

EXTRACTS FROM MEETINGS
OF THE
...”NOTTINGHAM BOARD OF GUARDIANS”...
FROM THE
1st JANUARY 1924
TO
30th DECEMBER 1924.

1. 1/1/24. "Amendment of Old Age Pensions Act" Resolved (1). That the Old Age pensions Act, 1919, Section 3 be amended on as to remove the disqualification for Old Age Pension in the case of persons who receive relief other than medical or social treatment in a Poor Law Institution.

(2). That copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health, the Local members of Parliament, and the Association of Poor Law Unions.

2. 15/1/24. "Minutes of the House Committee" Resolved: -

(1). That Miss C. K. Harding be promoted to Ward Sister in "Cavell Ward," at a commencing salary of £70 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2 10s (£2.50p), to £79 per annum, with the usual residential allowances.

(2). That Mr. George Wagstaff, aged 25 years, of 18, Hollis Street, New Basford, be appointed Hospital Porter at wages of 54s 6d (£9.22 ½ p) per week.

(3). That Mr. C. Widdowson, Carter, be appointed Farm Labourer, at the wages of £2 5s (£2.25p) per week.

(4). That Miss Hilda Agnes Howorth, Probationer Nurse (Student Nurse), who finds the work uncongenial to her be allowed to terminate her engagement.

(5). That Miss S. A. Roberts, Probationer Nurse, whose training expired on the 1st instant, be permitted to remain at the Infirmary for a further three months at her fourth-year rate of salary (£35), in order to acquire experience in special work.

(6). That Standing Order No. 20 be amended in order that men of 65 years of age and upwards in Classes two and three, may be allowed similar allowances of Tobacco or Snuff as are allowed to men in Class one.

(7). That 8 tons of Seed Potatoes he purchased from Mr. A.W. McAlister, Dumfries at £7 15s (£7.75p) per ton.

"Notice of Motions"

(1). That the salary of Mr. G. W. Gould, Master of the Bagthorpe Institution, be increased, as and from 1st April, 1924, to £350 per annum.

(2). That the salary of Mrs. G. W. Gould, Matron of the Bagthorpe Institution, be increased, as and from the 1st April, 1924, to £200 per annum.

"Minutes of the Children's Committee" Resolved: -

(1). That in future all appointments be subject to the candidates passing satisfactory medical examination before taking up their duties.

(2). That Annie Maltby, aged 37 years, of Gauntly Street, Radford Road, Nottingham, be appointed Laundress at wages of 30/- (£1 50p) weekly.

(3). That having regard to the purchase of the two houses 449 and 451 Mansfield Road, by the Trustees of the Wesleyan Church, Sherwood, and their desire for the Guardians to vacate the premises as soon as possible, the Clerk to ascertain if suitable alternative accommodation can be obtained elsewhere.

(4). That George Cottee, aged 13 years (9569), and Louis Sutherland Hollis, aged 13 years (24341), be sent to the Nautical School Training Ship "Mercury", Hamble, Southampton.

"Minutes of the Finance Committee"

(1). "Examination of Books and Accounts": - The Clerk reported the Examination of the Books and Accounts of the various Officers of the Guardians for the 13th week of the Quarter ended 31st December, 1923, and the 1st week of the Quarter ending 31st March, 1924, and submitted his Analysis of the several transactions therein recorded.

The Debit Balance as shown by the Treasure's Account at the last Meeting was £20,790 .5s. 11d.

From which must be deducted the amount received during the past fortnight £455 1s 9d leaving a Debit Balance of £20, 335 4s 2d. The Committee recommend that Cheques be drawn in payment of accounts amounting to £7, 165 12s. 8d Leaving a Debit Balance of £27, 500 16s 10d

Particulars of the amounts received and cheques passed for payment are recorded in the "Treasurer's Account" which will be laid on the Board Room Table.

Resolved: - That Miss B. Aslin, aged 19 years, of I Midland Road, Carton, Nott's., be appointed shorthand-typist at remuneration of 35/- (£1 .55p) per week.

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st March, 1925.

The Clerk submitted his estimates of the receipts and Expenditure of the Guardians for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1925, and in doing so made following observations *inter alla*

The Expenditure of the Guardians, after deducting receipts, for the year ending 31st March, 1924, is estimated to amount to £286,000. The actual amount expended in the previous year ended 31st March, 1923, was £279,938. and the figures for the proceeding nine years were as follows: -

Year ended 31st March

1922	£280,747
1921	£221,519
1920	£160,545
1919	£124,040
1918	£107,418
1917	£100,894
1916	£101,789
1915	£95,551
1914	£91,738

Thus, it will be seen that the present figure of £266,000 as compared with £91,738, the Pre-War figure, shows an increase of 190%.

3. 29/1/24. Motions (of which Notice had been given and was carried): - (1) That the salary of Mr. G. W. Gould, Master of the Bagthorpe Institution, be increased, as and from 1st April, 1924, to £350 per annum.

(1). That the salary of Mrs. G. W. Gould, Matron of the Bagthorpe Institution, be increased, as and from the 1st April, 1924, to £200 per annum.

Letters from the Ministry of Health

The following letters were read: - (1) 19th January, 1924. Circular 473, Directing attention to the interim report of the King's Roll National Council in which it is recommended that Local Authorities be invited to give a preference in all their contracts to firms who are on the King's Roll, and stating that it is the desire of the Government that this policy should be followed generally.

(2). 21st January, 1924, Sanctioning the departure from the Regulations in force with regard to contracts which is involved in the proposal of the Guardians to carry out repairs to roads at the Bagthorpe Institution by means of labour directly employed by the Guardians without advertising for tenders. It is assumed that all purchases made under this authority will be reported to the Guardians and recorded in their Minutes.

Settlement and Removal

Ordered: -

(1). That the settlement of the under mentioned person be accepted and authority given for the payment of the following expenses of relief, etc.

Name	Age	Condition.	Union.	Expenses Authorised
Clara A. Camps.	39.	Married.	Basford.	Cost of Maintenance in Mental Hospital and removal thereto.

(2) That the Clerk be directed to make enquiry in regard to the under mentioned persons now chargeable to the Unions or Parishes hereinafter mentioned, but who are alleged to the City of Nottingham.

Name.	Age.	Condition.	Union
Annie Newham.	38.	Widow.	Leicester.
Agnes Cooke.	48.	Married.	Worksop.
Sarah Tandy.	69.	Widow.	Basford.
Benjamin H. P. White.	30.	Married.	Birmingham.

Non-Resident Relief

That non-resident relief be granted in the following

Name.	Age.	Condition.	Address.	Union.	Relief.
Eliza Ping.	53.	Single.	Louth.	Louth.	7/6 weekly.

Resolved: -

That John Fewkes be prosecuted for running away and leaving his wife and children, whereby they become and now are chargeable to the Guardians.

"Minutes of Committees"

House Committee: -

(1). That Miss Constance Parry, Probationer Nurse, who has completed her training, be promoted to be Charge Nurse in Ashwell Ward at a salary at the rate of £65 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2. 10s (£2.50p) (if merited) to £75 per annum, with the usual residential allowances.

(2). That Mr. Arthur Heaps, aged 28 years, of 5, Brierley Street, Wilford Road, Nottingham, be appointed Mechanical Fitter at Trade Union rates of wages (at present 1s 4 ½ d (7p) per hour),

Building Committee: -

(1). That the Master be instructed to have the Institution Chapel washed down and varnished.

(2). That the question of providing covers to the wooden Platforms at the Infirmary for the open-air treatment of cases of Surgical Tuberculosis, be referred to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Master to investigate and report.

4. 12/2/24.

House Committee: -

(1). That Mr. C. Wellbourne, Lorry Driver, be promoted to be Ambulance Driver, at wages of 60/- (£6.00) per week and uniform (non-resident), in the place of Mr. Johnson, resigned.

(2). That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the position of Lorry Driver, at wages of 55/- (£5.05p) per week and uniform.

(3). That Mr. F. Curtis, of 8, Catherine Street, Bulwell, be engaged for one year to exterminate rats and other vermin at a fee of four pounds, on condition that he attends the Institution at least once a month and that before leaving the Institution he reports to the Master the number of rats caught.

(4). That as and from the 1st February, 1924, the Following trade Union rates of wages be paid to the Building Trades Operatives employed by the Guardians at the Institution.

Craftsmen
Labourer

1s 7 ½ d per hour.
1s 2 ¾ per hour.

(5). That Flower Seeds be purchased for the Gardens cultivated by the Inmates, at a cost not exceeding £1.

(6). That the Master be authorised to purchase a number of young pigs at the earliest opportunity.

"General Correspondence"

5. 26/2/24. The following letters were read: -

(1). Letters from the Organising Secretary of the Nottingham Labour Party, and from the Hon. Secretary of the Independent Labour Party, (Nottingham Branch), 15, Hanley Street, following copies of a Resolution which has been passed to them at meetings held on the 31st January last, as follows.

That this Meeting of Delegates to the Nottingham Borough Labour Party, and/or the Nottingham Branch of the Independent Labour Party, strongly protests against the introduction of 'Task Labour' by the Nottingham Board of Guardians. It further demands that the scale of such pay for such labour, so long as it is continued, shall be revised as to equal the amounts which would have to be paid under ordinary fair conditions of labour. It also instructs that this expression and demand shall be sent to the Nottingham Board of Guardians, The Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Labour; with a view to calling attention to this increasing practice of exploiting the unemployed by creating black leg labour, and in turn using such labour to the detriment of those still in employment.

Resolved: - That the letters be referred to the Chairmen's Committee for consideration.

(2). Letter from the Metropolitan Asylums Board stating that they have had under consideration a suggestion that, for an experimental period of twelve months, all boys leaving the "Exmouth" to be shipped in the Mercantile Marine should be given 7/6 (37 ½ p) each to meet various incidental expenses from the time of acceptance for a ship and signing on, and inquiring whether the Guardians agree to the proposal.

Resolved: - That the proposal be approved by the Guardians

"Scrubbers' Wages"

Motion: (of which Notice had been given).

Mr. Braddock asked and obtained leave to amend his Motion, so as to read after the word "Scrubbers," "employed by the Guardians" instead of "at the Bagthorpe Institution".

Motion: (Mr. Braddock - Mr. Baylis): -

That the wages of the Scrubbers employed by the Guardians be increased by 2/- per week.

Amendment (Alderman Ward - Mr. Howitt): -

That the proposition to increase the wages of the Scrubbers employed by the Guardians by 2/- per week are referred to the House Committee for consideration. Upon being put to the Vote, there appeared

For the Amendment	28
Against	4

The amendment was thereupon put as the **substantive motion** and carried. Normal

6. 10/3/24.

The Board proceeded to consider the Tenders for Supplies for the various establishments of the Parish for the period of six months from the 1st day of April, 1924, to the 30th day of September, 1924, and for the period of twelve months from the 1st day of April, 1924 to the 31st March, 1925, which had been delivered in accordance with the terms of advertisements issued by order of the Board.

The following Tenders were accepted: -

Item.	Contractors Name.	Contractors Address.
MEAT, English, Bagthorpe.	Mason Bros.	83, Derby Road, Nottm.
MEAT, Frozen or Chilled, Bagthorpe	H & G. Smith.	St. Mark's Street, Nottm.
MEAT, English, Homes.	W. E. Richardson.	271, Alfred Street, Nottm.
SODA WATER.	Boots Ltd.	12, Wheeler Gate, Nottm.
TOBACCO.	T. E. Blackwell.	24, Peveril Street, Nottm.
WINES AND SPIRITS.	W. Hickling & Son.	Chapel Bar, Nottm.
WINDOW CLEANING.	Mayfair Window Cleaning.	2/4, Albert Street, Nottm.
Sweep (Officers).	Mayfair Window Cleaning.	2/4, Albert Street, Nottm.

For the Twelve Months ending 31st March, 1925.

General Repairs and Jobbing Work

Resolved: -

That, subject to the condition that if there be any rise or fall in the standard rate of wages this shall be added to or deducted from the charges made, the following Tradesmen be appointed to do General Repairs and Jobbing Work at the Poor Law Officers, and Scattered Homes for the six months ending 30th September, 1924:

Joiner	H. E. Mullineux, 40, Mount Street, Nottingham.
Plumber	T. W. Hobster, 256, Alfred Street, Central, Nottingham.

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Board having decided to suspend Standing Order No 14 (1) (2) so as to permit of the following recommendation being considered at this Meeting.

It was Resolved: -

That Mr. R. Hustwayte, of 37, Hayden Road, be appointed to do Bricklayer's Work at the Poor Law Officers and Scattered Homes for the six months ending 30th September, 1924, subject to the condition that if there be any rise or fall in the standard rate of wages this shall be added to or deducted from the charges made.

Seal of the Board

Resolved: -

That the Common Seal be affixed to all accepted Tenders.

Funerals

Resolved: -

That the consideration for the Tenders for funerals be adjourned until the next meeting.

References to Committees

Resolved: -

That the consideration of the Tenders for the supply of the under mentioned Goods be referred to the Children's, and House Committees, with authority to accept, so that the Contracts may be completed in the shortest possible time.

Men's Clothing	House Committee
Boots, Shoes, etc.	
Drapery	
Groceries	
Haberdashery	
Hay, Straw and Corn	
Leather and Grindery	
Margarine	
Necessaries	
Oils and Colours	
Provisions	
Sweep's Work	
Tea and Coffee	
Boy's Clothing	Children's Committee
Boots and Slippers	
Groceries	
Milk	
Necessaries	

Provisions
Sweep's Work

Tenders for Tea and Coffee

Resolved: -

That the Tenders for the supply of Tea be referred to Mr. D. G. Holland, 62, New Walk, Leicester, to examine and advise with reference thereto.

7. 11/3/24.

House Committee

(1). That Miss Doris Tranfield, Probationer Nurse (Student Nurse) who finds the work uncongenial to her, be allowed to terminate her appointment.

(2). That Miss Irene E. Fairfields, aged 21 years, of 150, Calais Road, Burton-on-Trent, be appointed Probationer Nurse, three months on trial, at a salary at the rate of £20 the first year, £25 the second year, £30 the third, and £35 the fourth year of service, and the usual residential allowances, in the place of Miss Doris Tranfield, resigned.

(3). That during the present Influenza Epidemic amongst the Staff at the Infirmary, the Medical Officer (Dr. H. G. Ashwell) be authorised to obtain assistance as he may be able.

(4). That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros., of Worksop, to supply 200 sacks of "Patents" flour at £11181- (£1 .90p) per sack, and of Messrs. J. Rank, Limited, of Hull, to supply 200 sacks of "Superfine" Flour at £1/1 5/2 (£1 .76p) per sack, be accepted.

(5). That a Cystoscope (an instrument for examining the interior of the bladder by electric light), be purchased from Down Bros., St. Thomas Street, London, at a cost not exceeding 321.

(6). That the Master be authorised to substitute Meat Stew, Bread, and Rice Pudding in place of Meat Pie for one day and report the result to the next meeting of this Committee.

8. 25/3/24.

General Correspondence.

The following letter were read: -

(1). Letter from Mrs. Ethel M. Wilson, of 7, Livingstone Terrace, thanking the Guardians and their officers for their consideration and courtesy whilst in receipt of outdoor relief.

(2). Letter from the Secretary of the Nottingham & District Trades Council, requesting permission for three delegates to enter the Bagthorpe Institution to view the work being performed by persons in receipt of Poor Law Relief and to question the men thereon.

Tenders for Hearse Hire.

The Board resumed the consideration of the Tenders for Hearse Hire which was deferred from the Meeting held on the 10th march 1924. The Clerk read the result of enquiries made re the allegation that Mr. F. Gibbons, Bulwell, the Contractor for Hearse Hire, contrary to the provisions of his Contract, had accepted from Mrs. Ethel Evans, of 10, Temple Place, Red Lion Street, payment of 10/- (50p) for the conveyance of mourners from the Cemetery to the place from which the funeral started.

Resolved: -

That Mr. F. Gibbons be requested to refund the 10/- to Mrs. Evans.

Two Tenders were submitted for Hearse Hire for the twelve months ending 31st March, 1925.

And it was Resolved: - That the Tender of R. Clower & Son, 105, Derby Road, be accepted.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee.

(1). That having regard to the extra work performed by the Nurses during the Winter months owing to the Influenza Epidemic and illness amongst the Staff, they be granted an extra week's holiday this year, and that the Matron be authorised to engaged five additional Nurses for holiday duty.

(2). That an advertisement be issued inviting Tenders for the supply of 200 tons of Pit Props.

(3). That as and from the 1st April next, the Dietary Tables be amended by the addition of the following meal as an alternative to the present Meat Pie dinner on Wednesdays: -

CLASSES 2 AND 8, (Male): - Meat Stew, 3/4 pint; Rice Pudding, 6 ozs.; Bread 6 ozs.

CLASSES 4 AND 8, (Female): - Meat Stew, 3/4 pint; Rice Pudding, 6 ozs.; Bread, 4 ozs.

(4). That the Tender of Messrs. Oxo., Limited, Thames House, Queen Street, London, E. C. 4., to supply Extract of Beef at £14/14/- (£14.75p) per cwt., during the three months ending 30th June, 1924, be accepted.

(5). That the Tenders of the following firms for the Supply of Tea and Coffee during the six months ending 30th September, 1924, be accepted.

OFFICERS' TEA	F. Percival, Limited, Valentine Place, Blackfriars Road, London, S.E. 2/6 (12 ½ p) per lb. T. Bass & Son, 9, Colonial Avenue, London, E. 1. 2s 4d (22p) per lb.
INMATES' TEA	J Copeman & Sons, Davey Place, Norwich Norfolk, 2s. 3d (21 ½ p) per lb. Oliver, Oliver & Co. 231, Southgate Row, London. N. 1. 2s. 1d. (10 ½ p) per lb.
COFFEE.	Burton, Alto, Limited, Castle Boulevard, Nottingham. 1/10 (9p) per lb.

General Correspondence.

A letter from the Sherwood Wesleyan Church Trustees, giving notice to the Guardians, to quit the premises situated at 449 and 451, Mansfield Road, now used as Scattered Homes, on or before the 2~h September next.

Finance Committee: - Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920.

In December, 1920, the Finance Committee directed the Guardians' attention to the terms of the Pensions' (Increase) Act, 1920, which authorised increases in pensions to superannuated officers who could satisfy the Guardians that their means, inclusive of pension, was less than £150 per annum in the case of single persons, of £200 if married, and it was then decided that 15 ex-Officers who were eligible for increases should be paid amounts averaging from 50% to 30% of their statutory pensions.

It now has become necessary to reconsider this question and your Committee Recommend that the additional allowances be paid for a further period of one year ending 31st March, 1925. This would apply to 12 ex-Officers, three having ceased to be eligible since the date of the original award.

The total amount of pensions, including increases under the Act, now received by the persons interested is £671/1 8/6 per annum, or an average of £55/9/4 per person. The total amount of increase is £192/14/1 averaging 3/6/ ½ per pensioner, and the total amount of income, including increased pension is £904/13/10 averaging £75/7/10 per person.

9. 8/4/24.

General Correspondence

(1). A letter from the Town Clerk and Clerk to the Asylum Visiting Committee stating that it has been decided to increase the weekly charge for persons chargeable to the Guardians in the City Mental Hospital (Mapperley Hospital), from £1/2/9 (£1 .23p) to £1/4/6, (£1 .22.5) as and from the 1st instant.

Resolved: -

That the increased charges be paid.

(2). A letter from the Superintendent of the Nottingham District Nursing Association, 13, Regent Street, forwarding Record of Cases Book from which it appears that 74 Poor Law patients were attended and £,376 visits were made during the year ended 31st December 1923. Of the 74 patients, 24 died, 10 recovered, 17 were removed to the Infirmary, leaving 23 on the books, on the 31st December.

Annual Report of the Assessment Committee for the Year ended

31st March, 1924.

The following Report of the Assessment Committee for the year ended 31st March, 1924, was submitted.

VALUATION LIST.

In February, 1923, the Overseers prepared a New Valuation List for the City, which was revised and finally approved by the Committee on the 27th March, 1923. The list contained 72,469 rateable hereditaments, having a gross estimated rental of £2,089,724/41- (£2,089,724.20p), and a rateable value of £1,605,195/10- (£1,605,195.50p), divided as follows

Agricultural Land	£10,874. 15s. 0d. (£10,874.75p)
Buildings.	£1,589,328. 0s. 0d.
Government Property	£4,992. 15s. 0d.

£1,605,195. 10s. 0d. (£1,605,195.50p)

Later in the year the Overseers brought in a Supplemental Valuation List containing 320 assessments of new property and revised values, with an increased rateable value of £8,749/10/- (£8,749.50p).

OBJECTIONS.

The number of Objections received total 13,383, In 4,637 instances the valuations were confirmed. In 8,746 reductions were made, involving a loss in rateable value of £35,110.

RATEABLE VALUE.

The Rateable Value of the 1923 List as amended therefore amounts to £1,578,835, an increase of £146,488/19/4, as compared with £1,432,346/0/8, the total of the revised list for the previous year.

To facilitate the work of the Committee, the Case paper System established in 1914 has been maintained, and a Draft List prepared for the information of the Overseers.

This Draft valuation list, which is designed to keep the work of revision up to date, has been exceedingly useful, and enabled the Overseers, on the 22nd February last, to deposit the List for 1924.

This was approved by the Committee on the 25th March and will be the basis of the New Rate. Subject to reductions which may be made on objections, the Rateable Value will be £1,614,649/11/5- (£1,614,649.75p)

The following figures give the Rateable Values for the twelve months ended the 31st March, in each of the past ten years.

Year.	£
1915	1,266,364.
1916	1,285,052.
1917	1,289,485.
1918	1,291,702.
1919	1,292,528.
1920	1,297,564.
1921	1,387,001.
1922	1,418,187.
1923	1,432,346.
1924	1,578,835.

It will be observed that the Rateable Value of the City has been maintained, indeed is at a higher value at any previous period.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee: -

Resolved: -

(1). That the under mentioned Nurses who have agreed to remain for holiday duty upon the completion of their training as Staff Nurses, be appointed for such duty at a salary at the rate of £50 per annum and the usual residential allowances.

Nurse Edna A. Roberts from 1st April, 1924.
Nurse Winifred P. Burton, from 1st April, 1924.
Nurse Mable Hurt, from 1st May, 1924.
Nurse Maud H. Shelton, from 1st May, 1924.
Nurse Annie M. O'Neill, from 3rd May, 1924.

(2). That the question of the provision of further accommodation at the Infirmary and Institution be referred to the Nursing Committee for consideration and report.

(3). That sample wagons of Firewood be obtained from the undermentioned firms at the following prices per ton delivered at the Bagthorpe Sidings: -

W.Y. Logan, Junr., Sunderland	£2. 12s. 6d. per ton.
Robert Baird & Co., Hull	£2. 9s. 6d.
Forslind & Son., Ltd., West Hartlepool	£2. 15s. 0d.

The Children's Committee

(1). That the Trustees of the Sherwood Wesleyan Chapel be informed that the Guardians intend to avail themselves of any rights they may have under the Rents Restrictions Acts in retaining possession of 449 and 451 Mansfield Road, now used as Scattered Homes, until such time as they can obtain convenient alternative accommodation.

10. 20/5/24.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee: -

(1). That Mr. H. W. Hillman, Assistant Master, and Miss E. K. Harding, Ward Sister, be granted permission to get married, and to retain their appointments.

(2). That prices be obtained for two Lawn Mowers.

(3). That Mr. J. Padgett, Butcher, be paid the sum of 5/- (25p) when on duty during farrowing of Pigs.

(4). That two dozen Ducks be purchased for the Farm.

(5). That Wire Netting be fixed behind the Tennis Courts at the Nurses' Home.

Children's Committee: -

(1). That John Games, aged 15 years, who has been adopted by the Guardians, be bound apprentice as a Bricklayer to Messrs. Wright & Bloor, Builders, Wilfred Crescent Works, Nottingham, on the following terms, and subject to the conditions which may be imposed from time to time by the Builders Trades' Federation and Employers' Association,

14 to 15 years, One sixth of journeyman's wages
15 to 16 years, One fifth
16 to 17 years, One fourth
17 to 18 years, One third
18 to 19 years, Two fifths
19 to 20 years, One half
20 to 21 years, Two thirds

Note: - A Journeyman's wages for a 46 ½ week is at present £3/15/6 (£3.77 ½ p)

(2). That having regard to the difficulty experienced in obtaining leave from their employers in June and July, the boys in the Working Boys' Home, at 31, Addison Street, who are members of the Boys' Brigade, be allowed to accompany the Brigade to Camp at Scarborough, in August Bank Holiday week, and that the following inclusive charge be paid.

Boys under 14 years, 24/- (£1 .20p); Boys under 14 to 16 years 26/- (£1 .30p); Boys over 16 years, 28/- (31 .40p).

Accommodation at Bagthorpe.

The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 7th May, were submitted, together with a Report, herein printed as an Appendix

Resolved (Mr. Bayliss - Mr. Green): -

That the portion of the Report referring to accommodation be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, and that authority be given for the employment of expert assistance.

Resolved: -

That the remaining portion of the Report, referring to the Training of Nurses, be approved and adopted.

[APPENDIX]

Special Committee re Provision for Sick and Infirm Cases at the Bagthorpe Infirmary And Institution

7th May, 1924.

On the 6th May, 1924, the Board appointed a Special Committee to consider the question of providing further accommodation for Sick and Infirm Cases at the Bagthorpe Infirmary and Institution, and the undermentioned ladies and gentlemen were selected to form the Committee.

Mr. J. Hopkin.	(Chairman of the Board).
Mrs. Harper, J. P.	(Vice Chairman of the Board).
Mr. W. Burrows.	(Chairman of the House Committee).
Mr. A. E. Howitt.	(Vice-Chairman of the House Committee).
Mrs. Wallis.	(Chairman of the Ladies' Committee).
Mrs. L. E. Ward.	(Vice-Chairman of the Ladies Committee).
Mr. E. P. Short.	(Chairman of the Finance Committee).

and Miss de Hersant, Mrs. Leaning, Messrs. E. A. Braddock, Tom Munks, and J. T. Thompson.

The first meeting was held on the 7th May, when all the members were present with the exception of Mrs. Leaning, who was unable to attend. There were also in attendance Dr. H. G. Ashwell, Medical Officer, Miss Dwight, Matron, and Mr. G. W. Gould, Master and Steward.

1. Mr. Tom Munks was unanimously elected the Chairman.

ACCOMMODATION

Your Committee were informed that for some time the pressure upon the available accommodation had been very great, especially during the winter months, and that the principle Officers of the Infirmary and Institution in their Annual Reports had repeatedly directed attention to the congestion in the Wards and the need for additional beds. A preliminary survey had been made, and it appeared to be necessary that steps should be taken, not only to deal with existing difficulties, but to anticipate the demands of the future.

It will be remembered that in 1920 the two pavilions on the male side nearest the Administrative Block at the Institution (now Called Cavell and Ashwell Wards), were appropriated for chronic sick cases so as to create much needed vacancies at the Infirmary for acute medical and surgical cases, including a special ward for children. But much remains to be done. The rearrangement then made both as regards patients and staff can only be deemed to be of a provisional character pending a comprehensive scheme.

Such a scheme might include the following: -

- (a). the erection of a separate Hospital or wing for 150 children.

(b). the erection of an additional pavilion, similar in design to Nightingale and Patience Wards, for 60 female medical cases;

(c). the extension of the Nurses' Home to provide 70 additional beds for Staff.

(d). the utilization of the top floors of Cavell and Ashwell Wards on the Institution site for a further 50 cases; the Staff now temporarily lodged therein to be provided for in

(e). Officers' Quarters to be built on a site as near to the Administrative Block as may be convenient. This building should provide for 60 persons so that the Staff now distributed all over the Institution in various wards and rooms may be properly housed and the premises vacated available for their original purposes.

It is desirable also that a number of passenger lifts (approximately) should be installed so that patients may be more comfortably and expeditiously moved from one floor to another.

The foregoing additions and alterations would give from 260 to 300 additional beds and provide the accommodation necessary for staff.

Your Committee therefore recommends the Board to adopt in principle the scheme herein outlined and to give authority for the employment of professional assistance in the preparation of plans and the obtaining of estimates of the probable cost.

THE TRAINING OF NURSES.

Under the provisions of the Nurses Registration Act, 1919 (9 and 10 geo. V. cap. 94), a General Nursing Council for England and Wales has been appointed and empowered to make rules governing the conditions under which any person shall be admitted to the Register. Those rules direct that each candidate shall have undergone the prescribed training and possess the prescribed experience in the nursing of the sick, and that such training shall be carried out in an institution approved by the Council.

The Bagthorpe Infirmary was approved as a Training School for Nurses on the 24th October, 1922.

A difficulty now arises in neighbouring Unions because their Institutions have not been recognized as Training Schools, and unless they can be approved by the Council as affiliated Training Schools they will not be able to obtain the services of suitable persons as nurses.

An application has been received from the Guardians of the Mansfield Union asking the Nottingham Board to assist them by co-operating in a scheme whereby Probationer Nurses shall receive the first two years of their training at Mansfield and complete the further two years at Bagthorpe Infirmary. The theoretical teaching at Mansfield would follow the lines of the syllabus of examination of the General Nursing Council. The average yearly number of nurses to be received at Bagthorpe under this scheme would be six.

Under an Agreement with the Guardians of the Basford Union and sanctioned by the Ministry of Health in 1918, a joint system of training for Probationer Nurses at the Basford and Nottingham Institutions was established whereby Probationers receive their first year's training at Basford and are then transferred to the Bagthorpe Infirmary to complete the remaining three years. Under this arrangement eleven Probationers are transferred each year

to Bagthorpe, but as, at present, the Basford Institution is not an affiliated Training School, the Probationers from there are unable to qualify themselves for the Preliminary State Examination of the General Nursing Council until they have spent a further year at Bagthorpe. It is desirable that steps should be taken to obtain the recognition of Basford as an affiliated Training School.

Your Committee recommend: -

(a). That the application of the Mansfield Guardians be acceded to, subject to the preparation of a Scheme of Training which will satisfy the requirements of the General Nursing Council and enable the Probationers at Mansfield to sit for their Preliminary State Examination upon the completion of their first year's training.

(b). That the arrangement made with the Basford Guardians be modified to satisfy the requirements of the General Nursing Council, and that the period of training at Basford be extended from one to two years so as to coincide with the Mansfield Scheme.

This will mean that six Probationers each year will be transferred from Basford instead of eleven, making with the six from Mansfield, a total number of twelve. The number of Probationers required each year at Bagthorpe is twenty-five, and if the extensions indicated in the first part of this Report be carried out this number may be increased to thirty-five.

The General Nursing Council on the 3rd May, wrote to the Guardians expressing the desire that facilities might be given at the Bagthorpe Infirmary to allow Registered Sick Children's Nurses to obtain a two year's Course of Training in General Nursing, but having regard to the above-mentioned recommendations your Committee think they first should be put into operation before this request is granted.

11. 3/6/24.

Letters from the Ministry of Health.

(1). 23rd May, 1924. Circular 505, directing attention to the fact that unemployment among painters and other tradesmen normally engaged in work of internal decoration is much greater in winter than in summer and urging Local Authorities to arrange to have such work done during the late autumn and winter months when opportunities for employment are less.

(2). 29th May, 1924. Circular 508 with reference to the eviction of tenants who are unable to pay rent.

General Correspondence.

The following letters were read: -

(1). Letter from the Metropolitan Asylums Board stating that the boys on the Training Ship "Exmouth" will visit the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, during the next few months at a cost of, approximately, 3/- (15p) per head for railway fares, admission, and one meal, and inquiring whether the Guardians approve of W. H. Thornton, aged 15 years (17,273), participating in such visit.

Resolved: -

That the proposal of the Metropolitan Asylums Board be approved.

(2). Letter from the metropolitan Asylums Board informing the Guardians that the Ministry of Health have approved of the proposed payment of 7/6 (37 112p) as pocket money to boys on leaving the Training Ship "Exmouth" to join the Mercantile Marine.

Vagrancy Act.

Resolved: -

That George Jackson be prosecuted for running away and leaving his wife and three children whereby they become and now are chargeable to the Guardians.

House Committee: - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee, dated 2~h May, were submitted and approved.

(1). That Miss Evelyn May Alexandra Carter, aged 22 years, of Oak Villas, Bernard Street, Carrington, be appointed Assistant Infirm Attendant at a salary of £36 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2 (if merited) to a maximum of £40 per annum, with the usual residential allowances.

(2). That the appointments of Miss Gladys Selina Archer and Miss Doris Brown, who were engaged as Telephone Operators one month on trial on the 1st May, 1924, be now confirmed.

(3). That the appointments of the undermentioned Probationers who had entered for training under the Scheme agreed between the Basford and Nottingham Boards, be confirmed: - Miss Mary Agnes Cleary, aged 20 years, began 9th October, 1923. Miss Mary Elizabeth Henessy, aged 22 years, began 2nd February, 1924. Miss Jessie Corbitt, aged 26 years, began 12th February, 1924.

(4). That the restriction placed upon the visits of children to the Infirmary Wards during the measles epidemic, now be removed.

(5). That the Repairs of the Roads at the Institution and Infirmary be now proceeded with.

(6). That the Master be authorised to put in hand at once the necessary repairs to the dynamo and fittings which were damaged on the 28th May, by No.2. Set High Speed Generating Engine blowing off one of the high-pressure cylinders.

(7). That the question of providing additional Generating Plant at the Institution be referred to the Building Committee for consideration and report.

(8). That two 10-inch Lawn Mowers be purchased from Messrs. Lewis & Grundy, Ltd., Pelham Street, Nottingham, at a cost of £21716 (£2.37.5p) each.

(9). That the estimate of Messrs. Shell-Mex, Limited, 10, Loseby Lane, Leicester, to supply and fix a 300-gallon underground Petrol Storage tank, complete with Pump and Fittings, but excluding cost of excavation work, for a sum not exceeding £97141- (£97.20p) be accepted.

(10). That the Tender of Mr. F. D. Harris, 5, Bluecoat Street, Nottingham, to tune (four times yearly) and keep in repair, eight Pianos at the Institution, for the sum of £7141- (£7.20p) per annum, be accepted.

(11). That the offer of Messrs. J. Lindley & Sons, Ltd. Nottingham, to make an allowance of 4% from the price of the Carboloc Soap, which was slightly below the Guardians' standard, be accepted.

Children's Committee. - The Minutes of the proceeding of the Committee dated 28th May, were submitted and approved.

Resolved: -

(1). That Miss Henrietta Adeline Burton, aged 45 years, of 103, Portland Road, be appointed Relief Foster-Mother at a salary of £30 per annum, rising by annual increments of £2110 (2.50p), if merited, to a maximum of 340 per annum, with residential allowances.

(2). That William Whadcote be prosecuted for running away and leaving his children, Percy and Stanley Whadcote, whereby they became and now are chargeable to the Guardians.

Special Committee re Provision for Sick and Infirm Cases at Bagthorpe Infirmary and Institution: - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee and the following Report, dated 28th May, were submitted and approved.

Accommodation.

The Minutes of the first meeting of the Committee held on the 7th May last were submitted, and the Clerk reminded them that the portion of the Report referring to accommodation was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, with authority to employ expert assistance.

Resolved: -

That a complete layout of the Scheme be prepared and the approximate cost ascertained, and that such cost be apportioned to the various Blocks so that information can be given to the Members of the cost of the whole or any part of the scheme.

Further Resolved: -

That Messrs. W. B. Starr & Hall, Architects & Surveyors, of 12, Victoria Street, Nottingham, be engaged to prepare the preliminary Plans and Estimates at a fee to be arranged.

Training of Nurses.

Having regard to the fact that the Guardians have agreed to a system of co-operation between the Mansfield and Basford Boards whereby Probationer Nurses shall receive the first two years of their training at the Mansfield of Basford Institution and complete the last two years at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, it is not thought necessary to continue the present method of the Nottingham Guardians interviewing these candidates at the end of three months, but that the selection may well be left to the discretion of the Boards mentioned.

Re-Carpeting of Board Room and Committee Room.

The Committee have invited tenders for the re-carpeting of the Board Room and the Committee Room at the Administrative Offices, and submit for the final decision of the Board, two samples of quality, the prices being as follows: -

No.1. Anglo - Turkey	£310.0.0.
No.2. Heavy - Axminster	£257.10. 0.

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Resolved: -

That the Tender of Messrs. Smart & Brown, Ltd., to supply and fix Anglo-Turkey Carpet in the Board Room and the Committee Room, for the sum of £310 be accepted.

Chairman's Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 23rd, 26th, and 30th May, were approved, and the following Report submitted.

Relief of Unemployed Persons.

The Board of Guardians at their meeting held on the 1st January, 1924, adopted a Report of a special Committee re Unemployment and decided to put into operation the provisions of Article XI. of the Relief Regulation Order, 1911, which enables them, with the consent of the Minister of Health, to grant relief outside an Institution to an able-bodied man, provided he is set to work and that one half of the relief is given in kind.

It had been ascertained that suitable work could be found at the Bagthorpe Institution in (a) the laying of a new Fire Main and (b) the Repairs of the Roads upon the completion of the laying.

Arrangements accordingly were made with the Corporation that the supervision of the laying of the main should be under the direction of the Water Engineer who would supply the skilled labour, whilst the repair of the Roads would be superintended by the City Engineers Department.

The unskilled labour was to be selected by the Relief Committees and the Chairman's Committee were estimated with the general oversight and carrying-out of came into operation on the 30th January last.

It is now possible to present a Report giving details of three months working, thirteen weeks ended the 3rd May last.

The total number of men selected for work was 111, and the following the table gives an analysis of the results: -

Number of men working at the end of three months	60
Number of men who obtained work elsewhere	16
Number of men resumed on the dole	11
Number of men refused to start work	7
Number of men refused to continue work	6
Number of men excused as medically unfit	6
Number of men excused owing to illness contracted after starting work	3
Number of men stopped work owing to improvement in circumstances	1
Number of men sent to prison	1
Total	111

The actual number of hours worked by the men was 10,923, and the amount in money and kind received by them totalled £848/12/10, averaging 1s 6 5/8d per hour.

But in considering this figure it should be pointed out that the grant of relief has no relation to the amount of work done. The grant is made according to the necessities of each case and depends of course upon the family circumstances.

The laying of the Fire Main has been completed and the Repairs to the Roads are being proceeded with. The Committee recommended that the Minister of Health be asked to sanction the continuance of the Scheme for a further period of three months.

Resolved: - That the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

12. 17/6/98.

Letters from the Ministry of Health.

(1). 5th June, 1924. Approving of the Guardians proposal to exercise for a further period of three months the powers referred to in Article X. and XI, of the Relief Regulation Order, 1911.

(2). 13th June, 1924. Sanctioning the departure from the regulations with regard to contracts which is involved in the proposal of the Guardians to purchase from Messrs. Smart & Brown, Ltd., Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, Carpets for the Board Room and Committee Room, at the Administrative Offices, without in the first instance advertising for sealed tenders.

Report on Relief of Unemployed.

Chairmen's Committee. - The Report of the Chairmen's Committee with reference to the Relief of Unemployed persons was considered and approved.

Minutes of Committees.

Finance Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 17th June, and the following Report were submitted and approved.

Examination of Books and Accounts.

The Clerk reported the examination of the Books and Accounts of the various Officers of the Guardians for the 9th and 10th weeks of the Quarter ending 30th June, 1924 and submitted his analysis of the several transactions therein recorded.

The Balance as shown by the Treasurers Account at the last Meeting was	£195. 3s. 11d.
And during the past fortnight a total amount has been received of	£458. 10s. 5d.
Making together	£653. 14s. 4d.

The Committee recommended that Cheques be drawn in payment of accounts amounting to £8,177. 16s. 3d.

Leaving a Debit Balance of £7,524. 1s. 11d.

Particulars of the amounts received and of Cheques passed for payment are recorded in "The Treasurer's Account," which will be laid on the Board Room Table.

Repayment of Relief Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee dated 6th June, were submitted and approved.

Resolved: -

(1). That the sum of 9s. 5.112d (47p) found in the possession of Wallace Williamson upon his admission to the Bagthorpe Infirmary, on the 14th January, 1924, be paid to his widow, Mrs. Emily Williamson, of 94, Briar Street, Nottingham, who is in poor circumstances.

(2). That having regard to the fact that £247. 3s. 10d. was appropriated by the Guardians on the 14th May, 1920, from the sale of the personal property of Robert Cloudsley Clarke, now aged 6\$ years, towards the cost of his maintenance in the City Mental Hospital, from 28th February, 1920, to the 1st May, 1924, and in the Bagthorpe Institution from the 2nd May, 1924,

and that he now is destitute and in need of clothing, £20 be repaid to him to enable him to provide for his necessities.

Baking Sub-Committee: - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 16th June, were submitted and approved.

Resolved: -

That 200 sacks of "Patents" Flour at 36/- per sack (20 stones), and 200 sacks of "Superfine" Flour at 33/6 per sack (20 stones), be purchased from Mr. C. G. Caudwell, Great Lily Mill, Southwell.

Tenders for Supplies.

The Tenders which had been received in response to advertisements issued for the supply of Coal, Drugs and Druggists' Sundries and Nurses' Dresses, also for the supply of Motor Cars for the conveyance of persons to the City Mental Hospital and Bagthorpe Institutions, were opened and submitted.

Resolved: -

(1). That the Tenders for the Supply of Coal be referred to a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, Messrs. Burrows, Chester, Homer, Howitt and Smith for consideration and report.

(2). That the Tenders for Drugs and Druggists' Sundries be referred to the Dispensary Committee for consideration and report.

(3). That the Tenders for the Supply of Nurses' Dresses be referred to the House Committee for consideration.

(4). That the Tenders of Messrs. Clower & Son, Derby Road, for the supply of Motor Cars for the conveyance of persons to the City Mental Hospital and Bagthorpe Institutions be accepted.

Collectors' Monthly Statements.

The Monthly Statements of Collectors were submitted showing that: -

The amount collected by several Collectors of the Poor Rates during the month of May was	..	£1,054. 15s. 4d.
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The amount collected by Mr. Carnell Collector of the Guardians, during the month of May was	..	£696. 11s. 6d.
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13. 1/7/24.

General Correspondence.

The following letters were read: -

(1). Letter from the Central Midwives Board stating that the Board recognises the Bagthorpe Infirmary as an Institution where pupil midwives may receive their practical training.

(2). Letter from the Master of the Bagthorpe Institutions inquiring whether in the event of a Lockout in the Building trades, the operatives employed at Bagthorpe will be allowed to continue their employment on the suggested terms of 112d per hour from the 16th June, 1924.

Resolved: -

That the Building Trades Operatives employed at Bagthorpe be allowed to continue their employment on the suggested terms, pending the settlement of the dispute, and that the Wages be eventually adjusted according to the terms of the settlement.

(3). Letter from Mr. Geo. Sadler, of the Seaside Home for Nottingham Cripples, Mablethorpe, Lincs., asking for a donation towards the expenses of that Institution.

Resolved: -

That the letter be referred to the House Committee for consideration.

Settlement and Removal.

Ordered: -

That the Clerk be directed to make enquiry in regard to the undermentioned persons now chargeable to the Unions or Parishes hereinafter mentioned, but who are alleged to belong to the City of Nottingham, viz: -

Name	Age	Condition	Union or Parish
Eliza Stubbs	67	Widow	Basford
Maria Hudson	74	Widow	Mansfield

Non-Resident Relief

Name.	Age.	Condition	Address.	Union.	Relief.
Eliza Maddocks	64.	Widow.	Barrow- upon Soar	Barrow- upon-Soar	10/-

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 26th June, were submitted and approved.

Resolved: -

- (1). That the resignation of Miss Gladys S. Archer, Telephone Operator, be accepted; and that the labour Exchange be requested to submit a list of Disabled Ex-service men suitable to fill the vacancy, at wages of 55/- per week (non-resident).
- (2). That during the absence of Mr. W. H. Birks, Hospital Porter, owing to sickness, Mr. J. Worthington be engaged temporarily at wages of 50/- per week.
- (3). That the resignation of Miss Charlotte Williamson, Probationer Nurse, who finds the work uncongenial to her, be accepted.
- (4). That Miss Mable Hurt, Probationer Nurse, who has completed 4 years' training in the Infirmary, and obtained her C. M. B. Certificate, be appointed Staff Nurse at the commencing salary at the rate of £50 per annum, and the usual residential allowances.
- (5). That, having regard to the fact that the women recently sent to Bagthorpe to be employed as Scrubbers either do not possess the necessary experience of the work or are not strong enough to carry out all the required duties, an additional woman be employed as a Scrubber.
- (6). That estimates be obtained from Messrs. J. S. & A. Wolley, Park Row: Simpson & Sadler, Huntingdon Street; Nottingham Motor Body Co., Parliament Street; and T. Robinson & Son, Main Street, Bulwell, for the repainting of the body and the cleaning of the upholstery of the Daimler Car.
- (7). That the Tender of Messrs. Jardox Limited, Anerley, London, S. E., to supply Jardox packed in 71b. tins, delivered at the Institution during the three months ending 30th September, 1924, at £1 3/10/8 (£1 3.53p) per cwt. be accepted.
- (8). That the Meadows adjoining Edwards Lane be ploughed up and Oats sown therein.
- (9). That the grey horse which is suffering from an ulcer in the cheek, be examined by the veterinary Surgeon, who is authorised to deal with the animal as he may think fit.
- (10). That the Tender of Mr. T. K. Pendred, Chapel Bar, for the supply of the undermentioned be accepted. Sisters' Dresses. S. S. S. Sateen, 19/11 each; Probationer Nurses, Grey Harvard, 14/3 each; Cooks, Blue and White

Stripe, S. S. S. Sateen, 18/11 each; Maids, Pink and White Stripe, S. S. S. Sateen, 18/11 each.

Special re Coal- The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 20th June, were submitted and approved.

Resolved: -

(1). That the Tender of Messrs. Barber, Walker & Co., Eastwood Collieries, be accepted for the supply of the following during the six months ending 31 St December, 1924.

Selston or Moorgreen open grained Hard House Coal,
delivered at Bagthorpe Sidings 29/6 per ton

That the Tender of Mr. Frederick, 15 Low Pavement, be accepted as follows: -

for the Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1925
Babbington hand Picked Bright Cobbles, delivered by
cart and got in at the Central Home and Scattered
Homes and Offices and Boden Street. 32/9 per ton

Babbington Steam Cobbles, delivered by cart and
got in at the Administrative Officers. 24/9 per ton.

(3). That the following purchases be made for experimental purposes at Bagthorpe., Viz:-

R. Keetch and Son, Nottingham.

50 tons Wollaton No. 5 Rough Slack (2 1/4" Screened) delivered
at Bagthorpe Sidings. 16/- per ton.

2 Truck Loads Shirebrook Best Hard House Coal,
delivered at Bagthorpe Sidings. 26/5 per ton.

Repayment of Relief Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 20th June, were submitted and approved.

Resolved: -

(1). That the sum of 5/4 be refunded to Charles Wilson, otherwise Middleton, in whose possession £51514 was found upon his admission to the Bagthorpe Infirmary, on the 30th April, 1924, and paid to the Treasurer. He left the Institution on the 17th May and by order of the Guardians, £3 was refunded to him on the 24th May.

(2). That the sum of £61418 1/2 found in the possession of Arthur N. Smith, aged 33 years, upon his admission to the City Mental Hospital on the 7th June, 1924, and which is now in the hands of the Superintendent Relieving Officer, be given to the patient's wife, Mrs. A. G. Smith, of 1, Mary Terrace, Crocus Street, who has two dependent children and on whose behalf application for an Army Pension is being made.

(3). That from the sum of 59/11/4 handed to the Collector on 23rd March, 1924, and paid to the Treasurer, £49/1 6/4 be refunded to Lucy Bush, aged 63 years, of 143, Pym Street, who was chargeable to the Guardians in the City Mental Hospital from 25th February, 1924, until 30th April, 1924.

14. 15/7/24.

General Correspondence.

The following letters were read: -

(1). letter from the Hon. Secretary, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Vagrancy Committee, stating that it has been decided to increase the allowance for the maintenance of each Vagrant from 6d. to 8d. per night, as and from the 1st April, 1924.

Resolved: -

That such increased charges be paid.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee: - The Minutes of the proceedings of this committee dated 10th July were submitted and approved

(1). That the Farmhands actually engaged on mowing work during the season be paid II- per day extra.

(2). That Miss Beatrice Vickery, aged 21 years, who was appointed Probationer Nurse on the 1st May, 1924, and who had previously received two years' training in a Woman's Hospital where she obtained her C .M. B. Certificate, be permitted to enter training for three years instead of four years at the Infirmary, and that she be paid at the annual of £25 the first year, rising to £30 and £35 the second and third years respectively, and the usual residential allowances.

(3). That the Tender of Messrs. J. S. & A. Wool ley, Motor Engineers & Body Builders, Park Place, Park Row, Nottingham, to paint, clean the upholstery of the Daimler Car, supply new hind wings, repair front wings and door panel, for the total sum of £61/15/- be accepted.

Children's Committee: -

(1). That the following Return of the number of boys sent to situations, etc., during the three years ended 31st March, 1924, be received as satisfactory,

No. of Boys dealt with during period 35

How Dealt With.		Percentage to Total.
Sent to situations.	28.	80%
To Training Ships	4.	11.4%
To Army or Navy Bands	2.	5.7%
Emigrated to Canada	1.	2.9%

'Of the above, 26 are progressing satisfactorily, 7 went back to their friends, and two returned to Bristol from whence they had been sent by the Guardians of that City.

15. 29/7/24.

General Correspondence.

(1). Letter from the Hon. Secretary, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Vagrancy Committee, forwarding draft Constitution of a Joint Vagrancy Committee which it is proposed to set up for the purpose of the better administration of the relief of casuals in the Counties of Nottingham and Derby, and requesting this Board to approve of the proposal.

Resolved: -

That this Board do approve of an application being made to the Minister of Health for the issue of an Order under the provision of Sec. 8 of the Poor Law Act, 1897, constituting the several Unions in the Counties of Nottingham and Derby a Joint Committee for the better administration of relief to the casual poor upon the lines of the existing voluntary combination; and hereby approves of the draft of the proposed Order, copy of which has been submitted to each member of the Board

(2). Letter from the Superintendent, St. Joseph's School, Orpington, Kent, stating that it is proposed taking the boys to the Empire Exhibition, Wembley, at a cost of 61- per head, and inquiring whether Charles E. Davits, aged 12 years, has the permission of the Guardians to go with the party.

Resolved: - That permission is granted.

(3). Letter from Lieut-Col. Brook, Chief Constable, Nottingham, forwarding a copy of a letter which he has received from Mr. F. J. Scattergood, 22, Gorsey Road, complaining of the nuisance arising from the practice of the boys in the Scattered Home at 20, Gorsey Road, playing brass instruments.

Resolved: -

That the matter be left to the discretion of the Clerk to take such action as he may deem necessary.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 24th July, were submitted and approved.

(1). That Miss Florence Eleanor Smith, aged 21 years, of "Leigh Bank," Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts., and Miss Doris Elsie Towle, aged 21 years, of 33, Watcombe Circus, Carrington, be appointed Probationer Nurses, three months on trial, each at a salary at the rate of £20 the first year, £25 the second year, £30 the third year, and £35 the fourth year of service, with the usual residential allowances, in the respective places of Nurses Millard and Good man, who have completed their fourth years' training.

(2). That Miss Rebecca Evelyn Pickboume, aged 19 years, of 12, Rydal Grove, Old Basford, be appointed Messroom Maid, at a commencing salary of £25 per annum, with the usual residential allowances.

(3). That Mrs. Thomas, Scrubber, be paid extra wages for two Sundays upon which she has been on duty, during the absence of the Doctors Maid on holiday.

(4). That the Clerk be instructed to arrange for the insurance of the 9 1/2 h. p. Motor in the bakery and the 5 h. p. Motor in the Test House, with the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Company, Ltd.

(5). That an additional Battery for Electrical Treatment be purchased for use in the Infirmary, at an approximate cost of £7.

(6). That the Tender of Messrs. C. A. Forslind & Son, Ltd., to supply 'rejected' Pit Props (about 50 tons) at 42/6 per ton, and that of Messrs. R. W. Baird & Co., Hull, to supply 200 tons of Pit Prop Ends at 47/6 per ton, both delivered at the Bagthorpe Sidings, be accepted.

(7). That a "Clumberphone" Gramophone be purchased from Mr. A. Hindley, 21, Clumber Street, at a cost of £6, for use in the Mental Wards.

(8). That a 22in. "Atco" Motor Lawn Mower be purchased from Messrs. F. Mountain & Co., Moseley Street, Birmingham, at a nett cost of £71 /5/-.

Children's Committee. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 23rd July, and the following report were submitted.

449 & 451 Mansfield Road.

The Clerk reported that he had been interviewed by the Secretary and representatives of the Sherwood Wesleyan Church respecting the two villas, Nos. 449 and 451, Mansfield Road, now used by the Guardians as Scattered Homes, but which had been purchased recently by the Wesleyan

Church for their social work and Sunday School. They wished to obtain possession as soon as possible.

The Committee were of the opinion that possession should be given as soon as alternative accommodation could be obtained, and unanimously resolved that the Board be asked to sanction their entering into negotiations for the purchase of at Skegness, Sutton or Mablethorpe, which could be utilised as Homes of children needing seaside treatment. For this purpose they recommended that a small Committee be set up and authorised to visit those places to make enquiries and report to the Board.

Resolved: -

That the Minutes and Report be approved

Also Resolved: -

(1). That Elizabeth Ward O'Brien, aged 12 years and nine months who has successfully passed the tests for admission to one of the City of Nottingham Education Committee's Secondary Schools as a fee-paying scholar at Mundella School (£2 per term of 4 months), be allowed to remain at school until she attains the age of 16 years, and that the Agreement therefore be signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Guardians.

(2). That the band instructor be directed to endeavour as far as possible, to train boys to become understudies in the solo parts, so that in the absence of the principle players, the Band could play in public.

(3). That Band Boys who leave the care of the Guardians are still resident in Nottingham, be encouraged to continue their membership of the Band.

(4). That if it be necessary for instrumentalists to be engaged for the purpose of strengthening the Band on any occasion, the Band instructor appeal to other Boys' bands (i.e., the Daykene Street Lads' Club, Gordon Boys' Home, and the Boys' Brigade) for instance.

(5). That the following accounts for the holiday of the Scattered Homes Children at Skegness, be paid.

Messrs. Dean & Dawson, Rail Fares.	£52. 2s. 4 112d
Y.M.C.A. Woodside Camp Maintenance of Children.	£190. 0s. 0d.

Total	£242. 2s. 4 1/2d.

Special Committee re Accommodation. - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee, dated 23rd July, and the following Report, were submitted and approved.

Instructions to Architects.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee which had been sanctioned by the Board on the 3rd and 17th June last, he had prepared detailed instructions to the Architects, Messrs. Starr & Hall, regarding the proposals of the Guardians in connection with alterations and extensions at Bagthorpe, and upon which they needed expert advice; and he submitted his draft letter and memoranda thereon.

After careful consideration the Committee approved of these documents and directed that they be forwarded to the Architects.

Committee Room Table.

Tenders were submitted for the making-up and supplying of 3 Oak Tables, shaped to horse-shoe pattern, together with one straight Table, for permanent use in the Committee Room, at the Poor Law Offices.

Resolved: -

That the Tender of Messrs. Foster, Cooper & Foster, Limited, of Long Row, to supply, make-up and fix complete, 3 shaped Writing Tables forming a horse-shoe patterned, and one straight Table, to the sizes of the present Tables in use, the width to be 20 ins. over all, be accepted for the sum of £54. The Tables to be made in figured oak and fully polished to shade, with the necessary pen troughs and 17 Ink Pots; the tops to be lined leather.

16. 26/8/24.

Report *re* Work found for Unemployed Persons.

In continuance of the Report made in reference to the employment of able bodied of out-relief up to the 3rd May last, the following details dealing with the three months up to and including the 2nd August, 1924, were submitted.

The total number of men at work at the end of last Quarter 3/5/24.	60.
The number of men selected for work during the second Quarter 2/8/24.	82.
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Making a total of	142

The following Table gives an analysis of the results-

No. of men working at the end of the 2nd Quarter.	84.
"who obtained work elsewhere	28.

resumed on the 'Dole'	5.
"refused to start work	7.
"refused to continue working	7.
excused as mentally unfit	6.
"died after starting work	1.
sent to prison	2.
No. of men stopped work owing to improved circumstances	1.
started in business on own account	1.
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Total	142

The actual number of hours worked by the men was 13,286 ½ , and the amount of money and kind received by them totalled £921/3/8: averaging 1/4 5/8 per hour.

In considering this figure, it should be borne in mind that the grant of relief has no relation to the amount of work done, but is made according to the necessities of each case.

The repairs to the roads at the Bagthorpe Institution and Infirmary are being proceeded with, but not yet completed.

The Committee recommended that the Ministry of Health be asked to approve of the Guardians exercising the powers specified in Articles X and XI. of the Relief Regulation Order, 1911, for a further period of three months.

Resolved: -

That the recommendation of the Committee be approved

17. 23/9/24.

**Letters from the Ministry of Health
and other Public Departments.**

(1). 8th September, 1924, Approving of the Guardians' proposal to exercise for a further period of three months the powers referred to in Articles X and XI. of the Relief Regulation Order, 1911.

(2). 10th September, 1924. Letter from the Overseas Settlement Office 3-4, Clements Inn, London, forwarding extracts from reports by Canadian Immigration Officers relating to Richard Flynn, William Tenant, and Wallace D. Spencer, sent to Canada by the Guardians in 1922 and 1923 respectively.

General Correspondence.

The following letters were read:-

(1). Letter from the Secretary of the British Dominions Emigration Society, 34, Newark Street, Stepney, London, E.1., stating that applications for help have been received from Mrs. Lucy Spencer, a widow, aged 60 years, of 43, Moffat Street, Nottingham, and her daughter, Annie Violet, a single woman, aged 19 years, of the same address, towards the expenses of their emigration to Canada Mrs. Spencer's husband died on the 13th April, 1924, and her three sons have been in Canada some years. She can contribute £10 towards the expenses, leaving a balance of £38. 16s. 10d. to be raised, of which the Emigration Society will pay one half if the Guardians will pay the other £19. 8s. 5d. The Chairman's Committee recommended this should be done.

It was Resolved-

That Lucy Spencer and Annie Violet Spencer, whose names are set forth in the statement below, residing in the City of Nottingham, being desirous of migrating to 925, 18th Avenue, N. W., Calgary, Alberta, in Canada, the necessary steps be immediately taken to effect the migration, and a sum not exceeding £20 be expended for such persons and charged upon the Common Fund of the Parish of Nottingham.

Statement referred to in above resolution.

Names of Emigrants.	Age.	condition.	Particulars as to Parochial Relief	Name of Emigration Society.
Lucy Spencer	60	Widow	Nil	British Dominions Emigration Society.
Annie Violet Spencer	19	Single	Nil	Emigration Society.

Vagrancy Act, 1824.

Resolved-

That Albert Sweeting, George Ernest Ross, May Barnet, Joseph Turner and Ernest Richard Morley, be prosecuted for running away and leaving their families, whereby they became and are now chargeable to the Guardians.

Settlement and Removal.

Ordered-

That the Clerk be directed to make enquiry in regard to the undermentioned persons now chargeable to the Unions or Parishes hereinafter mentioned, but who are alleged to belong to the City of Nottingham.

Name.	Age.	Condition.	Parish or Union.
Richard Turner.	59.	Single	Bingham.
Elizabeth Ann Burnett.	64.	Widow.	Basford.
Mable Pryer.	40.	Single.	Islington.

Non-Resident Relief.

Name.	Age.	Condition	Address.	Union.	Relief.
Isabella Rice.	46.	Single.	Derby.	Derby.	10/- weekly.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee: - The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee, dated 4th and 18th September, were submitted and approved.

Resolved-

- (1). That Miss Mable Hurt, Staff Nurse in Victoria Ward be promoted to be Theatre Staff Nurse, at a salary of £55 per annum.
- (2). That having regard to the medical Officer's report on the physical condition of Mr. W.H. Birks, Hospital Porter, he be allowed to resume his duties.
- (3). That new Carpets be purchased for the Master's and Assistant Infirmary Matron's Sitting rooms.
- (4). That 600 Raspberry Canes be purchased for the Garden at the Institution.
- (5). That on the recommendation of the Medical Officer, the following X-ray Apparatus be purchased from the Cox-Cavendish Electrical Co., Ltd., 105, Great Portland Street, London, W.1., at a total cost of £14/5/0d., - 1 Viewing Box, 1 Dark Room Lamp, 1 Screen, and I Pair of Protective Gloves.
- (6). That 3 X-ray Tubes be purchased from Messrs Cohan and Armstrong, Disposal Corporation. C. S. D. Depot No 5, Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush, London, W12, at a cost of £5 each, for use in the Infirmary.

Building Committee

Roads at Bagthorpe Institution and Infirmary

The Clerk reported that with Mr. Gordon, the City Engineer, he had visited the Institution on the 11th instant, and surveyed the roads. About one-fourth of the repairs had been completed.

The Engineer pointed out that the curbing and channels were in a defective state, and that the repairs would require to be done by skilled paviours.

Resolved-

That the curbing's and channels to the roads be relayed.

New Fire Mains - Bagthorpe.

An account was submitted from the Nottingham Corporation for expenses incurred in connection with the sewerage and surfacing of the new mad to Edwards Lane, amounting to £661/1 /4d. This included cost of building manholes, paving channels with granite sets, and forming and paving crossing into Edwards Lane.

Resolved: -

That the account be passed to the Finance Committee for payment.

Further Resolved: -

That the account for £1211 210d., due to the Corporation Water Department for fixing two additional Hydrants on the new Fire Mains, as directed by the Committee, be paid.

Dispensary Committee

**Appointment of Assistant Medical Officers (Resident)
Bagthorpe Institution and Infirmary.**

One hundred and three applications were received from candidates for the position of Assistant Medical Officer at the Bagthorpe Institution and Infirmary, among which were included forty-six from ladies.

Resolved: -

That having regard to there being no accommodation at present for a Resident Lady Doctor at Bagthorpe, such applications be not entertained.

The remaining fifty-seven applications were then considered and the undermentioned nine candidates selected to attend before the Board for interview.

- (1). J Vernon Griffiths, BA. M.R.C.S. (Eng). L.R.C.P. (Lond)., aged 25 years, of the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland.
- (2). Thomas Gibson, MB., Ch.B. (Glasgow), aged 26 years of St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford.
- (3). James Morrison, M.B., Ch.B. (Glasgow), aged 27 years, of Trevor House, Leyburn, Yorkshire.
- (4). A.H. Jowell, M.R.C.S. (Eng)., L.R.C.P.(Lond)., aged 22 years, of Guy's Hospital, London Bridge, S.E.1.
- (5). O.F. Thomas, M.R.C.S. (Eng)., L.R.C.P. (Lond)., aged 25 years of Walton Institution, Rice Lane, Liverpool.
- (6). F. Heywood Jones, M.B., Ch.B. (Liverpool), aged 24 years, of the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, Myrtle Street, Liverpool.
- (7). Daniel H. Sheehan, M.B., Ch.B. (N.U.I.), of Churchfield, Old Basford.
- (8). L.A. Green, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S. (Edin), aged 32 years, of the General Hospital, Newark-on-Trent.
- (9). Edward B. Low, MB., Ch.B. (Edin)., aged 26 years, of 1180 London Road, Alvaston Derby.

Dr. Griffiths, Dr. Gibson and Dr. Morrison did not attend, and Dr. Jones withdrew his application. The remaining candidates were interviewed.

Resolved:-

That Mr. A.H. Jowell, M.R.C.S. (Eng)., L.R.C.P. (Lond)., Of Guys Hospital, and Mr. Edward Bruce Low, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin)., of 1180 London Road, Alvaston, Derby, be appointed Assistant Medical Officers (Resident), at the Bagthorpe Institution and Infirmary, each at a salary of £300 per annum, with furnished apartments, service, board, laundry.

18. 7/10/24.

House Committee

Dietary for Sick Patients and Children.

The Clerk read extracts from the Nottingham Parish Infirmary Order, dated 10th October, 1907, and the Poor (Dietaries) Order, dated 30th October, 1913, (Appendix A) which placed upon the Medical Officer the full responsibility for the dietary of the sick, mentally defective and infants.

He also read a Report made by Dr. Ashwell on "Margarine as Compared with Butter" (Appendix B), in which the opinion is expressed that provided a thoroughly good brand of Margarine is employed the continuance of the Butter substitute is recommended.

Figures (Appendix C) were submitted showing that a good brand of Margarine could be purchased for 641/- per cwt., whereas Butter would cost 247/- per cwt., a difference in expenditure of £1,625 per annum, based on present numbers and prices.

Resolved:-

That the Medical Officer be requested to substitute Butter or Margarine in the dietaries for sick, patients, the mentally defective and children.

APPENDIX A.

**CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
BOARD OF GUARDIANS**

Bagthorpe Infirmary and Institution.

Dietaries for Sick Patients.

The Dietaries of Patients in the Infirmary and Institution are controlled by Regulations of the Minister of Health contained in the undermentioned Orders,

- (a) The Nottingham Parish Infirmary Order, dated 10th October, 1907.
- (b) The Poor Law (Dietaries) Order, dated 30th December, 1913 as amended by the Poor Law (Dietaries) Order, dated 15th October, 1920.

These Orders place upon the Medical Officer the full responsibility for the dietary of the sick, mentally defective and infants.

As regards the Infirmary, the following Regulations of the Order of 1907 should be borne in mind.

No. 16. The poor persons shall be dieted with the food and in the manner set forth in the dietary to be prescribed by the Medical Officer as hereinafter provided, and the Guardians shall give such directions as they consider necessary to ensure that the meals of the poor persons are duly provided, cooked, dressed and served.

No. 52. The duties of the Medical Officer shall be: -

- (1). To attend daily upon the poor persons in the Infirmary according to the necessities of their cases and to give the requisite directions as to their treatment, nursing and diet.

(5). To prescribe the dietary for the poor persons in so many different scales as he deems expedient and to assign a distinctive number to each scale.

As regards the Institution, the Order of 1913, which in this respect is not altered by the Order of 1920, provides:-

No. 19. An inmate of the sick wards or of the lunatic wards shall receive as the Medical Officer may direct, either the Dietary for Infirm Inmates or the Special Diet for those inmates mentioned in Schedule A, or one of such dietaries as the Medical Officer may have prescribed, together with such extras as the Medical Officer may in any case direct.

In reply to a question asked in the House of Commons on the 23rd June, 1904, on this subject, the President of the Local Government Board stated "Subject to the regulations in force, it was for the Medical Officer to determine the dietary of the sick inmates, and he could not undertake to interfere with his discretion in the matter.

APPENDIX B.

Margarine as compared with Butter

Margarine is made by melting down and clarifying various animal fats, that of the ox being now chiefly employed. The melted fat is allowed to cool slowly with the result that the stearin solidifies first.

The more fluid components "palatin and olein" are removed by pressure and churned up with a little milk to give the flavour of butter. The product is then tinted with some vegetable dye and is ready for use.

The proportion of fat is exactly the same as in an average specimen of butter, and the the only point in which the two differ is that butter has a much higher proportion of the soluble and volatile fatty acids.

There is no reason to believe that this is in any way to the disadvantage of Margarine as a food. The absence of Butyrin is a point in favour of Margarine, for when butter becomes at all rancid, Butyric Acid is liberated from the Butyrin, and Butyric Acid is an exceedingly irritating substance.

Margarine is absorbed almost as completely as butter, the difference being only 2%, in other words 102 lbs. of Margarine are equal in nutritive value to 100 lbs. of Butter.

Whatever may have once been the case, Margarine is now made only from pure animal fat, and the processes to which it is subjected in manufacture ensure its further purification.

Under these circumstances, and provided that a thoroughly good brand of Margarine is employed, I advise the continuance of the butter substitute, at present in use.

I would like however to emphasise the importance of selecting one of the best brands of Margarine, and also that it should be delivered frequently in order that it may be served to the patients whilst still fresh.

(Signed) H. G. Ashwell.

APPENDIX C.

ANNUAL COST OF MARGARINE AND BUTTER. (27/9/24 Figures).

	Daily Numbers	Consumption lbs.	Cost of margarine at 64/- per cwt.	Cost of Butter at 1/10 ½ per lb.	Cost of Butter at 2/2 ½ per lb.
Infirmary.	556 (app)	12,686	£362. 10s. 3d.	£1,189. 10s. 0d.	£1,400 .19s. 4d.
Sick wards.	84	1,898	£54. 4s. 7d.	£177. 18s. 9d.	£209. 11s. 5d.
Mental Wards.	233	5,278	£150. 60s. 0d.	£494. 16s. 3d.	£582. 15s. 7d.
Total Cost			£567. 10s. 10d.	£1,862, 5s. 0d.	£2,193. 6s. 4d.

Increase in cost: Butter at 1/10 ½ d per lb:- £1,294. 14s. 2d.

Increase in cost: Butter at 2/2 ½ d per lb:- £1,625. 15s. 6d.

19. 4/11/24.

City Council Election.

The Chairman on behalf of the Board congratulated Mr. Solari and Mr. Walker upon the election to the office of City Councillor.

At this juncture, Mr. Green made allegations concerning the conduct of certain Guardians during the recent Municipal Election Campaign, and the Board having decided to suspend the Standing Orders so that the matter could be discussed at this meeting.

It was Resolved (Mr. S. G. Ward - Mr. Green)

That the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Board Mrs. Martin, Mr. Homer, Mr. Munks, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Thompson and Mr. S. G. Ward be appointed a Special Committee to investigate and report upon the changes made by Mr. Green.

Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924.

The Pensions (Increase) Act, 1924, which received the Royal Assent on the 7th August last, provides for an increase in percentages to be added to superannuation rates existing on the 16th August, 1920, in the case of persons in receipt of pensions not exceeding £100 per annum.

The percentages by which such pensions shall be increased are as follows:

(a) In the case of an existing pension not exceeding twenty-five pounds per year, seventy per cent. Instead of fifty per cent;

(b) In the case of an existing pension exceeding twenty-five pounds per year, but not exceeding fifty pounds per year, sixty-five per cent. Instead of fifty per cent.; and

(c) In the case of an existing pension exceeding fifty pounds per year but not exceeding one hundred pounds per year, fifty per cent. Instead of forty per cent.

Under the recent Act, the increases become payable as from the 1st July, 1923.

Resolved:-

That such increased allowances be paid.

20. 18/11/24.

Bowling Green, Bagthorpe.

Question:- Mr. Braddock, after notice given, asked the following question;-

"What is the amount of money expended in laying out the Bowling Green and the building of the Pavilion at Bagthorpe, including the cost of labour and material?"

Answer; - Mr. Custerson, Chairman of the Farm Committee, in reply said: -

The question raised by Mr. Braddock, namely, as to the cost of labour and materials expended on the laying out of the bowling green and the building of the Pavilion at Bagthorpe, is difficult to answer, because these works were all part of the employment found for men seeking relief.

It will be remembered, that in September, 1921, matters became acute. Deputations were received by the Guardians and also by the City Council, and ultimately it was decided, first of all, that the Farm Committee should be authorised to employ 24 men, to be selected by the relief Committees, on the farm and land at Bagthorpe. Secondly, the City Council decided to enlarge Edwards Lane, and asked the Guardians to transfer to them, in all 8,400 square yards, to enable the widening to take place. The men employed at Bagthorpe were engaged in cleaning up the farm and in levelling part of the recreation ground for the purpose of a Bowling Green.

In the following January, 1922, the Building Committee were authorised to proceed with the turfing, and ultimately decided to sow seeds.

Other work was put in hand in different parts of the premises, and additional labour employed. generally, the endeavour was to provide as much work as possible for men seeking public assistance.

In March, 1923, it was decided to take out all the old bricks from the foundations of the building adjoining the Nurses Home, which it was decided some years ago should not be proceeded with. This ground was levelled and is now being cultivated. The disused bricks

were trimmed by unskilled labour and some used in connection with the paths round the Bowling Green.

In July, 1923, as more work was required, the Guardians sent a Deputation to the General Purposes Committee of the Corporation, and also decided themselves to put in hand further work. This resulted in the laying of the new fire main and the repairing of the roads.

Other alterations were carried out, such as the conversion of a Storeroom at the Infirmary into a Recreation Room for the Nurses, and the erection of a Dressing Room or Pavilion for the whole of the Staff to enable them to properly use the Tennis Courts, Bowling Green, etc., laid out on the land facing the Main Building.

Only approximate estimates of cost could be obtained and this would entail an inspection of invoices extending over a long period. The value of the labour employed would be impossible of ascertainment, because part was done by inmates, part by those in receipt of relief and part by those engaged upon the farm.

General Correspondence

Letter from the Central Midwives Board, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, S. W. 1., with reference to the training of Midwives.

Resolved: -

That the Clerk be instructed to inform the Central Midwives Board that the Guardians regret to find the Board have adopted the practice of reviewing annually the recognition of training schools, and to point out that such method is unsatisfactory because the nursing staffs of the Poor law Hospitals in this country are recruited from those who are prepared to enter into training for a stated period in order to qualify for a Certificate of proficiency in Nursing, including midwifery, and unless some permanence is given to arrangements so made the whole system of education must break down. Further, that in regard to lectures, it is desirable that these should be given at such places as will cause the least inconvenience to those who may have to attend, and therefore should continue to be given at Bagthorpe.

Letter from the Master of the Bagthorpe Institution inquiring whether the men employed on Test Work may be allowed to work from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., instead of 8.30 a.m to 5 p.m., as at present, so that advantage may be taken of the daylight hours.

Resolved:-

That the hours of labour be altered as suggested.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee

(1). That about four dozen Bedsteads which are no longer fit for use in the Hospital, be written off the Inventory, and that Tenders be invited for the supply of new ones.

(2). That the Bedsteads above mentioned be placed at the disposal of the Relief Committees for distribution to suitable applicants.

Christmas Extras.

(3). That the undermentioned Special Dietary and Extras be provided for Christmas Day.

BREAKFAST. Bread and Butter, and Tea.

DINNER. Roast Beef, Vegetables and Christmas Pudding, Fruit, Sweets, Coffee, Mineral Waters, Tobacco and Snuff, with a half-a-pint of Beer to Classes 2 and 4, or in lieu thereof, one ounce of Tobacco to men Packets of Sweets to the women.

SUPPER. Bread and Butter, Christmas Cake and Tea, Poultry and Fruit for the Staff. (4). That Toys be provided for the children at a cost not exceeding £10.

(5). That the sum of £20 be granted to be expended by the Entertainment's Sub-Committee in providing Entertainment's.

(6). That the sum of £3 be allowed to Mrs. Renals, children's Instructress, in aid of an Entertainment for the children.

Children's Committee

Resolved: -

(1). That extras at Christmas be provided for the children and Staff as follows, Pork, Fruit, Sweets, Decorations: poultry to be provided for the Officers.

(2). That the Ladies of the Committee be asked to purchase Toys for the children at Christmas, at a cost not exceeding £13.

Special Committee re Intimidation at

Municipal Elections.

The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 17th November, and the following Report were submitted.

At the meeting of the Board held on the 4th November, 1924, Mr. William Green made allegations concerning the conduct of certain Guardians during the recent Election Campaign.

A special Committee therefore was appointed to investigate and report upon the charges made.

The Committee comprised the following members: Mr. John Hopkins (Chairman of the Board), Mrs. Harper, J. P. (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Martin, Messrs. Homer, Munks, Stanley, Talbot, Thompson, and S. G. Ward, J. P.

The first meeting was held on the 10th November, all the members being present. Mr. John Hopkin presided.

The statement made by Mr. Green was as follows: - "There are members of this Board who have been round - and I can prove every word I say - and told people that unless there were prepared to vote for their man they will see that their poor law relief is stopped".

Mr. Green who was in attendance was called in and asked to give evidence. As the allegations he made had reference to the BV-election in Byron Ward held on the 17th July, 1924, were more particularly directed against Mr. S. G. Ward, the latter resigned from the Committee and asked to appear as a witness. Both gentlemen were heard, but as the charges were vague and uncorroborated, it was decided to adjourn the meeting until the 17th instant, to enable further enquiry to be made.

At the second meeting all members were present with the exception of Mr. Hopkin. Mrs. Harper occupied the Chair.

Mr. Bacon, a witness called by Mr. Green, was heard. He stated that although he had a feeling that influences were at work, he was unable to furnish the name of any person who had been intimidated and none of his canvassers were able to do so.

Every facility has been given for the production of evidence of the charge made by Mr. Green, but nothing has been furnished by him to support his statements as to intimidation or as to the influencing of voters by distribution of tickets, the Committee therefore ask that the references to them be discharged.

Resolved: -

That the thanks of the Board be accorded to the Committee for their services, and that the Reference to the Committee be now discharged.

21. 16/12/24.

General Correspondence

(1). Notice from the Town Clerk, Nottingham, That an application is intended to be made to Parliament in the Session of 1925, for an Act under the title of "Nottingham Corporation Act" whereby it is proposed to authorise the Mayor, Alderman and Citizens of the City, to construct tramways, street improvements, and other works, and to acquire land for

those and other purposes, and that the Baptist Chapel, Main Street, Bulwell, now used by the Guardians as a Pay Station for the No. 7 Relief District, will be liable to be taken compulsorily for the purposes of the said undertaking. Formal notice has been sent to the Trustees of the Chapel.

(2). Letter from the Secretary of the Central Midwives Board with reference to the practice of reviewing annually the recognition of the Bagthorpe Training School, and in regard to the Board's policy as to lectures.

Resolved: -

That a further letter be addressed to the Central Midwives Board urging that so long as a prescribed standard of efficiency was maintained at Bagthorpe, the Infirmary should be recognised as a Training School without the necessity of being approved annually.

Minutes of Committees.

House Committee.

(1). That in accordance with the direction of the Board given on the 6th May, 1924, Mr. George Webb, Gardener and Farm Labourer, who has now attained the age of 70 years, be given notice to terminate his engagement, and that the superannuation contributions paid by him amounting to £1 3/5/1. *be* refunded.

(2) That the action of the Master in engaging Mrs. Edwards, at 27/6 per week (non-resident), to assist in "Cavell" and "Ashwell" Wards during the absence on sick leave of three of the Nursing Staff, be approved.

(3). That the Tender of Messrs. J. S. Nesbit Evans, of Wednesbury, Staffs, to supply four dozen Hospital Bedsteads complete, at 3913 each, be accepted.

REPORT *re* WORK FOUND FOR UNEMPLOYED PERSONS.

In continuance of the Report which the Clerk had made in reference to the employment of able-bodied persons in receipt of out-relief up to the 2nd August last, the following details with the three months up to and including the 1st November, 1924, were submitted: -

The total number of men at the end of last quarter, 2nd August, 1924,	84
The number of men selected for work during the third quarter ended	
1st November, 1924	42
	—
Making a total	126.

The following Table gives an analysis of the results

Number of men working at the end of the 3rd quarter ..	..	61.
.. .. who obtained work elsewhere. ..	..	52.
.. .. resumed on the dole. ..	..	3.
.. .. refused to start work. ..	..	1.
.. .. who refused to continue working. ..	..	2.
.. .. excused as medically unfit. ..	..	1.
.. .. sent to prison. ..	..	1.
.. .. stopped working owing to improved circumstances. ..	..	2.
.. .. offered Institution (not genuine worker). ..	..	1.
.. .. admitted to Infirmary - sick. ..	..	1.
.. .. deserted wife - left home. ..	..	1.
		126.

The actual number of hours worked by the men was 14,676, and the amount in money and kind received by them totalled £1,050/7/11, averaging 1/5 1/8 per hour.

From enquiries made it has been ascertained that there will be work available at Bagthorpe in connection with the repairs to the Roads for another three months, it is therefore, unanimously recommended that the Scheme be continued for that period.

The manager of the Labour Exchange has given his opinion that men employed on this work may continue to receive the dole. Conversely, they are not eligible to have their Cards stamped to qualify for benefit.

Resolved: -

That the Minister of Health be asked to approve of the Guardians exercising the powers specified in Articles X. and XI. of the Relief Regulation Order, 1911, for a further period of three months.

The Standing Orders having been suspended so as to permit of the discussion of the undermentioned Motion, it was

Resolved: -

That the attention of the City Council be directed to the great increase in the Out-relief dispensed by the Guardians consequent upon the cessation of the Corporation Relief Schemes, and to ask that further Schemes might be put in hand to provide for the unemployed.

Resolved: -

(1). That in Christmas week an extra allowance of 2/- to each adult, and 1/- to each child be made to all persons ordinarily in receipt of Outdoor relief from this Parish.

(2). That Non-Settled Poor, residing in Nottingham be paid extra allowances as the Unions or Parishes to which they belong may direct.

(3). That in the case of persons chargeable to this Parish in Homes or other Institutions, extras similar to those allowed to the other inmates be authorised to be given.

(4). That a sum not exceeding 1/- be granted in respect of each child boarded-out for the provision of Christmas extras.

(5). That, in Christmas Week, an extra allowance of 2/- to each adult and 1/- to each child be made to all unemployed persons in receipt from this Parish.

22. 30/12/24.

General Correspondence.

(1). Letter from the Town Clerk, Nottingham, stating that the Guardians' resolution with reference to the provision of work for the unemployed had been considered by the General Purposes Committee, and that it is regretted the Council have no further Schemes which they can put in hand at the present time.

(2). Letter from the Guardians of the Basford Union enclosing a copy of a letter they have received from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council approving the Basford Poor Law Infirmary as a Training School for Nurses in affiliation with the Bagthorpe Hospital.

Special re Provision for Sick and In firm Cases at Bagthorpe Infirmary and Institution.

The Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee dated 17th December and the following Report were submitted and approved.

Present: - Mr. Munks (Chairman), Miss de Hersant, Mrs. Wallis, J. P., Mrs. Ward, Messrs. Braddock, Burrows, Howitt and Thompson. With Mr. W. B. Starr, Dr. Ashwell and Mr. Gould in attendance.

In accordance with the instructions of the Board, the Committee considered preliminary Plans for extensions to the Bagthorpe Infirmary and Institution, and provisionally approved the Plans for the extension of the Nurses' Home at the Infirmary and for the erection of a Staff Home at the Institution. It was decided that the Building Committee should be invited to discuss these Plans, and that ultimately, they should be sent to the House Committee for consideration prior to their being submitted to the Board.

Plans have yet to be prepared in connection with the Children's Hospital, etc.