought before the Streets Committee to the Bill posting on the Company Hoarding in Worcester Street. After long and careful consideration the following resolution was carried on the proposition of Mr. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Gurney;

"That the Company's Advertising Agent be instructed to discontinue letting the Worcester Street Hoarding for Bill posting stations and in future to obtain only painted advertisements at the expiration of each Bill posting tenancy."

The Secretary was ordered to send a copy of the resolution to Mr. Blakeway (the Town Clerk) and Mr. W. Dancey, the Advertising Agent.

Payments.

Messrs. Bretherton & Boughton's bill £16 10s. 0d. for cost of Mortgage transfer was ordered to be paid.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting, March 21st, 1900.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. E. Brown, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Chance & Bland Telephone.

A letter was received from Messrs. Chance & Bland to the effect that they considered 21/- an exorbitant rent for the right of having a Telephone Instrument fixed for their use on the Pavilion. After due consideration, Mr. Berry proposed and Mr. Davis seconded and it was agreed to accept 10/6d. per year for a term of three years, but if only for one year the charge [to] remain 21/-.

Saint Mary de Lode Cricket Club.

An application was read from the Secretary of St. Mary de Lode Cricket Club to rent part of the field for cricket during the coming summer. The experience of allowing cricket on the field was given by the Chairman, Mr. Davis, and the Secretary, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Davis not to allow cricket on the ground.

Mr. McCrea - Whit Monday, 1900.

Mr. McCrea wrote asking the lowest terms on which he could have the ground for Sports and Horse Jumping on Whit Monday. Mr. Berry proposed and Mr. Davis seconded that the usual price (£25) be asked. Carried.

Mowing Machine.

The Gloucester Cricket Club offered a second-hand Mowing Machine to the Company for £1. On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Davies it was resolved to accept same if the cost of putting it in proper working order did not exceed 21/-. The Secretary was ordered to make enquiries re. the cost.

Prune Trees.

The Secretary was ordered to have the young trees pruned and the larger ones lopped where necessary.

Payments.

Income Tax £7 5s. 9d. was ordered to be paid.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Meeting of the Directors; held on the Field, Monday May 28th, 1900 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, S. Davis, D. Reardon, G. Cummings, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was called to meet Mr. Volney of the Albert Hall to hear from him the full particulars of the Entertainments he wished to hold on the Field.

The Secretary read Mr. Volney's application and explained how the Board stood with regard to the letting of the Field for Training, Sheep Tack, Drilling, etc.

Mr. Volney then joined the Directors and described the piece of ground he wished to rent, which practically meant the Vinegar Works Corner. The Chairman and most of the Directors questioned Mr. Volney respecting position of his stage which he said would be back towards Worcester Street. The refreshment booth he contemplated placing near the brook.

It was clearly understood that if a Circus wanted that part of the field the Company held the right of letting it.

It was also pointed out that the Field was already let to the Engineers who drilled there, and the Rifle - Artillery. There was the small Tennis Club and those who held Training tickets. *[sic]*.

The Chairman then informed Mr. Volney that the charge would be £5 per week and that the last week ended Aug. 25th. Mr. Volney said he would consider the matter as he had other enquiries to make.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Special Meeting held at New Inn Hotel, June 9th, 1900.

Present: Messrs. D. Reardon (in the Chair), C. H. Dancey and H. J. Berry, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Mr. Vears was out of Town and unable to be present.

The Secretary stated the Chairman (Mr. A. W. Vears) had instructed him to summon this meeting to decide if the Company should be represented at the late Mr. Stout's funeral, taking place the following Monday.

It was resolved that the Company should be represented and all present promised to attend. The Secretary was ordered to see that two two-horse carriages were ready at College Mews at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and also to see that the whole of the Directors were acquainted with time of starting, etc.

Mr. Reardon proposed, Mr. Dancey seconded and it was resolved to send the following letter to Mrs. Stout:

"At a meeting of the Directors of above Company held this evening, I was instructed to convey to you and your family, the sincerest sympathy of every member of the Board and each official of the Company in the sad loss you have sustained, and to assure you that the memory of Mr. Stout and his warm-hearted assistance will be ever cherished by us all."

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting, Wednesday, June 13th, 1900.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), T. Gurney, C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last three meetings were read and confirmed.

Chance & Bland Telephone.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Messrs. Chance & Bland had discontinued the use of the Telephone from the ground and had had the instrument removed.

Symonds' - Barton Fair.

As Mr. Symonds had not yet actually taken the field for Barton Fair, on the proposition of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. Berry it was resolved that the Secretary ascertain where Mr. Symonds is and see him with the agreement and get the taking definitely settled.

Volney's Café Chautrant.

Mr. Volney intimated to the Secretary and had also written a long letter to the effect that it would be much more convenient and safeguarding his property if he had the right of letting to Sangers his part of the Field; and for that right he was willing to pay £60 for ten weeks instead of £50. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Dancey proposed and Mr. Berry seconded that this be accepted. Carried.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting, Wednesday, September 5th, 1900.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, H. J. Berry, D. Reardon, T. Gurney, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Symonds' - Barton Fair, 1900.

The Secretary reported Mr. Symonds had signed the Agreement for Barton Fair.

Volney.

The Secretary stated Mr. Volney had paid £48 out of the £60 due and had promised the remaining £12 in a few days.

Football Club - Sheep Grazing.

The Football Club having decided to again take the Grazing, Mr. Bingle had written formerly acquainting the Company of the fact.

Registering Probate.

It was resolved that in future a fee of 2/6d. be charged for registering probate of any deceased Shareholder.

Balance Sheet to August 31st, 1900.

A rough Balance was presented to the Board showing a balance of about £180 on the years' working. Resolved to recommend the paying of a dividend of 5% which would appropriate £150 and to carry the remainder off to depreciation account.

General Meeting.

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held on Friday October 12th, 1900, at 7:30 p.m.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting, Friday, October 12th, 1900.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, D. Reardon, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, Directors.
H. J. Boughton, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported Mr. Volney had paid £6, but that there still remained £6 unpaid, which Mr. Volney had promised to pay in a few days.

Barton Fair, 1901.

The Secretary reported receiving a written application from Mr. Jno. Studt offering £60 for the right of having the Field for Barton Fair 1901, and five pounds extra if it was used for Roundabout etc., as at the Fair. Mr. W. Symonds also offered a similar amount. After explanation from the Secretary of how the offers were attained, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Symonds should have the Field as before, paying £60 if unused and five pounds extra if Roundabouts etc., were permitted.

Electric Light.

Mr. Dancey applied on behalf of the Football Club for permission to lay on the electric cable and erect arc lamps on the Field to provide light for training purposes. Permission was unanimously granted and the Secretary was instructed to write the Secretary of the Club informing of the same.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

1901

Directors' Meeting held on the Field, Tuesday, February 28th, 1901.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, H. J. Berry, C. H. Dancey, Directors.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was summoned to consider the advisability of putting corrugated iron fence for a distance of 112ft.; 6ft. high, down against the Brook owing to some persons having complained that nuisances were committed on Football match days in view of the houses in Serlo Road. Having inspected the position the Directors were of opinion that half the length would be sufficient, seeing however that in consequence of there being an unclimable fence at this spot Mr. Dancey suggested the matter should be brought before the Football Committee so as to endeavour to get them to bear half the cost, as they (the Football Club) had to station a Policeman there every match.

On the proposition of Mr. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Berry, it was resolved to leave the matter in Mr. Dancey's hands to bring it before the Football Committee, and if they would bear half the cost, the fence should be erected 56ft. on the one side of the urinal and 56ft. on the other, the total cost as estimated by Mr. H. S. Crump being £15 17s. 6d.

If however the Club declined to pay half the cost, the Company to erect only the 56ft. nearest Deans Walk.

Flag Pole.

The recent gales having broken off the flag pole. It was resolved to have it repaired, but not to go to the expense of having a new one.

Trees.

The Directors made a general inspection of the Field and decided that certain trees should be carefully lopped.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting, Wednesday, March 6th, 1901.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, D. Reardon, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

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

Fence.

Mr. Dancey reported that the Football Committee had decided to pay £8 towards the cost of the proposed fence, but he had suggested a little alteration by carrying the fence across the brook at the end nearest Deans Walk, thereby making a complete unclimbable fence to that end of the Field. The whole Board expressed their satisfaction at the manner the Football Club had met the Company in the matter and the Chairman proposed, Mr. Reardon seconded and it was carried that Messrs. C. E. Brown and C. H. Dancey be asked to convey to the Football Committee the Directors' thanks for the very fair and generous way the Club had met the Directors over the matter.

Volney - still owes £5.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. Volney still owed the Company £5 balance of his last summers' rent. Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. Dancey that the Secretary write Mr. Volney to express the Directors surprise that he, Mr. Volney, had not kept his promise and request him to pay same without any further delay.

Flagpole.

The Secretary reported that upon further examination it was found necessary to have a new top part complete and the Board ordered same to be bought.

St. Catherine's Flower Show.

The Secretary reported that the Field was let for St. Catherine's Flower Show, August 15th, 1901.

Alington Flower Show.

Also that application for terms had been received from the Alington Show, who had been informed that they could have the ground on the same terms as St. Catherine's.

Payments were ordered;

Income Tax per Mr. McCrea	£10 18s. 8d.
District Rates & Water per Mr. Underwood	£32 10s. 11d.
Income Tax per Mr. F. Jones	£ 2 7s. 6d.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting on the Field, Friday, July 13th, 1901.

Present: The Chairman, A. W. Vears, C D. Reardon, H. Dancey, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, Directors.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The meeting was called to consider the advisability of putting a drain to take overflow water from the tap near the Director's door to the Twyver near the Vinegar Works, and after inspecting the spot the Directors ordered the work to be carried out.

Symonds' Roundabouts.

The Directors having inspected the part of the Field where Mr. Symonds had stood they instructed the Secretary to write and inform him that they considered he had left the Field in a satisfactory condition.

Ambulance Competition.

The Secretary reported he had received an application for terms on which the St. John's Ambulance Society could hold an outdoor competition on the Field, and it was resolved to permit same, for the fee of One Guinea.

Corporation - Ventilating Shafts.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Read and ask that the bands which secure the ventilating shafts to the trees might be eased again as some of them were becoming embedded in the bark of the trees.

Trees.

Some of the occupants of houses in St. Mark Street had made application for the trees near their houses should next winter be considerably reduced in size. The Directors having viewed those in question thought it undesirable to further reduce them for another twelve months at least.

Urinals, etc., near Twyver.

Some complaints having been made as to the state of these, the meeting inspected every W.C. and urinal on the whole Field and were unable to detect any defect or objectionable smells in any of them.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting, Wednesday, September 4th, 1901.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), T. Gurney, C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, D. Reardon, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

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

The Secretary reported that Mr. Volney had paid the £5 that was outstanding.

McCrea - £3 3s. 0d.

Mr. F. McCrea engaged the Field for Monday July 22nd for the Scots Guards Band for £3 3s. 0d., but did not use the Field, and therefore asked that he might have the fee reduced to one half, viz. £1 11s. 6d., as was the usual custom in such cases with Halls & Fields where the performance did not take place.

Resolved on proposition of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. Berry to reduce the fee to one half.

Urinals.

A long discussion took place in regard to the complaint that the urinal near the Twyver was a nuisance, but the Board was of a unanimous opinion that no nuisance existed, but resolved that the matter should remain under consideration to give the Corporation officials the opportunity of pointing out where and how the nuisance existed.

Office.

Owing to the fact that only two meetings had been held during the year at the Registered Office and that all letters and messages were delivered to the Secretary at his own business address (92 Northgate Street, Gloucester) it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. T. Gurney that the Registered Offices of this Company be removed from 81 Barton Street, Gloucester, to 92 Northgate Street, Gloucester, and that the Secretary make the best terms he could with the Oddfellows Hall Committee in giving up the room used as office.

Accounts; Balance Sheet to August 31st, 1901.

The Chairman produced a rough Balance Sheet for the Company's year ending August 31st which showed a balance of about £170. The whole Board expressed themselves as quite satisfied with the years' working.

The Chairman remarking that although the Income was about £28 less, still the Expenses had been less by £20. Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. Dancey that the Directors recommend paying a dividend of 5%, carrying off the remainder to depreciation account.

Future Meetings.

Mr. Berry kindly offered a room any time at the New Inn Hotel to hold Directors' meetings and General Meetings of the Company free of cost. The Chairman voiced the thanks of the Company to Mr. Berry for his generous offer and it was resolved to hold all future meetings at the New Inn Hotel.

Payments were ordered;

Madge - for Interest	£42 15s. 0d.
Underwood - Rates	£34 3s. 2d.
Secretary - to pay accounts to August 31st	£36 0s. 0d.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

First Meeting of Directors held at the New Inn Hotel, Monday, October 7th, 1901.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), S. Davis, D. Reardon, C. H. Dancey, and Geo. Cummings, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Office at Oddfellows Hall.

The Secretary reported that the Oddfellows Hall Committee had released the Company from the tenancy of the Office on payment of 10/-; one quarters' rent. The Board considered this very satisfactory.

The Earth Closet and Urinal near Twyver.

A long letter addressed from the Local Government Board to the Town Clerk with reference to the Earth Closet and Urinal near the Twyver was read and considered at some length. Ultimately Mr. Dancey proposed and Mr. Davis seconded and it was resolved;

"that the temporary Earth Closet and Urinal near the Twyver be discontinued to be used as such, but as soon as possible be converted into a Shed for the Roller."

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting held on October 11th, 1901.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, D. Reardon, Directors.
H. J. Boughton, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Football Club paid £100.

The Secretary reported that the Football Club paid on Oct 8th, £100, the first part of their rent for Season 1901-1902, and the cheque was duly banked October 8th.

Removal of Urinal.

The Secretary reported he had seen Mr. Read who suggested that the Corporation men should put the gully in and connect the drain from the urinal to be placed on Deans Walk side. In fact do all the work below the ground level. This was agreed to.

Crumps' Tender.

Crumps' tender for removal of the iron work only was read; - 35/-. The Secretary was ordered to get the work done as soon as possible.

The Annual General Meeting then took place.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

1902

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, August 27th, 1902.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

This being the first meeting of the Board since the death of Mr. Hubert J. Boughton, the Company's Solicitor, the Chairman and most of the Directors present feelingly alluded to the sad event and to the loss the Company had sustained by his lamented death.

Solicitor.

On the motion of Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. Davis, Mr. H. W. Grimes was unanimously appointed Solicitor to the Company.

Passion Play - Rev. Scobell's Letter.

A letter was read from Canon Scobell calling attention to an Advertisement in the "*Citizen*" announcing the Passion Play to be performed while Mr. Jacob Studt had the field in July, and complaining of such solemn and sacred scenes should be preceded by Galloping Horses and followed by a Pantomime.

The Secretary reported he had acknowledged the letter and pointed out to the Rev. Scobell that when the Company let the Field for roundabouts etc., the Board of Directors had no control over side shows.

At the same time, he assured the Rev. Scobell that his letter should receive the Board's serious consideration. This the Directors considered satisfactory and the matter was allowed to remain to be dealt with in future should occasion arise.

New Director.

Mr. T. Gurney having ceased to be a shareholder, a vacancy was caused on the Board. The Chairman explained that the Gloucester Athletic Club had become proprietors of over seventy shares and had expressed an opinion that they should be represented on the Board of Directors

This was accepted by each member present and on the proposition of Mr. Dennis Reardon seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown it was resolved that Mr. Trevor B. Powell be elected to take Mr. Gurney's place.

Lost Cheques.

Mr. C. G. Clark having informed the Secretary that he had lost his cheques for the dividends of 1900 and 1901, it was resolved that new cheques be issued to him on condition he wrote a letter indemnifying the Company against any loss should the first cheques be presented.

Barton Fair - 1902.

The Secretary reported having used every possible endeavour to get a definite offer in writing from Mr. Jacob Studt but had failed, and the only offer he now had was from Mr. W. Symonds for the usual time; £65 if the ground was used as Barton Fair, and £50 if unused. Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. Davis to accept Mr. Symonds' offer.

Payments;

Rates - £34 13s. 8d.

were ordered to be paid.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting held on Friday, September 12th, 1902.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, Trevor B. Powell, C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Trevor B. Powell as the new member of the Board and expressed the Director's gratification at having a representative of the Athletic Club as a Director. Mr. Powell acknowledged the compliment paid him, and also to the Athletic Club now that they were represented on the Board.

Mr. Grimes resigns his seat on the Board.

A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Grimes acknowledging his appointment as Solicitor to the Company and resigning his seat on the Board of Directors in consequence. The Secretary stated he had informed the Football Club of the change but had not yet received the name of the gentleman to succeed Mr. Grimes as the Football Club's representative.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting Mr. C. G. Clark had found one of the cheques missing and was still endeavouring to find the other.

Barton Fair, 1902.

Reported that Mr. W. Symonds had consented to take the Field for Barton Fair for 1902, to pay £50 if not opened as Barton Fair - £65 if used.

Accounts and Balance Sheet to August 31st 1902.

The Chairman produced a rough balance sheet showing £150+ made during the past year. Some discussion took place as to certain items being placed to Capital Account but it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. Reardon that £150 should go to pay 5% dividend and that the remaining balance should be carried off to depreciation account.

General Meeting.

The Secretary was ordered to summon the Annual General Meeting to be held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10th, 1902.

Repairs to St. Mark [Street] Fence.

It was resolved that certain necessary repairs to the fence against St. Mark Street should be carried out, but that the Directors be summoned to attend a meeting on the Ground to inspect the Pavilion and the fence mentioned, on Monday September 22nd.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

[Directors'] Meeting held on the Field on Monday, September 22nd, 1902.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, C. H. Dancey, S. Davis, H. G. Brown, T. B. Powell, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Having viewed the St. Mark Street fence, flooring in the Pavilion, and Turnstile, all places where certain repairs were necessary, it was resolved that same should be done and Bunting and Carpenter was ordered to do the work with Dyke (assisting, moving soil, etc.) and to obtain the timber required from Mr. Vears.

Painting Pavilion and doors, fence, etc.

Some reference was made to the necessity of painting the Pavilion fences and doors but the matter was left over to be dealt with at the next meeting.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

1903

Directors' [Meeting] held on Wednesday, February 4th, 1903.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, Trevor B. Powell, D. Reardon, H. G. Brown, C. H. Dancey, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Accident to the Chairman.

Mr. Dennis Reardon referred to the accident which lately happened to Mr. Vears, whereby he had sustained a broken arm, and on behalf of the whole Board expressed their sincere sympathy. Mr. Dancey also confirmed the genuine sympathetic feelings of every member present as well as those absent. Mr. Vears acknowledged the kindness and said the accident had most certainly caused him a great deal of pain, but such expression as those he had just listened to cheer him, because he knew they were sincere.

Boughton Memorial Fund.

Proposed by Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. Dancey that the Company give £5 5s. 0d. to the Public Memorial being erected over the grave of the late Mr. Hubert J. Boughton. Carried.

Payments.

The following payments were ordered

Mr. Madge - Interest	£42	3s.	9d.
McCrea - Income Tax	£13	13s.	5d.
F. Jones - " "	£ 4	11s.	3d.
Secretary - Petty Cash	£20	0s.	0d.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Thursday, September 10th, 1903.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, H. G. Brown, C. E. Brown, C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, Trevor B. Powell, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that the Engineers had again this year used the usual piece of Ground for drilling and had paid the same rent - £10.

Symonds - Barton Fair.

The Secretary also reported that Mr. W. Symonds had again taken the Vinegar Works Corner for Barton Fair; to pay £50 if the field was unused - but £60 if used as Barton Fair. The Agreement to this having been properly drawn up, signed and stamped.

Balance Sheet.

The Chairman read a Balance Sheet for the year showing a Balance on the year of £200 7s. 4d., remarking that this established a record. The whole of the Board expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the years' working.

5% Dividend.

Mr. Reardon proposed and Mr. C. E. Brown seconded to recommend the payment of 5% dividend, and to write off £20 7s. 4d., carrying forward a Balance of £30. Carried.

Annual Meeting.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. H. G. Brown that the Annual General Meeting be held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Friday, October 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

£5 Honorarium to Secretary.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to retire from the meeting for a while, and on being recalled into the room Mr. Vears informed the Secretary that the Board had decided that at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders the Directors would recommend the payment of an extra £5 as an honorarium to him for extra work during the past year.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Friday October 9th, 1903.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), D. Reardon, H. G. Brown, Trevor B. Powell, C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, Directors.
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported Mr. Symonds had paid £50 as agreed for the Vinegar Works Corner, as he had kept it locked up and not used as Barton Fair.

Estimate to paint top of Pavilion.

Crumps' estimate to clean off rust and black varnish the roof of the Pavilion was £4 10s. 0d.; if painted £6 0s. 0d. Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. H. G. Brown to have the roof and ends painted.

The Directors then attended the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

1904

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, September 19th, 1904.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), Trevor B. Powell, H. G. Brown, C. E. Brown, Directors.

H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Illness of Mr. Reardon.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Dennis Reardon tendering to him the Board's sincere sympathy in his illness and on behalf of his fellow Directors wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Jacob Studt - Barton Fair, 1904.

The Secretary reported receiving a telegram from Mr. Jacob Studt applying for the use of the Field for Barton Fair. He had however replied that it was already taken, Mr. Symonds having verbally taken it; also the Secretary had been unable to see him to have the usual agreement signed.

Football Club.

A letter was read from the Football Club asking that the spare piece of ground near the Vinegar Works should be got ready for the Juniors to play on. This the Secretary reported had already been done. The letter also requested certain alterations to the rail fence on either side of the Pavilion. The Chairman said he had inspected the part referred to and on his suggestion it was resolved to add additional rails.

Painting Pavilion and Doors.

The Chairman explained that for the past five or six years the Directors had contemplated painting the Pavilion and doors in Worcester Street. It was resolved that the work should be carried out and it was decided to give same three coats of paint. The Secretary to obtain an Estimate for the same from Messrs. Conway Jones & Co., Barnes Bros., and Caleb Stephens; the Chairman being authorized to accept the lowest tender.

Report and Balance Sheet for 1904.

The Chairman read the suggested Report for the Annual General Meeting, also the Balance Sheet for the year which showed a balance of £178 5s. 11d. Resolved to recommend a dividend of 5% (£150), write off £13 5s. 11d. towards General Depreciation and carry forward a balance of £15.

General Meeting.

Resolved to hold the Annual General Meeting [on] Friday October 7th, 1904, at 7:30 p.m. at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Friday, October 7th, 1904.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. G. Brown, C. E. Brown, Trevor B. Powell, C. H. Dancey.

H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Painting.

The Chairman reported that Mr. C. Stephens' price for the painting decided on at the last meeting was the lowest, and therefore he had accepted it; £13 18s. 0d.

Insurance of Pavilion.

Resolved that the Pavilion be in future insured in the Alliance Insurance Company (Mr. H. W. Grimes, Agent) and the Secretary was instructed to remove the policy from the "Hand in Hand" Co., to the Alliance Co.

Symonds and Barton Fair, 1904.

The Chairman reported that the agreement for the letting of the Ground to Mr. W. Symonds for the Barton Fair had been duly signed.

A Free Pitch for Mr. Symonds.

The Secretary and Chairman reported that Mr. Symonds had asked that seeing he paid for the Ground at the Fair time, and did not use it, he might be allowed some time at another period of the year, free. After some discussion it was resolved that should Mr. Symonds sign the agreement to take the Field for next Barton Fair 1905, he be allowed one Pitch free, providing also it did not interfere with any other of the Company's engagements.

The Directors then attended the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on November 16th, 1904.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, H. G. Brown, Trevor B. Powell, C. E. Brown, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Late Mr. Dennis Reardon.

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Dennis Reardon and all present expressed themselves in accord with the kindly remarks of the Chairman, and the Secretary was asked to send the following letter to Mrs. Reardon:

"At a meeting held this evening of the Directors of the Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Company, Ltd., I am asked to convey to you their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement. In your late Husband this Board has lost a most valued, helpful and useful member and a large-hearted and kindly colleague."

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

New Director; Mr. T. A. Washbourn.

The Chairman read a list of all Shareholders eligible for a seat on the Board of Directors (the qualification being twenty shares or upwards). On the proposition of Mr. Vears seconded by Mr. Berry, Mr. Washbourn was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Reardon's death.

Football Club's Letter re. Training Quarters.

A letter was read from Mr. Bingle, Secretary to the Football Club, asking that the Directors would appoint a meeting at which a deputation of the Football Club might meet the Directors to explain the matter and if possible come to arrangement for carrying out certain alterations on the ground in the way of providing proper training quarters for Football players.

A general discussion on the matter followed and it was decided to hold another meeting Wednesday November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. for the Directors only, and 8:00 p.m. admit and hear the deputation.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on November 23rd, 1904.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, T. A. Washbourn, Geo. Cummings, H. G. Brown, Trevor B. Powell, H. J. Berry, Directors.
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Welcome to Mr. Washbourn.

The Chairman on behalf of the whole Board welcomed Mr. Washbourn as a Director, feeling sure he would always render thoughtful aid in conducting the business of the Company. Mr. Washbourn thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks and warm welcome the Board had extended to him.

Football Club requirements.

Mr. Vears introduced the matter of providing the Football Club on the Kingsholm Ground a Gymnasium, bath rooms, dressing rooms, and office, etc. That all was badly wanted there was no question. The point at issue was, were the Directors in a position to and also were they in favour of carrying out the necessary building; if so, how was the money to be raised. A long discussion followed in which each Director took part, though nothing definite was decided on.

At 8 o'clock a Football deputation arrived, consisting of Messrs. Nigel Haines, H. M. Taynton, and H. A. Dancey.

The deputation at some length explained what the Football Club Committee suggested and Mr. Harry Dancey produced a rough plan which he said was simply a rough sketch just to give an idea, and although no estimates had been obtained yet roughly it was expected the cost would be about £700. Many questions were asked and as far as possible answered.

Points raised were:

If the Directors consented to erect the Buildings, would the Club be prepared to take the Field for seven or more years at an increased rent?

What uses could the rooms be put to while the Ground was not in possession of the Football Club?

These and many other points were considered and the deputation withdrew.

Mr. Grimes undertook to make enquiries with regard to increasing the Mortgage and the whole matter was left to be further discussed at a future Directors' meeting, when more and fuller particulars are obtained.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

1905

Directors' Meeting held on January 18th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, H. G. Brown, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, T. A. Washbourn, T. B. Powell, H. J. Berry, Directors.
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Football Rent.

The Secretary reported the Football Club had paid £50 more of the rent due for this season, which was duly banked that day.

Re. Further Mortgage of £1,000.

Mr. Grimes reported he had interviewed the Secretary of the Conservative Benefit Society (Mr. Walter Madge) and he, Mr. Madge, was of opinion that if the Company made an application for the sum of £1,000 as a further advance on Mortgage of the property, he had no doubt that his Committee would sanction it, but that he could not call them together until a definite application was made.

Resolved on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Powell that Mr. Grimes be instructed to make application to the Conservative Benefit Society for a sum not exceeding £1,000, at the rate of 4% per annum.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject of the erection of a building on the Field to contain a gymnasium, baths, dressing rooms, office and committee rooms, etc.;

On the proposition of Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown, it was unanimously resolved that in accordance with the request of the Football Club, a Building, comprising Gymnasium, Bathrooms, Dressing Rooms, and Offices be erected on the Kingsholm ground at an expenditure of about £750, and that this building be let to the Club on terms to be mutually arranged, but this proposition to be subject to the approval of the Shareholders, and to the Directors being able to obtain a further advance on Mortgage of the property.

It was resolved that the following letter be sent to the Secretary of the Football Club in further reply to his communication on the matter:-

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[Official stamp of]

THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND CO. LTD

Northgate Street, Gloucester

20th January 1905

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Directors to inform you that they are disposed to comply with the request of the Football Club to erect a building comprising gymnasium, bath rooms, dressing rooms, offices, etc., and to let to the Football Club on the following terms:

1. That the rent to be a sum equivalent to 7½% per annum on the total outlay of the Company in connection with the Building, including legal and other charges.
2. The letting to run concurrently with the letting of the Ground and upon the same terms generally and particularly with regard to the sub-letting of the building for purposes other than Football.
3. The Company to keep the Building in structural repair throughout, including outside painting, and the Club to undertake to keep during their tenancy the interior of the building in good order and condition.
4. The Club to provide and pay for light, water and fuel required by them during their tenancy and also to pay for all necessary cleaning during the same period.
5. A fresh Tenancy Agreement to be entered into embodying the terms of the letting of both the ground and the Buildings.

I shall be glad if you will bring this matter before your Committee at the earliest possible date and let me have a reply which I can lay before my Board.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Sidney S. Starr

Secretary

Mr. S. W. Bingle
Secretary
Gloucester Football Club

Architect.

It was suggested that Mr. Harry A. Dancey should be appointed the Architect and the Chairman was requested to interview him with reference to fees, etc.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday February 15th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. G. Brown, S. Davis, C. H. Dancey, T. A. Washbourn, C. E. Brown, Directors.

H. A. Dancey, Architect.

W. Dancey, Agent.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Symonds' Rent for last Barton Fair.

The Secretary reported he had applied to Mr. Symonds for an amount on account but up to the present had been unable to get any part.

Proposed Gymnasium, etc.

Mr. Harry A. Dancey attended the Meeting to explain the suggested plans of the New Buildings and after hearing all he had to say on the matter, it was resolved that he be instructed to prepare pencil plans and specifications to be submitted at the next Directors' meeting which is to be called on his informing the Secretary that he had obtained certain details he required and when the whole matter had reached a more definite form.

Football Club accepts terms re. Gymnasium, etc.

A letter was read from the Football Club accepting the terms of tenancy of the Gymnasium etc., as per conditions in the Minutes of the last Director's meeting.

Architect's Fees.

A letter was read from Mr. H. A. Dancey to the effect that 5% plus other out of pocket expenses were the usual fees, but as these buildings would be for the interest of Football generally he would accept 5% commission on the total outlay on the buildings. This the Directors considered very reasonable.

Advertising Stations.

Mr. Wm. Dancey, the Agent, attended the meeting and explained fully the conditions on which he had let nine spaces for painted advertisements on the Worcester St. hoardings to Messrs. Pole & Sons., Advertising Agents, Bristol. The agreement was considered by the Directors as very satisfactory.

Inside Fence Advertisements.

The Board resolved on proposition of Mr. C. E. Brown seconded by Mr. Davis to authorize Mr. William Dancey to let for Painted Advertisements the inner side of the fences round the Ground.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on May 3rd, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), T. B. Powell, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. T. A. Washbourn, C. E. Brown, H. W. Grimes, and the Architect, Mr. H. A. Dancey.

Symonds' Rent for last Barton Fair.

The Secretary reported he had not yet received any part of the amount of Symonds' rent for last Barton Fair. The Directors therefore instructed the Secretary to again apply for some portion.

New Buildings on Ground.

The Plans of the suggested Gymnasium, Dressing Rooms, etc., as drawn by Mr. H. A. Dancey were laid before the Board. But as there were no specifications with the plans and also a small attendance of directors, on the proposition of Mr. Berry seconded by Mr. Davis the meeting was adjourned to Monday May 8th at 7:30 p.m., when it was understood the Architect would be able to attend with fuller details.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on May 8th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, Directors.
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.
Harry A. Dancey, Architect.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messrs. J. A. Washbourn and Trevor B. Powell.

New Agreement with Football Club.

Mr. C. E. Dancey raised the question of certain details which would have to be embodied in the New Agreement which would be made between the Company and the Football Club, and it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. Berry that Mr. Grimes be instructed to draw up and submit to the Directors a Draft of the New Agreement between the Company and the Football Club.

Plans and Specifications of New Buildings.

Mr. Harry A. Dancey being in attendance explained the Plans of the proposed New Buildings with the specifications and answered every enquiry made regarding the proposed structure. Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Berry that Mr. Harry Dancey be instructed to obtain tenders for the proposed building.

Further Mortgage of £1,000 or less.

Mr. Grimes read the correspondence he had with Mr. Madge (the Secretary of the Conservative Benefit Society) the effect of which was that the Society was prepared on the production of a certificate from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co., as to the Value of the Buildings, to advance a further sum of £1,000 or less.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, May 29th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, T. A. Washbourn, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, Directors.

H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.

H. A. Dancey, Architect.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Symonds' Rent.

The Secretary reported he had seen Mr. Symonds and had been to Swindon to see him but up to the present had failed to obtain any amount on account, though Mr. Symonds had made some definite promises. It was resolved that the matter be still left with the Secretary to [do] the best he could to secure the money as soon as possible.

Sangers' Circus, July 4th.

The Secretary reported he had received an enquiry for the Ground for Sangers' for July 4th, but the date had not been definitely settled.

Mr. Cummings resigns.

The Chairman and Secretary reported that Mr. George Cummings had resigned his position as a Director in consequence of ill health. All the members of the Board present regretted the resignation, but more particularly the cause, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Cummings to this effect.

Proposed New Buildings - Tenders.

The Tenders for the proposed Gymnasium etc., were opened by the Chairman, and much surprise was expressed at the amount exceeding what was anticipated, and in consequence the whole matter was reviewed and after a very lengthy discussion and much careful consideration the Directors were unanimous in resolving that if the Football Club are willing to pay an increase [in] rent of £100 per season the Board of Directors will advise the Shareholders to sanction the Scheme, and Mr. Vears, with Messrs. C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, H. A. Dancey, and H. W. Grimes promised to place the facts of the case and the Directors views on the matter before the next meeting of the Football Club Committee.

The Tenders were as follows:

Builders for Building part

T. J. Williams; for the whole	£1450	0	0										
Less Upper Grand Stand if not erected	£	130	0	0	£1320	0	0						
William Jones	£1040	0	0										
Less Upper Stand	£	99	0	0	£	941	0	0					
Freeman & Jones	£	997	0	0									
Less Upper Stand	£	92	0	0	£	905	0	0					
J. Bryard & Sons	£	978	0	0									
Less Upper Stand	£	93	0	0	£	885	0	0					
I. Simmonds	£	950	0	0									
Less Upper Stand	£	85	0	0	£	865	0	0					
Joseph Gurney	£	920	0	0									
Less Upper Stand	£70	0	0										
" Allow for stone for concrete now on ground	£	1	10	0	£	71	10	0	£	848	10	0	
E. J. Clutterbuck & Co.	£	876	0	0									
Less Upper Stand not stated					£	876	0	0					
A. J. Dolman	£	869	0	0									
Less Upper Stand	£	75	0	0									
" Allow for stone on ground used for concrete	£	1	5	0	£	76	5	0	£	792	15	0	

Hot water, Cold, Plumbing and Sanitary Work.

Woodward & Co. Hot Water:	£	127	10	0									
Cold Water:	£	96	10	0	£	224	0	0					
Turner & Pritchard													
Hot Water:	£	130	8	6									
Cold Water:	£	92	2	0	£	222	10	6					

Dolman - lowest builder

£ 792 15 0

Turner & Pritchard - Plumbers, etc.

£ 222 10 6

Total Cost:

£1015 5 6

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. C. E. Brown seconded by Mr. C. H. Dancey that subject to the Buildings being erected the Tenders of Mr. A. J. Dolman and Messrs. Turner & Pritchard be accepted, these being the lowest.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o' clock [1st June, 1905.]

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. E. Brown, H. J. Berry, S. Davis, T. B. Powell,
Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Symonds' - June 6th to June 13th.

The Secretary reported receiving a letter from Mr. W. Symonds asking the lowest price he could have the Ground for from June 6th 'till June 13th, and as this included Whit Monday it was thought necessary to at once summon a Director's Meeting to decide the matter, particularly as there was an amount of £50 outstanding with Mr. Symonds which the Company might get at least part of if Mr. Symonds was on the Ground, and he was anxious also to have a reply at once.

The circumstances were well discussed and on the proposition of Mr. Trevor Powell seconded by Mr. A. W. Vears, it was resolved that the Secretary go at once to Stroud to see Mr. Symonds and endeavour to get £15 but to take not less than £12.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, June 5th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), H. J. Berry, C. H. Dancey, T. A. Washbourn, T. B. Powell, S. Davis, Directors.

H. A. Dancey, Architect.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

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

Symonds.

The Secretary reported that Mr. W. Symonds had taken the Field from June 6th to June 13th, both dates inclusive for £12, and he (Mr. Symonds) had duly signed an agreement to that effect.

Sangers.

The Secretary also reported having let the Vinegar Works Corner to Lord John Sangers' Circus for Tuesday July 4th.

New Buildings.

Mr. Vears, Mr. C. H. Dancey and Mr. Powell reported to the Board that the Football Club Committee had unanimously agreed to pay an extra rent of £100 per season if the Company would erect the Buildings as per plans and tenders. And it was resolved to summon a General Meeting of Shareholders on Wednesday, June 14th, to obtain the Shareholders sanction to carry out the Scheme.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, June 14th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), T. A. Washbourn, S. Davis, T. B. Powell, C. E. Brown, C. H. Dancey, Directors.
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.
H. A. Dancey, Architect.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Symonds pays £12 and £25.

The Secretary reported he had received the £12 from Symonds for hire of Field from June 6th to June 13th; also £25 being half the rent for last Barton Fair time - both amounts had been banked. Mr. Symonds also had promised the Secretary to pay the remaining £25 before the end of July.

Election of Mr. F. H. Bretherton as a Director.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown that Mr. F. H. Bretherton be elected to fill the vacancy on the Board, caused by the resignation of Mr. Cummings. Carried unanimously.

New Buildings; Hot Water Supply and Heating.

The tenders accepted at the meeting of May 29th were modified, and it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown that Messrs. Woodward & Co.'s tender for the hot water supply and heating be accepted, theirs being less than that of Messrs. Turner & Pritchard; it having been intimated to the Board that the latter firm were prepared to carry out their tender for the plumbing and cold water supply.

Illness of Mr. Berry.

Sympathetic reference was made to the illness of Mr. Berry who had undergone a serious operation and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Berry the sincere sympathy of the whole Board, with every good wish for his speedy recovery.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Monday, June 19th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, T. A. Washbourn, S. Davis, T. B. Powell, C. E. Brown, Directors.

H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.

H. A. Dancey, Architect.

Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman reported meeting the representatives of the Football Club on the Ground and discussion [took place on] the exact position the New Buildings should be built on. Messrs. Vears, Dancey, Davies, and Washbourn, Directors; Messrs. Bingle, Worth, and Nigel Haines representing the Football Club.

Mr. Dolman, the builder, and Mr. Woodward (the Contractor for the Heating and Hot Water Supply) were all present and after careful consideration, the position was decided on to meet the wishes and satisfaction of all interested.

Electric Light decided on.

After debating the pro's and con's of Gas and Electric Light, it was resolved to have Electric Light on the proposition of Mr. C. H. Dancey seconded by Mr. T. A. Washbourn.

Signing the Contracts.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. C. E. Brown seconded by Mr. Powell that the Secretary be instructed to sign the Contracts on behalf of the Company.

Money for Payments as required.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Washbourn seconded by Mr. Dancey that the Solicitor be instructed to arrange with the Company's bankers for temporary overdraft to cover payments of the Builder and Sanitary Engineers prior to the completion of the Building and the Directors are prepared personally to guarantee such overdraft.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, August 30th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. E. Brown, H. J. Berry, T. A. Washbourn, S. Davis, Directors.
H. A. Dancey, Architect.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman expressed to Mr. Berry the pleasure it was to the whole Board to again see him (Mr. Berry) restored to health after his serious operation, and able to assist in the Company's business. Mr. Berry acknowledged the Chairman's kind remarks.

Bank Guarantee.

The Secretary reported that most of the Directors had signed the Guarantee at the Bank for the temporary overdraft.

Sheep Grazing.

The Chairman said the Football Club Committee had desired that the sheep should be taken away from the Field during the month of August and he had undertaken to pay the Tenant Mr. Newth 25/- if he would have them [taken] away. This the board agreed to.

The New Building.

Mr. Vears and Mr. Harry Dancey (the Architect) informed the meeting that the work in connection with the Gymnasium was proceeding quite satisfactorily and there was good hope that the whole would be completed by Saturday, September 23rd.

Rent of New Building when Completed.

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Washbourn seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown, that for the present the Secretary be authorized to let the Buildings at the following terms:

For Polling Station, Dance or Political Meetings	£2 2s. 0d.
Concert or Other Entertainment	£1 10s. 0d.

Symonds, and next Barton Fair.

A letter was read from Mr. Symonds asking the very lowest the Board would let him have the Ground for under the altered circumstances, viz. that now the Company had to compete with the Field at Westgate Bridge, which the Corporation had let to Jacob Studt for a term of years and, also, Wildman's ground which was still to be let. A long discussion followed, and the tone throughout was to the effect that if the Company hoped to retain any part of [the] Fair, there must be a very considerable reduction in the amount asked for rent and not be too keen as to a day or two extra. The amounts paid in the past were read as follows:-

1896	Studt	£40	Used
1897	Symonds	£60	"
1898	"	£60	" (+ £3 for water)
1899	"	£60	Unused
1900	"	£50	"
1901	"	£60	Used
1902	"	£50	Unused

1903	"	£50	"
1904	"	£50	"

The whole matter having been reviewed and well considered, on the proposition of Mr. C. E. Brown seconded by Mr. Berry the Secretary was instructed to let the Field for the Fair and Mops for any amount not less than £30.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, September 20th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), T. A. Washbourn, S. Davis, C. E. Brown, F. H. Bretherton, Harry A. Dancey, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Harry A. Dancey elected as Football Representative.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Football Club informing the Board that Mr. Harry A. Dancey had been duly elected as the Football representative on the Board in place of Mr. H. G. Brown, resigned, and the Chairman warmly welcomed Mr. Dancey.

Symonds and Barton Fair, 1905.

The Secretary reported that after long negotiations Mr. Symonds decided not to take the Field for Barton Fair, he having taken Wildman's ground.

C. G. Clarke's Cheque for 1903.

Mr. C. G. Clark having informed the Secretary that he had lost his cheque for Dividend 1903 (£2 10s. 0d.) it was resolved that he be supplied with another on his signing an indemnification against all the loss the Company might sustain by the cheque being found and presented for payment.

Mr. T. B. Powell resigns; Mr. Lovesy elected.

A letter was read from Mr. T. B. Powell resigning his seat on the Board. On the proposition of Mr. Bretherton seconded by Mr. C. E. Brown, Mr. Lovesy was duly elected in his place.

Balance Sheet.

The Balance Sheet for year ending August 31st 1905 was submitted to the Board showing

a total income of	£401 16s. 3d.
Expenses	<u>£260 6s. 8d.</u>
leaving a balance of	£141 9s. 7d.

Each item was gone through and the reduction in the expenses as well as in the receipts was noted, and on the proposition of Mr. Washbourn seconded by Mr. Bretherton it was resolved to recommend a dividend of 2½%, carry to depreciation account £16 9s. 7d., carrying forward a balance of £50.

The General Meeting was ordered to be held on Friday, October 6th.

Opening the New Training Quarters.

The suggested arrangements for the opening ceremony by Mr. Russell Rea, M.P. of the Gymnasium on September 23rd was laid before the Board and adopted.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, October 4th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), S. Davis, C. H. Dancey, T. A. Washbourn, F. H. Bretherton, H. J. Berry, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Bretherton Welcomed to the Board.

The Chairman explained to Mr. Bretherton that although somewhat late in the day to do so, he (the Chairman) on behalf of the whole Board extended to him a very hearty welcome and assured him the other Directors were very gratified at having secured his valuable services on the Directorate. Mr. Bretherton suitably acknowledged the Chairman's remarks.

Outstanding £25 from Symonds.

The Secretary reported he had been unable to get the twenty-five [pounds] from Mr. Symonds but held from him a post-date cheque for the amount dated October 17th, 1905.

Next Barton Fair.

The Directors empowered the Secretary to let the Ground for next Barton Fair for £40.

Insurance of New Buildings.

A letter was read from Mr. H. W. Grimes enclosing a letter from the Alliance Assurance Co., to the effect that they were prepared to insure the New Building at the same rate as the old, viz. 2s. 6d. per cent. On the proposition of Mr. Dancey seconded by Mr. Davis it was resolved to insure the New Building for £1,000, making a total of £1,500 for both old and new Pavilions.

St. John's Ambulance - Application for Hire of Gymnasium.

A letter was read from Mr. T. W. Wilson asking for the lowest terms on which the big room could be had for practice of ambulance work. Every member of the Board present expressed themselves as anxious to assist Ambulance work and as a very special case it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. Washbourn seconded by Mr. Davis that the Secretary be empowered to let the room to Mr. Wilson at 10/- per night, providing the nights did not clash with any other letting of the Room or interfere with the Football Club training nights. This offer holding good only until the end of this year.

Gratuities to Builder's Men.

The men who had worked for Mr. Dolman having solicited some slight acknowledgment of the expeditious way in which the work was carried out, it was resolved that Mr. Dolman be asked to give to his twenty-three men one shilling each as from the Directors. This however not to be taken as a precedent.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, October 25th, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), S. Davis, F. H. Bretherton, H. J. Berry, C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, Harry A. Dancey, Directors.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for non-attendance were read from Mr. F. W. Lovesy, and Mr. T. A. Washbourn.

Symonds' £25 Balance from Barton Fair.

The Secretary reported he had received the £25 from Mr. Symonds and had duly banked it. This the Directors considered satisfactory seeing the amount of correspondence the matter had caused.

Football Letters re. Sundry Requirements.

The Secretary read two letters from the Secretary of the Football Club asking that the turnstile broken at the New Zealand match should be repaired;
also two cupboards placed in the New Pavilion,
a step ladder out of each of the plunge baths,
a wash basin in each of the new bath rooms.

The Directors carefully considered each item and appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. A. W. Vears, H. J. Berry, and C. H. Dancey to visit the Pavilion, and decide if they thought it part of the Directors' duty to supply the various items. At the same time the Board was of opinion that all except the steps should [be] carried out at the Football Club's expense.

The Sub-Committee met on the Ground the following day (Oct. 26th) and confirmed the Director's decision and the Secretary was instructed to write the Football Club to this effect.

Payments were ordered;

£47 10s. 0d. to Mr. Harry A. Dancey as Architect on account of his commission on the New Buildings.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

Director's Meeting held at Mr. Grimes' Office on Friday, December 22nd, 1905.

Present: Messrs. A. W. Vears (Chairman), C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, H. J. Berry, H. A. Dancey, S. Davis, Directors.
H. W. Grimes, Solicitor.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Mr. Grimes reported that he had received from the Secretary a provisional statement of the total amount which would be required to complete the Gymnasium, and to clear all incidental expenses from which it appeared that the Company would require a further advance of about £1,150, and that he had thereupon written to the Secretary of the Conservative Benefit Society forwarding the original estimates for the work with a view to showing the value of the building, and in order to save if possible any fee for valuation and asking for a further advance to the company on Mortgage of the whole property of £1,150, and that the Secretary of the Society had replied that his Committee had had the property inspected by Mr. Knowles and that on his report they were prepared to make a further advance of £1,000 only.

After full discussion it was resolved on the proposition of Mr. C. E. Brown seconded by Mr. H. J. Berry -

"That the further advance of £1,000 offered by the Gloucester Conservative Benefit Society at 4% interest be accepted and that the Solicitor be instructed to complete the matter as soon as possible."

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. H. A. Dancey seconded by Mr. S. Davis -

"That further share capital to the extent of the balance that will be required over and above the £1,000, but not exceeding £150 be issued."

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. C. H. Dancey seconded by Mr. H. A. Dancey -

"That such shares be offered in the first instance to the Gloucester Football Club and the Gloucester Athletic [Club] at par in the respective proportions of two thirds and one third."

[Signed] A. W. Vears.