

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - NOTICE CALLING THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY LIMITED))

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY LIMITED

81 Barton Street,  
Gloucester,  
Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1895.

*Notice is hereby given*, - That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices, the Oddfellows' Hall, Barton Street, on October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Accounts of the Company, Electing Directors, and appointing Auditor.

By Order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

**THE GLOUCESTER**

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*Company Limited*

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**FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT**

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

**GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

TO BE HELD AT THE

**COMPANY'S OFFICES**

**ODDFELLOWS' HALL, BARTON STREET**

On FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1895

**At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY**

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**DIRECTORS:**

A. W. VEARS, Chairman,

CONWAY JONES	T. GURNEY
A. V. HATTON	C. H. DANCEY
G. CUMMINGS	D. REARDON
S. DAVIS	H. W. GRIMES (Representative of the Gloucester Football Club)

SIDNEY S. STARR, Secretary.

*Directors' Report.*

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders of the Company a balance-sheet for the past year ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1895.

The books of the Company have been audited by Mr. B. H. J. Coombs, and the balance-sheet signed by him.

The Revenue Account shows a disposable balance of £96 8s. 4d. The Directors, therefore, recommend the payment of a dividend of 2½ per cent., which will amount to £75, and to write off the balance, £21 8s. 4d., towards general depreciation.

Nothing whatever this year has been charged to Capital Account. It may be observed the Revenue Account for the past year has to bear an additional and extra expenditure of nearly £50., viz., £19 14s. in improving and developing the entrance to the ground at Dean's Walk corner; a grant of £25 9s. 10d. was voted by the Directors to the Gloucester Football Club to make up the Club's deficit, together with a small sum expended on artificial light for their training purposes. The level area of the Field has been appreciably increased since last year, and a further development in this direction is contemplated by the Directors.

In accordance with the Articles of Association three of the Directors, Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Dancey, and S. Davis retire, and are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. B. H. J. Coombs, Auditor, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

*The Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Co., Limited*

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**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Share Capital, 3000 Shares, at £1 each,				3000	0	0	Freehold Land, Football and Athletic Ground,						
Mortgage				2500	0	0	Fences, Turnstiles, Safes, Roller, Machines,				6274	11	2
Creditors, Capital and Counties' Bank	648	2	5				together with all Plant and Effects						
Mortgage Interest to August 31 <sup>st</sup> 1895	<u>29</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	677	18	3	Less Amount carried to General Depreciation				<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
							Account				6270	6	9
Balance of Revenue Account				96	8	4	Petty Cash in Secretary's hands					3	19
				<u>£6274</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>					<u>£ 6274</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
By Balance from 1894				79	4	5	To one year's Interest, on Mortgage, less tax				96	13	4
Less Dividends paid to							Bank Charges				32	4	0
Aug 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1894	75	0	0				Secretary's Salary				20	0	0
" Amount carried to							Office Rent				3	0	0
Depreciation Account	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	Auditor's Remuneration				1	1	0
							Rates and Taxes				58	4	8
Sundry Rents, Football, Athletic Clubs, Fetes, Circus,				422	4	1	Materials, Repairs, Insurance, Advertisements &c.				17	0	6
Flower Show, Advertising Stations, Grazing							Printing and Postage				6	18	11
Sale of Horse				4	0	0	Wages and Sundry Labour				43	0	0
Transfer Fees				0	18	0	Refunded to the Football Club				25	9	10
							Hire of "Wells" Light for Football Club Training				3	7	6
							Horse				4	0	0
							Improvements at Dean's Walk Entrance:-						
							Compensation paid for securing strip of Land	5	0	0			
							Law costs	2	12	0			
							Taking down old and re-building new Wall,						
							and other repairs	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	19	14	0
							Disposable balance				96	8	4
				<u>£ 427</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>					<u>£ 427</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

*I have examined the Vouchers and found them and the Accounts correct,*

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1895.

B. J. H. COOMBS.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - HELD ON  
11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1895))

October 11 1895

General Meeting

of Shareholders held at the Registered Office of the Company, 81 Barton Street,  
Gloucester.

Mr. A. W. Vears in the Chair.

Notice of Meeting

having been read, the

Minutes of the last General Meeting

of Shareholders were read, and confirmed.

Report and Balance Sheet

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet.  
Mr. Reardon seconded. Carried.

Mr. A. J. Lane asked for particulars of the Income of £422-4-1, and the Secretary  
read the full details.

Directors

Mr. Boughton proposed the re-election of Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Dancey,  
and S. Davis. Mr. A. J. Lane seconded. Carried. Mr. Dancey responded on his behalf and  
also on behalf of Mr. Cumming and Mr. Davis, assuring the Shareholders that it was the  
earnest endeavour of the Directors to make the Company a sound financial concern.

### Auditor

Mr. C. H. Dancey proposed the re-election of Mr. Coombs as Auditor at a remuneration of 21/-. Mr. Bailey seconded. Carried.

### Vote of Thanks to the Chairman

Mr. William Dancey proposed and Mr. A. J. Lane seconded and it was carried that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded the Chairman, not only for his presiding this evening but for the great service he had always placed at the disposal of the Company. Mr. Vears in responding said that he took this meant [*sic*] a Vote of Thanks to the whole of the Directors and practically a vote of confidence in them, and he would assure them that the whole board worked hard for the success of the Company and they were ably assisted by their Solicitor and Secretary.

[Signed] A. W. Vears.

((IN HERE - ATTACHMENT - UNDATED NEWSPAPER EXTRACT))

GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC  
GROUND COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Company, Limited, was held at the Oddfellows' Hall last (Friday) evening. Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman of the Directors) presided, and there were also present Messrs. T. Gurney, C. H. Dancey, D. Reardon, and H. W. Grimes (directors), Sidney S. Starr (secretary), H. J. Boughton, W. C. Bailey, W. Dancey, A. J. Lane, S. W. Bingle, D. Gurney, F. McCrea, and C. Bossom.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report (which has already been published), said there was nothing very striking in the balance-sheet; there was nothing in it which need discompose the shareholders, nor, he feared, anything to elate them. With regard to the status of the Company, if they compared the present balance-sheet with that of last year they would find that it was a thorough-going concern; and whilst he feared that the shareholders had not a mine of wealth, at the same time they had behind them a really good security in the shape of an ever-increasing value in their freehold. (Hear, hear). The Directors might this year have easily increased the dividend if they had adopted the policy pursued by some companies of charging the outlay incurred in respect of improvements of the property to capital account; but they did not consider that was altogether a sound method of finance, and preferred to make the revenue account bear the whole of the expenditure. After doing that they were enabled not only to pay a 2½ per cent. dividend, but to write off quite a useful sum in respect of depreciation, and to reduce their liability at the Capital and Counties Bank. Therefore they might claim that they were slowly but steadily strengthening the position of the Company. (Applause).

Mr. Reardon, in seconding the adoption of the report, endorsed the whole of the Chairman's remarks, and expressed the hope that next year the Directors would be able to recommend a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. instead of one of 2½. The Directors had worked very hard during the past year in order to make the ground as profitable as possible to the Company; there was a marked improvement in their affairs as compared with the previous year, and he trusted that it would be still greater next year. (Applause).

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Boughton, seconded by Mr. Lane, the three retiring directors (Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Dancey and S. Davis) were unanimously re-elected. Mr. Dancey thanked the shareholders for the confidence which they had again reposed in him. Mr. B. J. H. Coombs was re-elected auditor, on the proposition of Mr. W. Dancey, seconded by Mr. Bailey.

This was all the business.

