

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

26th. January 1916.

Special Meeting to deal with Recruiting, held this day.

Present:- The President (Cr. Mahoney) & Crs. Shaw, Coulter, Coutts, McCrea & Ethershank.

The President introduced the subject, & stated his reasons for calling the Meeting, & apologised for the absence of Cr. Tonkin.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

2. From State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee authorising you to get Dr. Deravin or Dr. Jacobs to visit Shire to examine recruits. Received.

6. From Pyramid Hill sub-committee of the Shire of Gordon, requesting co-operation in getting a special Troop Train. Stand Over

8. From State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee as to pay of Recruiting Sergeants. Received.

13. From the same as to filling up forms. Received.

14. From the same as to establishing Local Camps Received.

15. From the same as to Recruiting Sergeants' pay books. Received.

17. From the President (wire) calling the Meeting. Received.

Adjourned till 2 p.m.

2 p.m. Same Crs. present.

Moved by Cr. Ethershank 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:-

That the whole of the sub-committees elected in July last be re-elected to form the Local Recruiting Committees Carried.

Moved by Cr. Coutts, 2nd. by Cr. Shaw:-
with the addition of Mr. A. C. Gladman.

That the Special Replies Sub-committee be composed of The President, Crs. Coulter, Ethershank, Shaw, Carey, McCrea, Rev. H. Lewis & Mr. A. C. Gladman. Carried.

Moved by Cr. Shaw, 2nd. by Cr. Ethershank:-

That the Services of a Recruiting Sergeant be procured as soon as possible, requesting the appointment of the Ser Sergeant at present working the Eastern part of the Gordon

Shire should he shortly be available.

Carried.

Instruction by the President:- Corr.6.

That the Secretary write to the Pyramid Hill Sub-committee pointing out that we would not derive much good for recruiting in this Shire, as we have no centre of population, but that we are willing to co-operate should the Shires of Marong, Gordon & Kerang wish to carry out the proposal, in which case arrangements be made for the train to stop at Dingee & Mitiamo.

It was recommended that £10.10.- be voted at the next meeting to assist the work of the Y.M.C.A among the Australian Troops at the front.

Cr. Coutts then retired & the Council went into Committee, Rev. H. Lewis & Mr. Gladman, entering, to deal with 241 replies, 170 of which were ordered to be referred to the Recruiting Sergeant.

And the Meeting Closed.

Confirmed this *9th* day of *February* 1916.

Georg Mahoney
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 9th 1916.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:- Also Recruiting Meeting.

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney) & Crs Bissett, Mr Crea, Coutts
Mr Carey & ~~Ettershank~~.

The meetings on 8th December 1915, Committee Meeting on 12th Jan
January, & Recruiting Meeting on 26th idem were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed & the action of the Committee
be approved & adopted. Carried.

1. From the Public Works Department with notification of re-
vote of £79.15.3 bal^aance of last year's special grant & £50
new one. Received with thanks.

2. From Mr A.Gray, M.L.A. to the same effect. Received.

3. From Superintendent Dungey refusing to send a man to watch for
fires owing to the scarcity of men. Received.

4. From Mr E.A.Owen Assistant Engineer resigning his appointment but
subsequently asking leave to withdraw his resignation. To stand
over for Committee.

5. From Municipal Association with copies of report of Annual
Session. Received & distributed.

6. From C.H.Meadon soliciting orders for the Consolidated & an-
notated L.G.Act 1915. One copy to be obtained for office use.

7. From E.Hunt asking for settlement of his account for recon-
structing weigh-house at Dingee. Received the Assistant Engineer
in explaining that the matter had now been settled.

8. From the Northern District Municipal Association approving of
the holding of a Conference in Melbourne in February on the que-
tion of the Amendment of the Vermin Destruction Act.

9. From a Conference held at Wangaratta as to amendments of the
Vermin Destruction Act & asking co-operation.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That co-operation be granted & the President asked to
act as Delegate, which he accepted. Carried.

- 9. From the Shire of North Ovens urging increase in the price of wheat. Received the Council thinking it was too late to take action in the matter.
- 10. From the Shire of Grenville urging the constitution of agencies for finding employment for returned soldiers & sailors. Held over till next meeting the Secretary in the meantime to ascertain what steps had been taken in Melbourne & report.
- 11. From the Ouyen Branch of the Political Labor Council of Victoria asking co-operation in amending the Land Act so as to make it compulsory on every purchaser of an allotment in a township to effect improvements in the direction of erecting habitable buildings before a grant is issued. Support granted.
- 12. From Brazier & Co, that they were travelling, a traction engine in the Shire taking a house to Durham-Ox. Received.
- 13. From W. Gook & Co, that they will be carting wheat with their traction engine for 5 or 6 weeks from East Loddon to Bridgewater. Received but Messrs Gook to be informed that they must stack firewood on the road at sites free from danger to traffic.
- 14. From the Melbourne Convalescent Aid Society for men for subscription. £1.1.- voted to be passed next meeting. *Also £1.- to Jubilee Colony*
- 15. *£1.1.- to Association for Advancement of the Blind.* From the Deaf & Dumb Institution for subscription. £1.1.- passed
- 16. From the Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital for subscription. Usual subscription voted.
- 17. From the Societe D'Assistance Maternelle et Infantile per Madame Crevelli of "Arrou", Albert Park Trencery-Esq, Hon-Treasurer, for subscription. Received.
- 18. From J.H. Lang, National Secretary to the Young Mens' Christian Association with thanks for subscription of £10.10.--. Recd.
- 19. From the "Commonwealth Button Fund", asking co-operation in "Our Day" Button Fund. Received.
- 20. From Bendigo Chamber of Commerce asking co-operation in protesting against the expenditure at the opening of the Orbost Railway. Cr Coutts stated he was inclined to agree with the the request right up to the hilt. Crs generally favored support being granted & this was agreed to on the motion of Cr Coutts 2nd by the President.
- 21. From F.R.W. Dredge that he had never refused to weigh more than

- 21. 8 tons on the weigh-bridge but would take no risk. Received.
- 22. From the Scientific Automatic Water Finders Co, soliciting orders. Referred to Cr-Coutts ^{Coutts} to consider & report.
- 23. From the Acting Deputy Postmaster General with reference to the former subsidy to the Post & Telegraph Masters at Serpentine that from his investigation it was purely a private matter between the Council & them & it is for the Council to decide whether such subsidy shall be continued. Received.
- 24. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society with wire from the Minister of Agriculture enquiring whether, owing to the strike of Waterside workers farmers will be willing to load wheat & to supply names when railway passes would be sent together with instructions. Strike since settled. Received.
- 25. From Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. that he was surprised that nothing had been done with reference to the extension of the channels in Yarrayne but he would push the matter on. Received.
- 26. From the State Rivers & W.S. on the same subject that the matter will have consideration & the result communicated to you. Recd.
- 27. From the Mitiamo Progress Association that they had received an estimate & plan of a water supply for Mitiamo which they have accepted & notified the State Rivers accordingly. Recd.
- 28. From the State Rivers & W.S. forwarding copy of the above scheme. Received.
- 29. From the same that with reference to the road to be opened through the Closer Settlement blocks at Dingee, they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of purchasing a 1 chain road by 40 chns but think the Council should make the purchase under their powers in the L.G. Act. Left in the hands of the East Riding Members to report at next meeting on motion of Crs Bissett & Coutts.
- 30. From the Shire Analyst with report on samples sent that they are satisfactory. Copy sent to the Health Department. Received &
- 31. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of same. ^{approved.} Received.
- 32. From the Country Roads Board that plans of Contract 1P.-I5/I6

11. From the Country Roads Board with Annual Report. Received. 207
14. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission with Annual Report. Recd.
on the Prairie-Borong Road is satisfactory but estimate should be furnished. Tenders however must not be invited until further advised by the Board. Received.

12. From Austin Hospital for Incurables with Report. Received.

4/11/19

Country Roads Board
From the ~~same~~ as to the Hurstwood Bridge asking for amendments but approving of the estimate. The Engineer's Report on this matter was read & considered. It was to the following effect. He had visited the Country Roads Board & had an interview with Mr Dale, the Secretary & Mr Kemp, the draughtman with the following result:- The Board have no funds to enable them to carry on any new works except maintenance. The Dingee Road works are therefore not approved as I in error was thinking they were. Contract No. 1 is approved & will be treated as "Maintenance". Hurstwood Bridge. The agreement with Mr Potter will be gazette shortly. The plan of the Concrete bridge is ready & the estimate is £1,500 though he, Mr Albrecht doubted if it would be done for that amount. The gentleman who drew it had gone to the War. Mr Kemp shewed him his estimates which appeared to be liberal. He assured him that if the price is more by 33% than his design in timber & steel they would adopt his. He told him that he thought that if the concrete bridge could be put up for £1,500 you would adopt it in preference to the timber one. The Board has asked the Premier to authorise the letting of the Contract as they would only have to find £1,000 the Closer Settlement Board finding £500. & the bridge was urgent. He had got them to send you a plan & he had promised to make the amendments asked for & return the plan next week. Received.

17. From the Public Health Department as to the prevention of Diphtheria. Received.

18. From Mr D.C. Laird complaining of damage done to his waggon by falling through a broken culvert of which Crs Mahoney & McCrea had knowledge & claiming £5 Damages.

After deliberation it was moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council, while not recognizing any liability

cr. contd.

in respect to the accident, offer Mr Laird £3.3.- in settlement of his claim. Carried.

38.

From the Northern District Municipal Association with suggested amendments of the Vermin Destruction Act in addition to those of the Wangarratta Conference. To be supplied to the President the Delegate.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £170.11.11. Payments £264.16.6. net over-draft £447.12.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current, £76. 1.-:- Arrears £3. 2.6:- Int-10/11. Total £79.15.5. Received.

Weigher Dredge, Dingee. Report No. 2. £13.16.6:- Report No. 3. £7.19.3:- Report No. 4. £16.12.-:- Report No. 5. £13.11.3:- Report No. 6. £18. -.3:- Report No. 7. £9.5.9:- Report No. 8. £7.6.9:- Total £63.14.9.- £16.12.6:- Total £79. -.6. Recd.

Dairy Inspector J.O'Neill that he had collected fees amounting to E.R. 5/-:- N.R. 2/6:- S.R. 2/6. Total 10/-. To stand over for Committee.

Vitiamo Sanitary Contractor W. Johnson. for January. That he was serving 51 pans & asking whether the householders could not be required to use phenyle as the pans were in a dreadful state with flies.

For February that he had collected £12.2.3 for current rate but was serving 51 pans but had got in no arrears. Received the question of flies to be considered.

Assistant Engineer Owen.

1. The bridge over Bullock Creek near Cr Shaw's was again in a very bad state & has necessitated the closing of a section of the road. The bridge as Mr Albrecht reported last year, requires a whole new deck & 2 new girders of the whole length as the bridge is 20'0" wide & has only 3 girders. He had closed the road pending your decision.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the road be fenced off at once & tenders invited for repair of the bridge by next meeting. Carried.

2. Having received correspondence relative to the Wharf Laborers' strike under instructions of the President I took all necessary steps to find out the wishes of the Government but the matter has since been settled. Approved

3. That tenders were invited for this day for 4 Contracts. Approved.

4. Messrs Butler & Crapper have still Contracts on hand some not started & 1 not finished.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the harvest being over the Contractors be called upon to complete their Contracts or they will be disqualified. Carried.

5. The Country Roads Board have approved of the contract for raising the stone-crossing on Prairie-Tennyson Road but the tenders are not to be invited until notified. Received.
6. Asking leave to invite applications for maintenance-man

contd. for the North Riding.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That applications be called by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Assistant Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to repair the stone-crossing on the Black Gate Road & the Council adjourned till 2 P.M.

The Council assembled in Committee with Cr Ettershank also.

Contract 263.	W.G. Ball,	£43.5.-.
265.	T. Butler	£40.-.-
266.	W.G. Ball,	£18.6.9
267.	H. Doody	£50. 1.2

As to the latter the Committee thought that grading only should be done & an adjustment of the contract made accordingly. This has since been done at £49.9.2.

The Committee examined accounts amounting to £142.17.1 & recommended their passing.

Mr Owen's resignation. The Committee dealt with this & ordinary business was resumed.

The Tenders Committee reported & it was

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported & it was

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea :-

That the Report be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

As to Mr Owen's resignation

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary place on the table at next meeting a return of all salaried officers & their salaries. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Council have pleasure in allowing Mr Owen to withdraw his resignation. Carried.

Shire wired to ask the Council to co-operate in putting up about 4 chains & a culvert on the boundary road between Keogh's & Bill's

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council undertake to share the cost. Carrd.
Cr McCrea presented a Petition from L. Laird & others, residents of Calivil asking for a better stock & domestic supply of water as though they are rated no water is supplied & asking that a deputation be sent to the State Rivers & W.S. Commission. A deputation consisting of Messrs Lowe, Carruthers & ~~Gray~~ ^{Gow} attend & explained the position. After deliberation:-

W It was moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the Secretary draw up a Petition, embodied the statements made by the deputies present get it fully signed & ask Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. to present it to the Commissioners. Carried.

The deputies thanked the Councillors & withdrew.

tion. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President, who had stated that he would be in town & Mr Gow be appointed the deputies to wait on the Minister & present the Petition & that Mr A. Gray be asked to arrange for the presentation on the date on which the Conference re the Vermin Act was being held. Carried.

otions to By Cr McCrea that the Engineer report on the Bullock Creek bridge on the Mitiamo road with a view to its repair.

By Cr Bissett, that the Engineer inspect the E. & W. road to Weeks' with a view to its repair, & report on the cost.

By Cr Bissett, that the Engineer inspect the stone-crossing on the Black-Gate road with the view to loaming the metal.

By Cr Bissett, that application be made to the Chief Commissioner of Police for a constant telephone service between Serpentine & Bridgewater Police Stations day & night.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 8 day of March 1916.

George Wakarusa

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

Feb 9th 1916.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Meeting of Committee held this day:-

Present the President & Crs Bissett, Carey, McCrea, Ethershank, signified his desire not to be re-appointed to Committee (Cr Coutts having ~~by leave of the President~~ retired), &

Mr A.C.Gladman.

18. State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee with Posters. Received.

From the same that the number 5 of the special subcommittee is preferable as avoiding confidential replies going through a large number of hands. It is therefore desired to adhere to it. A larger Committee consisting of 10 or 12 can be formed to deal with ordinary replies.

Request for a Recruiting Sargeant will have attention. Recd.

Amended instructions as to "Yes" answers which are to be dealt with by the Local Committees & as to examinations by doctors & Dealt with below. Received.

From the same with further details. & explanations. Mr Owen Richard reported that ~~Henry~~ Butler of Serpentine had filled up his "Call to Arms" paper at Bridgewater & forwarded it into the Shire of Marong.

3. From Rev. H. Lewis apologizing for his absence which was unavoidable & expressing willingness to assist in any way. Received.

Corr. 20. The Secretary was instructed to get Recruits examined by Drs. Deravin & Jacobs on their ordinary monthly visiting days at Serpentine & Mitiamo respectively.

AND The LOCAL RECRUITING COMMITTEE MEETING CLOSED.

EXAMINATION OF REPLIES COMMITTEE.

Same Committeemen present:-

The Committee examined & dealt with 86 replies.

AND the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this day of March 1916.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

March 9th 1916.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney) & Crs Carey, Coulter, Bissett, Coutts, Tonkin.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Under Secretary proclaiming holiday on Fete Day. Received.

2. From Country Roads Board approving of the letting of Contract for raising ~~Stone~~ Crossing on Myer's Creek, East of Prairie. Received.

3. From the Shire of Korong adopting re-inforced Concrete bridge instead of timber if cost not much over estimate. Also criticising the wooden design. A wire was read from the Department intimating that the questions affecting the Dingee Road Contracts, the Hurstwood Bridge & Potter's road would be considered ~~from~~ by the Board that day & the matter was ordered to stand over until the result was known.

4. From the Department of Agriculture that it is proposed to grant authority to Market Inspectors to act as honorary Inspectors under the Fruit Act 1915.

5. From the Shire of Warragul urging the adoption of Conscription, & with form of resolution:-
Considerable debate ensued & ultimately although Cr Coulter while expressing himself as not opposed to Conscription, thought it was not in their province to deal with the question.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the action of the Shire of Warragul be approved & the resolution supported.

Carried, Cr Coulter alone dissenting.

6. From the Wangaratta Meeting with appointment for Conference. Received.

7. From the Shire of Huntly opposing the Wangaratta proposals. Received.

8. From the Public Health Department with intimation that a T Tuberculosis patient had been admitted into Greenvale. Received.

- contd.
9. From the State Rivers & W.S. with cheque for £13 subscrip-
tion to Contract No.261. Received with thanks.
 10. From Organizer of Commonwealth Button Fund in reply to Secy's
refusal to take charge of any more buttons. Received.
 11. Balance sheet of Shire of Swan Hill. Received.
 12. " " " " " " Marong. "
 13. " " " " " " Boro' of Raywood. "
 14. From the Traralgon-Schmidt Committee asking with resolutions
passed by them & asking your concurrence in the same.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the Resolutions be adopted. Carried.
 15. From Mrs T. Butler asking to be relieved of a rate on an un-
finished house. The Secretary explained.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That it be struck off. Carried.
 16. From the French Red-Cross Society for subscription towards pro-
viding 6 Motor-Ambulances as 50 had been lost in crossing the
Channel.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
That £5 be voted. Carried.
 17. From Head Teacher, Mitiano S.S. asking for a Union Jack for the
School. Received the Council always voting £1 a year to each
school.
 18. From the same asking for some gravel at the school gates.
Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the maintenance-man be instructed to put some in.
19. From Albert Rothacker asking for a culvert in Carried.
the channel between his place & Mr Jas. Bissett's.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the State Rivers be asked to put one in. Carried.
 20. From F.K. Cox & Co. with samples of Honor Boards & prices.
To stand over for further consideration
 21. From Dairy Inspector O'Neill that he cannot register Dairies
till next June. To stand over.
 22. From Mr J. O'Neill that he will not be able to fence off his land
till after sowing. To stand over.
The Council then moved into Committee to deal with applications
for maintenance-man for North Riding.

In Committee.

Applications opened.

- T.S. Johnson.
- S.E. Weeks.
- Edward Tracey.
- C.T. Piercey.
- A. Dow.

A ballot was taken with the result that Edward Tracey was declared appointed, elected.

In open Council it was moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Mr E. Tracey be appointed maintenance-man for the North Riding on the usual conditions. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M. Cr Coutts by leave of the President retiring.

2 P.M.

Business resumed, the same Crs present except Cr Coutts.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £255.18.4.- Payments £144. 7.1:- Overdraft Received.
 £336.1.4.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £179.15.6:- arrears £12.12.6:- Received.
 Interest £1.10.5:- total £193.18.5.

Inspector slaughter yards Const. Brown. Received.

Sanitary Contractor Johnson, that he had collected £3.18.5 of current rates & was serving 51 pans. Received. The Secretary undertook to look up the question of phenyle.

Weigher Dredge Report No. 7. £ 14.16.6:- Report No. 8. £20.17.- together £35.13.6 or to date this financial year £110.15. Received.
Secretary's Report on salaries. with analysis of same.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & made an Order of the Day for next meeting. Carried.

Assistant Engineers Report.

1. As to Mr Crapper's Contracts that his sons had gone to the Front & he had been unable to get any one in their place. as to the works at Demeo's he had transferred them to Mr Ball at the same price & asked that a fortnight be given to Crapper to complete his Contract at Mitiamo or he be allowed to get it done at Crapper's expense. Approved.
2. As to Trawl. Received.
3. As to works in hand. Received.
4. That in company with Cr Bissett he had inspected the N. & S. road between W. Bissett's, Albert Park & Rothacker's. It will require 16½ chains of clay formation at a cost of about £29

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That tenders be invited for the work by next meeting.

5. As to thistles.

Received.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Report, as read & dealt with, be received & adopted.

Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. As to rate-collection hitherto & the state of the finances generally. Received. & approved
2. That owing to the drought labor had been disorganised & it had been impossible to push on with works but he had obtained permission to proceed with one maintenance contract for which tenders were called for that day. Received.
3. He had written the Country Roads Board suggesting that their elevation of the Hurstwood Bridge be lowered & expect a reply shortly. The Shire of Korong were in favor of a concrete bridge but it will debar all our local Contractors from tendering as they will be frightened at the specification. Received.
4. As to delay in settling Potter's exchange of road. To be settled shortly.
5. That he had inspected the 2 bridges on the Swan Hill road 2 miles N. of Serpentine & had decided to take out one & reconstruct the other with an extra girder & a new deck & tenders were invited for that day. Approved.
6. That in company with Cr Bissett he had inspected the stone crossing on the Black-Gate Road which in his opinion only required fettling up & rolling which he was having done. Approved.
7. That also in company with Cr Bissett he had inspected the bridge over Bullock Creek near Shaw's & found that it requires 2 new girders & new decks & he had invited tenders for the same. He thought it might be submitted to the Public Works Department as a charge against the unexpended special grant. Approved.
8. Advising the Council to look ahead & get an exchange of road on the Black-Gate Road & bringing the Tandarra Road through to the Echuca Road.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That Councillors meet on the ground on Wednesday, 5th April at 2 P.M. to inspect & consider the roads. Carried.

9. That he had had the bridge on the Bullock Creek West of Miamo inspected by Mr Owen who found it in fair condition but the girders seem to be of Messmate, one is broken & another in a bad condition. The planks are 6" red-gum but some are worn & require renewing. The deck has been covered with tarred gravel but this requires renewing & a little metal put in the approaches. The cost will be about £60. As the bridge is on a proclaimed road the Country Roads Board might be asked to approve of the work.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That tenders be invited for the work by next meeting. Carried.

Secretary & Engr's
Report contd.

10. Asking instructions as to putting down the Dip at
Pompapuel. He had applied for sale of the site & was wait-
ing reply from the Department.
To stand over till next meeting.

11. Asking instructions as to enforcing the Dog Act.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That the question be made an Order of the Day for next
meeting. Carried.

12. As to the road past Mr John O'Neill's land that gentleman
asks that it stand over till after sowing.
Request complied with.

13. As to Dairy Registration advising that registration should
be made forthwith. Proportionate fee only would be charged.
Mr O'Neill to be so informed.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt
with be received & adopted. Carried.

Deputations.

The President reported that he had attended the Wangaratta
Conference on 29th Feby re amendment of the Vermin Act the
Northern Districts Association submitted amendments & the
Shire of Huntly direct opposition to the Wangaratta Proposals.
Mr Hutchinson, the Minister for Lands after listening to the argu-
ments declined to make any alteration in the present system
but assured the deputies that he would do all in his power to
keep down rabbits as far as the funds at his disposal would
permit. The deputation was introduced by - the Hon. J. Bowser, M.L.A.

On the following day he & Mr Gow waited on the Minister of
Water Supply, Hon. H. McKenzie & explained the position of the
farmers in the Northern portion of the Shire & asked that they
be supplied with water from the Waranga Channel as they had
had no water for years although paying rates. Mr Cattinach, the
Chairman of the Water Commission, promised to draw up a plan
& scheme for the supply of water in the North but that water
could only be taken from the channel in winter months & suffi-
cient would have to be taken to last over the summer. No water
could be taken in the summer months & the residents would
have to pay the additional cost of supply. The deputies were int-
roduced by A. Gray, M.L.A.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & a vote of thanks passed
to the Delegates for the trouble they had taken. Carried.

Deputation.

The President introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs
D. E. Hopkins & John White senr. who complained on behalf of all
the wheat producers in the State of the breach of faith made
by the Minister for Agriculture in lowering the price of wheat
after it had been fixed on London parity. After hearing the depu-
ties & many of the Councillors who concurred:-

It was moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That this Council circularise all Shires who are

wheat-growing to invite their opinion as to meeting in conference at a date to be fixed & preferably in Bendigo, with a view to entering a unanimous protest against the action of the Minister of Agriculture in breaking faith with the farmers whom he had agreed to pay a price regulated by London parity & then reducing such price to 4/9 for local consumption. Carried.

The deputies thanked the Council for their hearing & withdrew.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £195.16.- & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Tenders. The tenders Committee reported that they had opened the following tenders.

Contract No. 264. £162.19.10 reduced to £156.10.-

Contract No. 268. T. Butler £ 41. 7.-

Contract No. 269. J. Johnson, £106.17.3 deemed too high. fresh tenders recommended.

Contract No. 270. T. Butler £89.12.3 deemed too high. fresh tenders recommended.

Contract No. 1. M. Country Roads Board. No tender:-readvertise.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Motions. By the President that the Engineer bring up a report of the cost of putting in a stone-crossing on the Bullock Creek between on 1st road N. of Prairie N. of Bell's.

By the President that the Engineer have stumps & a small tree removed from the 2 ch. road between White's & McCauley's, North Riding.

By Cr Tonkin:-To call tenders for formation & bridge on N. & S Road at R. Stephen's, 2 miles N. of Prairie.

By Cr Bissett:-That the Engineer notify Cr Ettershank to inspect the Bendigo Road from his place to the S. boundary of the Shire.

By Cr Bissett:- To draw the attention of the Shire of Marong to the very bad state of the Bridgewater Road & the broken culverts thereon.

By Cr Tonkin:-That Engineer look up the road applied for at Binge in the closer settlement. To inspect & call tenders for a small formation on the Terricks Road at Old's.

Instructions
contd.

By Cr Coulter:-That the Engineer report on cost of grading
H.&S. Road from the Waranga Channel South to
Jackman's.
To ask Mr Oatway when he will be ready to go
on with the grading he promised to do.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Council expresses its appreciation of the un-
tiring energy displayed by Constable La Roche in his ef-
forts to prevent fires in the Western portion of the
Shire during the summer just passed & wishes to convey

it thanks therefor. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 12th day of April 1916.

George Mahoney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 12th 1916.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Carey, Ethershank, Coulter, Shaw, Tonkin.

Cr Ethershank was voted to the chair until the President arrived which he did shortly before the reading of the minutes was completed.

President entered.

The-Mi On Crs taking their seats the Secretary reported that Cr Bissett had again been taken ill & was still confined to his room. All Crs expressed their regret & the President moved & was 2nd by Cr Ethershank:-

That a letter of sympathy be sent to Cr Bissett & his family & the sincere hope of the Crs for his speedy recovery.

Carried unanily.

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The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

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Correspondence. 1. From the Treasury with claim for £93 Licences' Equivalent. Received.

2. From the same with claim for £275 being Endowment. Received.

3. From the Public Works Department approving of Contract 264, Bullock Creek bridge subject to insertion of clauses relating to minimum wage & insurances of workman. Received.

4. From From the same approving of Contracts 263, 267 & 268 subject to the inclusion of the same clauses. Received.

5. From the Public Health Department circular re Meningitis. Recd.

6. From the same acknowledging receipts of Health Officers' Reports. Received.

7. From the State War Council as to the employment of Returned Soldiers. The Secretary read his reply which was approved.

8. From the Commonwealth Button Fund soliciting orders for Buttons for "Our Fighting Men", on 24th March. The Secretary reported that he had ordered 500 to be sent to Crs & himself. Approved.

9. From the same as to Buttons for "Anzac Day". Crs agreed to take some as follows:- Cr Coutts 35:- McCrea 25:- Tonkin 50:- Secretary 100.

10. From the Commonwealth Button Fund as to permits for Collectors. Received.

11. From the Country Roads Board that it was thought that a return to normal conditions might enable works to be resumed by the end of March but the continuance of unsettled conditions will prevent the resumption of works. The Engineer should not proceed with any additional surveys except maintenance until directed by the Board. Received.
12. From the "Empire Trade Defence Association", inviting the wives of Presidents to call meetings & enrol members.
13. From the President to whom the Secretary had sent the circular that he thought that the ladies were too scattered to do much good but are patriotic enough not to require such an association
Coulter
946 Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That copies of the letter be sent to every Red Cross Branch in the Shire. Carried.
14. From the Country Roads Board that for the above reasons the Hurstwood Bridge could not be authorized at present. Received.
15. From the same with correspondence with Mr Potter relating to the exchange of road. Received.
16. From the same the like. Received.
17. From the same that the Dingee Road specifications & the Hurstwood bridge are under consideration. Received.
18. From the same with fresh requisitions as to the Dingee Road Works & that the calling for tenders is to wait further instructions. Received.
19. From the State Rivers & Water Supply asking if there is any objection to the sale of certain frontages in Jarklan & Janiember West to Mr Potter. To stand over.
20. From Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. that in consequence of absence from town he had only just received the Secretary's correspondence. Recd.
21. From the same that he had interviewed the Board & found that they had recommended the Minister of Public Works to provide funds for the bridge. That failing this they had no objection to your building the bridge in timber & steel but would not take any responsibility as to part of the cost. That a Deputation would be waiting on you today & on the Shire of Korong tomorrow. Received.
22. From the Crown Law Offices as to payment of rent for the Hall

contd.

while it was used as a Court House. The Secretary explained that he had sent in a claim for half a year's rent £5 as such rent had always been paid half-yearly.

33. From the same with claim for £2.5.- only which the Secretary had accepted. Secretary's action approved.

24.33. From various Shires in reply to the Wheat Pool Circular. Recd.

34 & 35 From the Shire of Karkarook that they had passed a resolution on the same subject & another suggesting a deputation.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That co-operation in both resolutions be given but under the terms of their circular the Conference must be held in Bendigo instead of Melbourne. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed, the same Crs present. Crs moved into committee.

Tenders.

The tenders Committee opened tenders for Contracts & made the following recommendations for acceptance.

Contract No. 269.	G. Hamilton	£86.13.6
No. 271.	G. Hamilton,	68. 4.6
No. 273.	W.G. Ball,	14.13.10
No. 270.	T. Butler,	89.12.3

Balance.

The Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £346.11.10 & certified to them.

On resuming in open meeting:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by the President:-

That the Report of the Tenders Committee be received & adopted. Carried.

Petition.

Cr Coutts presented a Petition from John Potter & others asking that the Hurstwood Bridge might be erected in time for next Harvest. He then introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs Potter, G. Hamilton & C. Bailey who addressed the Council in support of the Petition. Ultimately it was decided that a deputation consisting of the members for the North Riding & such of the Petitioners who could join should wait on the Council of the Shire of Korong tomorrow with full powers to make the best terms.

No. 19. As to application from State Rivers re water frontages to be sold to Mr Potter:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council have no objection. Carried.

Cr Coulter presented a Petition from William Harry & others

praying the Council to put a stone-crossing in Myers Creek on the first road North of Dingee & stating that it was to be considered two years ago when funds were available.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That tenders be called for a short stone-crossing with banks at both ends by next meeting. Carried.

Nos. 34, 35. Circular from the Shire of Karkarook re Wheat Pool.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary write the Shire of Karkarook & ask whether we can co-operate & have the Conference first & then the Deputation & act unanimously. Carried.

contd. 36. From the Shire of Ripon urging the reduction of Race & Sports meetings.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Council acquiesce in the resolution. Carried.

37. From the Municipal Association asking for Motions & notes in support for the Annual Session. To be attended to.

38. From Messrs Tatchell & Co, Shire Solicitors re Thistle Notices.

Secretary to ascertain position & report by next meeting.

39. From the Bendigo Pottery soliciting orders for stoneware pipes. Received.

40. From the Good Roads Association for support. Received.

41. From the Shire of ^{Waranga} ~~Marong~~ giving co-operation in Wheat Pool Circular. Received.

42. From the ^{Shire of Marong} ~~same~~ that the complaint about the bad state of the Bendigo Road will be attended to.

43. From the same that the Wheat Pool circular has been referred to Cr A. Johnson, the President, for attention. Received.

44. From the Shire of Charlton approving of the Wheat Pool circular & also that the suggestion of a deputation by the Shire of Karkarook is advisable. Received.

45. From the Shire of Stawell re the same taking no action. Received.

- 46. From Mr H.W.Sloan that he is willing for a half-chain road but cannot claim compensation as he has purchased on terms. Recd.
- 47. From the Shire of Creswick in full sympathy with Wheat Pool circular & approves of the action proposed.
- 48. From the Shire of Romsey the like. Received.
- 49. From Tatchell & Co re road through Dingee Subdivision that they will be pleased to receive a proposition. Received.
- 50. From Mr E.A.Owen resigning offices of Assistant Engineer & Inspector of Thistles.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

Treasurer. Receipts, £2337.13.-:-Payments £195. -.8:-Cr balance
 £1806.11.-. Received.
Rate Collector. Rates current, £2091.13.8:-Arrears £89.10.6:-
 Interest, £7.17.4. Received.
Pool Circular. Approved.

Health Officer Dr Jacobs. that there were 2 deaths in 1915 in the East Riding & 2 births registered. One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. No infectious cases. He had visited the various places & found everything satisfactory with the exception of the slaughter yards at Dingee which are too close to the township & not in a satisfactory condition. He had visited the State School at Yallock & practically condemned the whole building. That there had been an epidemic of measles throughout the Riding which had necessitated the closing the schools for various periods. That the health of the district is in a very satisfactory condition.

Received & forwarded to the Board of Health.

Health Officer Dr Deravin for the N. & S. Ridings.

That during 1915 the health of the Ridings had been very good. The only epidemic was an outbreak of Whooping Cough which traversed the district. No cases of reportable disease had been brought under his notice.

Received & sent to the Board of Health.

Weigher Dredge Report No.9. £11.18.6:-Report No.10. £5. 7.6.
 The wheat season is pretty well finished:-there may be a few loads of seed-wheat. Received.

Sanitary Contractor W. Johnson Mitiamo. That he had collected £19.19 for rates. Balances outstanding Current £1.15.8. Arrears £1. 8.6. Attending to 52 pans. Received.

Assistant Engineer, & Inspector of Thistles.

1. He had inspected the Piccaninny Creek bridge on the Tennyson Road & found it had been covered with loam that was cut up by traffic. He had ordered the Maintenance-man to uncover it & cover with clay & loam as a temporary job but it wants to be done with metal. To stand over.
2. There is a bad piece of road on the Echuca Road near Martin's where the water is kept by a bank under Mr Martin's fence. It could be drained off by a small drain about 8 chains long.

Engr's contd.

Moved by Cr Fftershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That it be done by the maintenance-man. Carried.

- 3. That he had given Mr Gentner instructions to fill in some bad scours on the boundary road at Kamarooka. Approved.
- 4. He had surveyed for a stone-crossing in the Bullock Creek on the E. & W. road North of Bell's. The site is similar to that on the Black-Gate Road. The crossing would require to be very thick 100 feet long with 164 feet of approaches. The cost would be £100. Suggesting the introduction of a culvert to take all ordinary water & leaving the crossing dry for sheep, motor & foot traffic.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by the President:-

That tenders be called for the crossing without the culvert by next meeting. Carried.

- 5. On state of Contracts. Received.
- 6. That Mr Albrecht had omitted to mention in his report that Cr Coutts had called at the office & informed him that Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge on the Hurstwood Road was not in a fit state to carry more than 5 tons & instructed him to put up notices to that effect to protect the Council in case of accident.

Cr Coutts

Moved by ~~the President~~ 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer inspect & report & invite tenders for the repairs by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

- 1. As to Hurstwood Bridge. Already dealt with.
- 2. As to exchange of roads with Mr Potter that the C.R. Board have opened negotiations with him. Already dealt with.
- 3. That he had obtained the plan of the Dingee Settlement & was arranging the road excision. Approved.
- 4. Asking instructions as to applying for a Special Grant out of the next year's estimates. £500 to be asked for.
- 5. As to rate-collections & finances that the overdraft was wiped out & we have a credit balance of £1806.11.- Inviting consultation & suggesting the writing down of the Dr Balance of the East Riding. Received.
- 6. Recommending the erection of a Shelter Shed at Dingee for timber & plant. Engineer to bring up estimate by next meeting.
- 7. Reporting the breaking of the fencing wire on the Raywood Road near Shaw's bridge & the lock of the Calivil Dip paddock. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

rs of the Day.

Salaries Return, to stand over till next meeting.

Pomerial Dip. Not necessary.

Enforcing the Dog Act. To stand over till next meeting.

Honor Boards. To stand over.

Black-Gate Road exchanges. To stand over until rate-payers ask for them.

The President asked the Engineer to make up the approaches to the bridge between Kirwan's & Day's, Calivil.

Cr Ethershank asked the Engineer to proceed with the examination of the gravel in Mr Sloan's paddock in Janiember West.

Cr Coulter complained of the non-working of the windmill at Tandarra Dam.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That any necessary amendment be made by the Contractor.
Carried.

& the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 10th day of May 1916.

George Mahoney
President

R E C R U I T I N G C O M M I T T E E .

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the following gentlemen be constituted a new sub-

Committee to examine & deal with Census Papers. Carried

Messrs Albert, G. L. Gladman, G. B. Isell & Shaw & R. H. Lewis
& the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 10th day of May 1916.

George Mahoney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

May 10th 1916.

There being no Councillor present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 17th Inst at 11 o'clock.

W. H. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

May 17th 1916.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Mahoney), & Crs Bissett, Shaw, Tonkin, Coutts, McCrea & Ettershank.

The Minutes of the last meeting & its adjournment were read:-

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From Post Master General urging economy in demands for increased postal, telegraphic & telephonic facilities. Received.

2. From Australian Citizens Committee urging the internment of aliens over 15 years of age:-imposing a prohibitive tax on goods made in enemy countries: that it be made a penal offence for any vessel to bring such goods into the country. Received.

3. From the Public Health Department with booklet on Cerebro-Meningitis. Received.

4. From the same as to Acute Anterior Polyomelitis. Received.

5. From the Lands Department that £10 have been allotted as a special Grant to the Trustees of the Pompapiel Recreation Reserve. Secretary to enquire of Mr Len. Laird.

6. From the same that the site of the Pompapiel Dip cannot be sold without a Special Act of Parliament being a Water Reserve. Secretary to notify the Department that the Council will not renew the licence after the expiration of its currency.

7. From Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. that he will assist in presenting the application for a special Grant. Received.

8. From the Public Works Department that the application for a special Grant will be scheduled for consideration if funds are provided. Received.

9. From the same that the Railway Department are asking for the removal of the fence between allotments 73 & 19 parish of Talambe. The Secretary was instructed to send the letter on to Mr J.C. Johnstone & on receipt of his reply advise the Railway Department.

10. From the Director of Education as to the celebration of Empire Day. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the usual vote of £1 per school be voted. Carried.

11. From the Land Purchase & Management Board that if you obtain the concurrence of the Country Roads Board they will subscribe one third of the cost of the Hurstwood Bridge. Received.

12. From the ~~same-that-the~~ Country Roads Board adhering to the elevation of the Bridge. Received.

13. From the same that the Board is now in a position to authorise the calling of alternate tenders for the work & asking the Engineer to submit amended plans of timber & steel bridge for final approval. To stand over.

14. From A.Gray, M.L.A. to the like effect. Received.

15. From the Country Roads Board sending up copies of the re-inforced bridge & asking you to advertise it for tenders on 31st Inst & to hold over opening tenders for the timber bridge till that date.

16. *Added* From ~~the same that the exchange of roads cannot be~~ ~~Mr Gray to the like effect.~~ Received.

17. ~~carried out & asking Mr Potter to submit schedule of claim.~~ From the Lands Department addressed to Mr John Potter that the West end of the Prairie Road cannot be disposed of as it leads to Crown Lands on the River.

18. From Mr Potter that if the reserves asked for by him & which have been agreed to by the Council are sold to him there will be no Crown lands except the usual 1 1/2 chain of reserve along the frontage. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed, the same Crs present.

16, 17, 18. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary write & explain & ask that the original agreement be carried out, supporting Mr Potter's application for sale of the Reserve thereby removing the objection. Carrd.

19. From the Country Roads Board that opposition is made to the clo-

- ing of the road by the Crown. Received.
20. From the Australian Natives Association with petitions re compulsory service. Received.
21. From the Overseas Club soliciting subscriptions to the Tobacco & cigarette fund. Already subscribed to.
22. From the Association for the Advancement of the Blind. Already subscribed to.
- 23a. From C.H. Meaden offering copies of the L.G. Act to Crs on reduced terms. Received.
23. From A.D. Leech that he is travelling a house through the Shire. Received.
24. From Mr D.C. Laird accepting the offer of the Council of £3.3.- in settlement of his claim for damage. Received.
25. From Mr H.W. Sloan withdrawing his offer of a road through the Dingee Settlement. To stand over for Engineer's Report.
26. From the President as to the Wheat Pool Conference on 15th. Recd.
27. From the City Council of Bendigo offering the use of a room in the Town Hall for the Conference. Received with thanks.
44. From various Shires co-operating in the Conference. Received.
45. From Shire of Swan Hill indeterminate. Received.
52. From various Shires not in accord. Received.
54. From the Board of Health with regulations as to standards of foods & drugs, & preparation of swabs for Meningitis. Received.
55. From the Country Roads Board with plan of alternative treatment of central span of Hurstwood Bridge. Received.
56. From the Shire Solicitors as to the road at Dingee. To stand over.
57. From James Duffy asking for the filling of Pompapiel Dam.
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the President get the Dam filled & the Council pay a share of the cost. Received.
58. From the Shire of Gordon re Wheat Pool. No action. Received.
59. Telegram from the Shire of Oxley that the wire arrived too late to allow of their attending the Conference. Received.
60. From the Police Department that connection with station at Bridge water is unnecessary & is refused. Received.

- 1. From the A.N.A. asking for return of their Petition by Monday last. Received.
- 2. From the Queen of the Allies Competition in aid of St Vincent's Hospital. Received.
- 63. From the Commonwealth Button Fund soliciting orders for King George's Day. Received.
- 64. From Mr John Crapper asking for time to complete his Contract at *G. Mitiano* & ~~ask~~ promising to finish it by next meeting. Granted but to start at once.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £343. 1.10.- payments £347.16.- :- Placed on fixed deposit £1500. Cr Balance £301.16.10. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current, £42. 1.3.- Arrears £14. -.7:- Interest £2.12.6. total £58.14.4. Received.

Sanitary Contractor. That he is serving 52 pans. Received.

President on the Wheat Pool Conference that he was disappointed at the small attendance owing to the day appointed but the following resolution was passed:-

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 "That this Conference representing 32 Wheat Growing Shires ~~protests emphatically against the~~
 "protests emphatically against the reduction of the price of wheat by the Commission". Carried unanimously.
 "Moved by the President of the Shire of Marong (Cr John Ston), 2nd by the Chairman :-
 "That the East Loddon Council be recommended to forward the resolution to the Minister for Agriculture. *Carried*

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
 That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the President for attending the Conference & making such an excellent speech there. Carried.

Assistant Engineer.
 1. That he had inspected the road at Old's & it requires 31 chns of formation but there is no loam available & it can be only constructed of clay. His estimate of cost was £35.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-
 That tenders be called by next meeting. Carried
 2. Reporting on the grading of formations by Boyd on the Swan Hill road that he has done satisfactory work. Asking permission to have the remainder of the formations done & also on other roads. He was keeping an account of the cost. It appeared to be about 1/- per chain.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-
 That Boyd do the rest of the formations & also those on other roads. Carried.
 3. On state of Contracts. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-
 That the Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

pts contd. Secretary & Engineer.

- 1. On the issue of the Wheat Pool circulars & the difficulties attaching to it. That he had issued 87 circulars & received 45 replies. There were good reports of the Conference in the Argus & Bendigo Advertiser. Mr Hagelthorne is going to give an address on the subject at the end of the month. This & the Hurstwood bridge obliged him to adjourn the ordinary meeting. Received.
- 2. Reporting fully on the Hurstwood Bridge as appears from the correspondence & suggesting that a Committee be appointed to deal with the tenders on 31st.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a Committee be appointed for the purpose consisting of Crs Ettershank, Coutts, Shaw & Bissett 3 to form a quorum & that the Council of the Shire of Korong & their Engineer be invited to attend. Carried.

- 3. Reporting on the road through the Dingee settlement that you are no further forward than ever. Mr Sloan by a most impertinent letter had withdrawn his offer of the road free & the Syndicate had made no offer. Recommending that nothing more be done about the road which ought to have been provided in the subdivisional plan. The law costs would be heavy.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That no further action be taken. Carried.

- 4. That he had inspected Kelsh's Lagoon bridge & in consultation with Cr Coutts drawn a specification, & invited tenders. Approved.
- 5. On the bridges on the Swan Hill road which on being uncovered proved worse than he expected. The work is delayed by the timber merchants who take so long to supply it. Approved.
- 6. That he had inspected the proposed gravel-pit in Mr Sloan's but found it little better than sand & unfit for gravelling roads. He could not advise their taking it up, but might ask Mr Sloan to let us have some of the gravel at reasonable price if required. Approved.
- 7. He had not had time to frame an estimate for the shelter-shed at Dingee but thought he could put one up for £25 or £30. The Engineer was asked to look into the waste timber at Shaw's bridge & see if some of it could be made use of for the shed.

- 8. On finance to be discussed in Committee. Received.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & finance.

In Committee the following tenders opened:-

Contract No. 275. Engineer's estimate £99.-.-. T. Butler £125.15.2

Committee.	Contract No.276. Estimate £76.	J Crapper	£103.2.10
		Joseph Kett,	84.19.-
ers.	Contract No.277. Estimate £96.	Geo. Hamilton,	106. --
			122. 6.-
	Contract No.278. estimate £41. 0.-	J. Johnson,	81.--

Recommendation. That Joseph Kett's tender for 276 & 277 at £84.19.- & £106 respectively be accepted & that fresh tenders be invited for 275 & 278.

Accounts amounting to £365. 5.10 were examined & recommended for passing.

The Secretary explained that he had placed £1500 on fixed deposit for 6 months bearing interest at 3% thus securing £22.10. interest but should it be necessary to overdraw before such deposit fell due, the Bank would only charge 4% instead of the usual 6%, thus reducing the interest on overdraft by 2%. He thought he would be able to keep the Shire in credit till the end of the financial year. *Approved.*

Re the Thistle Act the Secretary explained that the Shire Solicitors had in March last advised that the Thistle Inspector should be strengthened in carrying out his duties by being appointed & authorised to act as a Municipal Officer within the meaning of the Thistle Act & for carrying out & enforcing the provisions of the said Act & that he, the Secretary, had drawn up such an authority & the President had signed & sealed it. He now asked the Council to complete it which they did by signing it. The Committee meeting then closed.

Business resumed. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report of the Tenders' Committee be received & adopted. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

The Secretary was authorised to get the Thistle Notices printed as per Messrs Arnall & Jackson's forms.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That applications be invited for the combined offices of Secretary, Engineer & Valuer at a salary of £400 per annum

returnable by the July meeting the officer appointed to take up his duties on 1st October 1916. Carried.

Orders of the Day. The enforcement of the Dog Act to be decided at the next meeting, as also the Thistle Act.

Motions By the President that the Engineer put on a man to bore for
pipes.

gravel on the Prairie Road 2 miles each side of Mr Marshall's.

By Cr McCrea:- That the Engineer have about 40 chains of formations at Gray's graded & that Messrs Pickles Bros be called upon to remove their culvert on the Mitiamo-Jarklan

Road that they had put in without permission.

By Cr Shaw:- That any cast out timber from the bridge near his place *ly* not otherwise wanted, stacked in Mr Ettershank's paddock.

Order of Motion. By Cr Bissett:-

That all formations on the Bridgewater road East of the River be linked up with new formations.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this *14th* day of June 1916

Geo. Mahony
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

May 31st 1916.

Special Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Coutts, Eppershank, Shaw :- Cr A. Gray, M.L.A & Mr P.L. Edwards representing the Shire of Korong & Mr William Calder, the Chairman of the Country Roads Board & their Asst Engineer, Mr John Robert Kemp.

The meeting was convened to open tenders for the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood for which tenders in timber & steel & in concrete were invited. The ~~Closer~~ Purchase & Land Management Board had promised to subscribe one third of the cost.

The only tenders received were as follows:-

For the Concrete, Sly & Starling.	£2089.15.-
For the timber & steel, the same	£1096. 4.10
J.T. Jenkin,	1912. 4.6

After deliberation it was moved by Cr Gray 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the tender of Messrs Sly & Starling at £1096. 4.10 for the timber & steel structure be accepted.

Cr Coutts stated that, but for the urgency of the work, he would have been in favor of the Concrete structure.

Mr Calder concurred on account of the great difference in the cost. The motion was then put & carried.

It was decided to let the metal in the approaches & the tarred metal on the deck, stand over until the timber had dried & the earthwork set. Mr Calder further asked that certain conditions usual with them be introduced into the specification & that the price of the tender be reduced accordingly. The carrying out of the work would be left in the hands of this Shire & the Board would ratify their actions. Mr Albrecht's plan was approved of.

In reply to questions by Mr Albrecht Mr Calder thought that the purchase of the new road through Mr Potter's had better go through on its own merits & as a separate item. The Board would assist in getting the frontages & exchange of road carried through if the Lands Department would consent. The Engineer could submit accounts for commission on surveys & plans the Board usually paying

2% at once & 3% on completion of the works. The appointment of a Clerk of Works would be left in the hands of the Council but the name of the appointee should be sent to their office. The Council would deal with the accounts but keep separate ones for joint works.

Mr Albrecht asked Mr Calder whether, now the Board were in a position to allow of inviting tenders for the metalling of the ~~Dingee~~ Dingee Road but Mr Calder said that the work would still have to stand over, only urgent or maintenance works could be authorised. Cr Eppershank brought under notice the state of Salisbury Bridge which required repairing very badly. Mr Calder doubted whether this work was proclaimed, as the Council had objected to that road being proclaimed, but on second thought, seeing that the road was proclaimed from Inglewood to the Loddon River he would treat it as within the proclamation. Mr Albrecht was requested to invite Mr Edwardes to meet him at the bridge & inspect it & decide on the repairs advisable.

Mr Albrecht thanked Mr Calder for having visited them that day, as they had been able to settle the question better than could have been done by much correspondence. It had been a matter of great worry & thought.

Mr Calder returned thanks to the Councillors for their reception & hospitality. In view of the great difference in the tenders he could no longer urge the Concrete structure, though it would be more lasting & cost less for maintenance. However he was perfectly satisfied & Mr Albrecht's plan was already approved.

The meeting then closed & the visitors motored away.

Confirmed this 14th day of June 1916.

Geo H Albrecht
President

Ordinary business resumed, the same Crs present.

2 P.M.

1. From the Bendigo Chamber of Commerce with invitation to their Annual Social on 31st May when the Minister for Agriculture would give an address on the Wheat Pool. Received.
2. From such Minister acknowledging receipt of Resolution passed at the Wheat Pool Conference & that he regretted that at the last moment he had been prevented from visiting the Social at Bendigo. Received.
3. From the Shire of Oxley that the wire fixing the Conference had not reached them in time:-hence their representative had been unable to attend as he would have done. Received.
4. From the Board of Health as to the treatment of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis. Received.
5. From the Director of Education approving of the arrangements made for celebrating Empire Day. Received
6. From the French Week appeal fund inviting co-operation in holding an appeal week throughout Victoria in aid of the French Red Cross Funds from 8th to 15th July & a Button Day on 14th idem & with programme of events.
- Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
- That the Shire was not suitable for such an appeal in the way proposed for towns but that £2.2.- be voted. Carried.
7. From the Borough of Wanthaggi asking co-operation in urging the development of the Wanthaggi Coal Fields with the view to supplying the public with cheaper coal than that from Newcastle.
- Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-
- That co-operation be granted. Carried.
8. From the Shire Solicitors with explanation as to the road through the Dingee Settlement. Received.
9. From Mrs Vogele as to her slaughtering licence. The Secretary explained that he had advised Mrs Vogele that she could continue to slaughter under the licence until it was cancelled but advising her to apply to the Council for a transfer of it to her. Recd.
10. From Messrs Trescowthick & Hamilton asking permission to erect a telephone line from their estate "Laguna", to the P.O. at Janiember East. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank -

contd.

That permission be granted.

Carried.

11. From E. Chester applying for the position of Clerk of Works over the Hurstwood bridge Concrete bridge. The Secretary explained that he had informed Mr Chester that the bridge was to be erected in timber & steel & asking if he had experience of such work & his terms. but had received no reply. Action approved.

12. From John Crapper that he was going to Mitiamo to complete his Contract there on 7th Inst. Received.

13. From the Shire of Marong with cheque for £2.2.- their share of boundary work at Gentner's. Received with thanks.

14. From Mrs C. Vogele applying for the transfer of her husband's slaughtering licence to herself. That she will only be killing sheep. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

'That the licence be transferred for its currency but that the yards be ^{not} licensed again & a copy of the Health Officer's Report be forwarded to her. Carried.

15. From Mr J.C. Johnston of Terricks West that he will fence off the road between allotments 19 & 73 parish of Talambe as soon as he can get a man to put up the fence & that the posts will be on the ground on 10th Inst. Received & Public Works Department to be so informed.

16. From Mr Thomas Mossop applying for the position of Clerk of Works over the Hurstwood Bridge. To stand over.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts, £173.1.1:- Payments £365.5.10:- Cr balance Received. £109.6.11.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £89.16.7:- Arrears £3.12.6:- Interest Received. £3.2.5. Total £96.11.6.

Rate-Collector. Rates outstanding on 10th June:-
North Riding. £208. 8.4. Interest £15.4.4.
South .. 126. -- .. 9.12.2
East .. 271. -.9 .. 19. 3.2.
£605. 9.1 £43.19.8 Received.

Sanitary Contractor. Rates received £1.8.6:- 53 pans attended to. Received.

Assistant Engineer.

1. That with approval of Cr Tonkin he had let a Contract for a formation on the Mitiamo-Bendigo road at Old's to Mr Ball at £37. 7.3. No. 279 & asking approval.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That action be approved. Carried.
2. That in accordance with instructions from Cr Ettershank he had

invited tenders for formation on ~~the~~ Raywood-Durham Ox Road near Gittins' & included in the Contract the loaming at Miller's Swamp. Approved.

- 3. That he had borings for gravel put down on the Prairie Road but without success. The pit at Howe's was inspected but was found a comparatively thin layer at 4 feet. A sample at Laird's was found to be too fine. Suggesting that further tests be made at a cost of about £3.3.- per mile.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

- 4. That bores be put down in the locality for 1 or 2 miles. Carrid. That Cr McCrea had instructed him to inspect the Bullock Creek Bridge at Bell's on the Echuca Road & he had found it in a very bad state. If desired he would make an estimate of the cost of repairs but it will not be long before a new & wider bridge is required. The Engineer to inspect & report.

- 5. On the state of Contracts. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report of the Assistant Engineer as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

- 1. Re Hurstwood Bridge that immediately after the special meeting on 31st Ultio:-he had sent in adjusted specifications & Contracts to the Country Roads Board for the Contractor to sign & had advised the Contractor of having done so but had received no replies. He saw by the papers that the Contractors were advertising for the cartage of material. Received.
- 2. He had written Mr Potter conveying the wishes of the Board with regard to the new road & advised him as to the steps he should take. Received.
- 3. He thought invitations should be invited for the position of Clerk of Works. The Contractors want further time but he had advised them to push on with the works & in 2 months time, if necessary, apply for extension of time which would be probably granted so long as the bridge were opened by the end of October.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr T. Mossop be appointed at 10/- per day when required. Carried.

- 4. That he had raised his estimate for repairing Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge on account of the distance for carting timber. Recd.
- 5. That he had visited & inspected the Bullock Creek bridge at Mr Shaw's & found Mr Butler doing good work & expecting to have the bridge open at the end of the week. I had to instruct him to put in 2 false piles as the centre one in one span had subsided. Advising that in the case of very old bridges requiring repair new ones should be put in of better design, as there is no guarantee that the bridges repaired will last for any time. Recd.
- 6. That Mr Gilbert the Inspector of Accounts had visited & examined the books & was satisfied with them. Received.
- 7. That Empire Day had been duly observed. Approved.
- 8. That as to the Wheat Pool he had drawn up a paper on the subject which had appeared in the Bendigo Advertiser & also sent one copy to Mr Hagelthorne which however he had not acknowledged nor had

the subject matter of it been dealt with & asking approval.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the action of the Secretary be approved of. Carried.

9. That as the Revision Court will fall on 26th July suggesting that the ordinary meeting, which falls on 12th, be postponed till the same date.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey -

That the clause be approved. Carried.

10. Asking for the appointment of Returning Officers.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Mahoney be appointed for the North Riding, Cr Ettershank for the South & Cr Coulter for the East be the Returning Officers. Carried.

11. On the state of the finances. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea -

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

Committee. The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders & finance

The following tenders were opened & recommended for acceptance.

Contract No.275, T. Butler	£122. -.-
∴ No.278. Geo. Hamilton,	34.12.6
∴ No.280. J. Lawry,	34. 7.6
∴ No.282. E. Doody,	65. 2.5

The Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £372.-.8¹/₂ recommended their payment. On resuming business:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report of the Tenders Committee be received & adopted & the tenders accepted. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Business of the Day. Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Dog Act be enforced. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Thistle Acts be enforced as to Star Thistle, Bathurst Burr & Stinkwort. Carried.

Applications for combined offices to stand over till next meeting.

By Cr Ettershank on behalf of Cr Bissett who was unable to be present.

present. That the Engineer link up the formations on the Bendigo Road from Mr Albrecht's to the flume over channel:-thence to the next formation at Albert Park dam -thence from the first gate in Albert Park to 5 chains North of Kirkham's Lane -thence from the Brickkiln Dam to the Cemetery corner -thence from the Cemeray Dam to the first culvert pasted Mr J. Bissett's & bring up a report on the cost of the work.

By Cr Carey:-To inspect the Terricks Road for about 1 mile South of Dingee & report as to the cost of improving it by next meeting.

By Cr Ettershank:-To report as to gravelling at Bear's Lagoon.

By Cr McCrea:-To have the drains at Mitiamo cleaned out, & get a Report from the Inspector of Nuisances as to a hole at the back of the late Mr McIntyre's allotment.

By the President. To grade the new formation at Gray's on the Mitiamo road & at Wood's on the Prairie Road.
Secretary to draw up testimonial to Mr Owen & arrange for its presentation.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 26th day of July 1916.

George Haloney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 12th 1916.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday, 19th Inst at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 19th 1916.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same till Wednesday, 26th Inst at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 26th 1916.

Adjourned Ordinary & Special Meetings held this day:-

Present the President, Cr Mahoney, & Crs McCrea, Tonkin, Carey, Shaw,
Coutts & Ethershank.

The Minutes of the last meeting & of the adjournments thereof
were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From Colonel Hawker as to enlistment of Universal Trainees.
Received.

2. From the State Parliamentary Recruiting Committee acknowledging
receipt of Report on Sergeant Fredericks' work in the Shire
& conveying the thanks of the Committee. Also stating that the
Sergeant is doing similar work in Inglewood. Received.

3. From the same asking the Council to co-operate in bringing
before the people of all classes the necessity of supporting
the Australian War Loan of £50,000,000 which is to be issued on
1st August & with details. Received.

4. From the same with cards of subscription which are to be returned
Received.

5. From the Country Roads Bd as to making progress payments on
Contracts. Received.

6. From the same approving of Contract 2M. Repair of Bullock Creek
Bridge near Mitiamo but urging the removal of all unsound girders
Received.

7. From the Lands Department as to the site of the Calivil Dip &
the request of the Council that it should be either reserved or
sold to you, that there are so many difficulties in the way that
legislation in the direction suggested is impossible. Recd.

8. From the Public Works Department again enquiring whether Mr
John O'Neill has yet completed his fence. After deliberation:-

Moved by Cr Ethershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Mr O'Neill be called upon to complete his fence or
the road will be opened. Carried.

9. From Mr A. Gray, M.L.A. acknowledging receipt of letter re the
Wonthaggi Coalfield & that the Council of the Shire of Korong
took no action in the matter being of opinion that the Commission-
ers are the most competent to deal with it. Received.

- 10. From the Commonwealth Button Fund acknowledging receipt of £5.17.- collected by the Secretary for F.M. & Anzac Buttons. Received.
- 11. From the Shire of North Ovens asking co-operation in amending the Thistle Act. Received.
- 12. ~~Moved by Cr~~ From the Shire of Towong asking you to concur in protesting against any legislation interfering with the slaughter of cattle.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried.

- 13. From Tatchell, Dunlop & Co, that they had completed Mr Potter's for the road & sent it to the Country Roads Board. Received.
- 14. From the French Week Appeal Fund with thanks for subscription. Received.
- 15. From the same with Annual Report. Received.
- 16. From Bank of Victoria with credit of £1.2.5 for interest over-charged by mistake. Received.
- 17. From the Northern Districts Municipal Association with list of matters to be discussed at the next meeting which will be in Maryborough early in September & inviting other subjects. Also

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Cr Coulter & the Engineer attend the session. Carried. The Secretary submitted various items for putting on the Agenda but paper that the only one relating to simplifying the exchange of roads was approved of.

- 16-18. From Sims Bros of Mitiamo complaining of valuation. The Secretary explained that he had replied to the effect that the Council had nothing to do with valuations but Messrs Sims should have appealed when they received the valuation notice. Received.
- 19. From the Mitiamo Progress Association complaining of the state of the drains in Mitiamo & asking for the removal of a dam in a drain. To stand over for Engineer's report.
- 20, 21. From the same asking the Council to join in clearing the road to Mitiamo cemetery which was estimated to cost about £14. The Engineer questioned the power of the Council to expend money on works out of the Shire but it was moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:- That co-operation be granted. Carried.

22. From the Premier asking the Council to pass a similar resolution on the 2nd anniversary of the Declaration of War as they did last year & further to ask them to do what they can to promote the interests of the Australian Re-patriation Fund.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That on the 4th ~~of~~ the 2nd anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war the rate-payers of the Shire of East Loddon as represented by this Council record their inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty which are the common & sacred cause of the Allies. Carrd.

23. From Mr W.T. Stead of Tandarra, complaining of the flooding of a road by the Waranga Channel & asking the Council to assist him in getting permission to enter their fences. To stand over

24. From Mr William Wilson of Mitiamo asking the Council to stop the practice of cattle wandering on the roads.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the complaint be referred to the Inspector of Nuisances. Carried.

25. From Pickles Bros that they have removed the culvert complained of from the road at their place. Received.

26. From Dr Alexander of the Bendigo hospital reporting a case of diphtheria at Mitiamo & of tuberculosis at Dingee. Recd.

27. From Dr Jacobs reporting a case of diphtheria at Mitiamo. Recd.

29. From Mr T. Sly explaining the difficulties he is experiencing in getting the timber & piles on the ground for the Hurstwood Bridge. Received.

31. From the Town Clerk Wonthaggi that a deputation will wait on the Premier on 1st August at 2.15 P.M. & asking the Council to send a delegate. Received.

32. From Pyramid Hill Agricultural Association asking for a subscription towards their prize fund, that it is their intention to hand over the whole of their profits of the year to that Patriotic Fund most in need of help & for proclamation of a holiday in the North & East Ridings on Show Day, 25th Oct.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That £1.1.- be voted & the holiday applied for. Carrd.

33. From the Correspondent of the Dingee S.S. asking for crossings in front of the school over the channel.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That foot-bridges be erected 2'0" wide with one rail. Carrd.

34. From Melbourne Ragged Boys Home for subscription.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That £2.2.- be voted.

Carried.

35. From Country Rds Bd for return of works executed on roads surveyed during the year. Secretary to supply.

36. From Shire of Warragul re conscription for Military Forces

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Federal M.P. be asked to attend & represent the Council. & support the resolutions & any Councillor who may happen to be in town at the time.

Carried.

37. From Mr Sly as to progress with the timber & wire that it is being loaded.

Received.

38. From Thos Foley of Bendigo offering White-hills gravel at 1/10 per cub.yd on trucks at White-hills siding. Referred to Engineer.

39. From the Salvation Army for subscription. To stand over.

40. From W. Stead & others protesting against the action of the Huntley Shire Council in constructing formations in such a way as to flood out their crops. To stand over.

41. From the Secretary Soldiers Club, Calivil South asking for a subscription of 10/- per head for making presentations to volunteers.

Received.

Adjourned to 2 P.M.

entation. At the luncheon the President on behalf of the Council presented Mr E. A. Owen, the Assistant Engineer who is leaving the Shire with a flattering illuminated address signed by all Crs present & the Secretary. Mr Owen suitably responded & thanked Councillors not only for the address but the uniform courtesy they had always shewn him.

P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present.

REVISION COURT.

The Revision Court was opened. The Secretary presented the Voters' Lists & Separate voters Lists & stated that he had received no claims or objections but that two ratepayers had since died. The Lists having been examined & the names of the departed struck off the Lists were duly certified to on the motions of

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Crs Ettershak & Shaw for the South:-
Crs Tonkin & Carey for the East Riding.

And the Revision Court closed.

Works Committee. Tenders having been opened were all found too high except that of John Crapper Contract No.283 at £31.16.8 which was recommended for acceptance.

Finance. The Finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £317.17. & recommended their payment.

The President invited Mr Albrecht into his room where the Council were holding a Committee meeting & having expressed their regret at parting with him on account of his age & stated that they had decided to grant him a Bonus of £100. Mr Albrecht thanked the Council for their kind vote & withdrew.

r.No.40. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary write the Shire of Huntley & explain the complaint & ask for information. Carried.

No.39. From the Salvation Army asking for subscription to stand over till next meeting.

Petition from Kelynack & others asking for drainage in front of the Public Hall at Ringe suggesting a drain from opposite the Railway gates on the East side of the N. & S.road for about 30 chains, a gravel pit filled up & 7 chns of gravelling.

Moved by Cr Carey, 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

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On resuming open meeting:-

It was moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the tenders Committee report be received & adopted & fresh tenders invited by next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Finance Committee's report be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

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That the request be granted. Carried.

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The petition was presented by Cr Coutts & the Engineer reported that it was being attended to.

of Secretary, The Council dealt with this in Committee & opened
 3 applications. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Mr G.W.C. Venables of Rutherglen be appointed Secretary, Engineer & Valuer to the Shire at a salary of £400 per annum to take up duty as from 1st October. Carried
 The President informed Mr Venables that the Council had selected him & hoped they would work amicably together. Mr Venables returned thanks & said he was fond of hard work & hoped he would be able to carry out his duties to their satisfaction. As agreed he would live in the Shire and undertake private practice.

joint. Moved by Cr Eppershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

Ces.

That applications be invited for the combined offices of Dairy Inspector, ^{Inspector of Nuisances} Rate-Collector & Inspector of Dogs at a salary of £3 per week & 10% on the dog fees, the officer to devote his whole time to the Council but with permission to act as chairman at the usual rate should the performance of his duties permit. Preference in the selection of the officer will be given to returned soldiers if qualified. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to give notice to the present officers

nts.

Rate Collector. Rates current, £127. 4.2:- arrears £17. 16.6:- interest £8. 6.11. Total £153. 7.7. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown.

As to the late Mr McIntyre's allotment at Mitiamo, nearly half of it consists of a dam at present half full of water. The dwelling has until this week been occupied by Mr W. Spencer. The dam is an eyesore in a township & owing to rabbits burrowing from the dam out under the footpath & the water from the street drains breaking into the burrow & flowing under the footpath into the dam, there is a large subsidence which will require to be filled in. Mr Spencer had horses in the back yard & there is a quantity of horse manure, but I cannot say, nor do I think, it would be right in saying that the premises were in an insanitary state.

Owing to the continuous rains quite a number of yards in the township are in a wet & dirty-looking state but to say that they are insanitary or disease breeding would I think, not be correct.

He had seen Mr James McIntyre of Terricks East, the Executor, & he has promised that he will have the yard ~~fill~~ cleaned up as soon as possible & the dam filled when the dry season sets in, & carting can be more easily done. To stand over.

Health Officer, Dr Jacobs. on the same subject. He had found the state of affairs in a most unsatisfactory & unhealthy condition. The dam is filled with dirty water & there is all sorts of rubbish in it & refuse from the stables & cow-yard. He

Reports
contd.

considered steps should be taken to remedy this as the condition it is in at present is a distinct menace to public health. He would suggest that the dam be filled up at once. He had noticed that the concrete drain does not allow the water to run off & there are pools of stagnant water along the whole length & as all the refuse from the houses run into the drain, steps should be taken to have this state of affairs remedied. He was also asked to inspect various parts of the town. He inspected Constable Brown's cow-yard. It is not in a good condition & manure was lying outside the sheds & the surroundings were in a very sloppy condition. There is no drainage from the place at all, the cow-bale in a poor state not being bricked:-consequently in wet weather must of necessity get into a bad state.

He visited the State School & found things fairly satisfactory with the exception of the North side where there is a miniature lake but this could be easily fixed up with a few loads of gravel.

He next inspected the drainage at the rear of the Railway houses & found that all their refuse ran towards the school. There are no proper drains & in the interests of the children steps ought to be taken to get the Railway Department put these things in good order.

It had also come under his notice that people living in the town keep pigs on their premises. This is a most reprehensible practice & should be stopped at once. as it is not fair or just to the welfare of the other people of the town that this should continue any longer.

Sanitary Contractor Johnson. at Mitiamo.

Enclosing 14/3 rates. that he is attending to 52 rans. Re pipe culvert & others & gutters that he will attend to them when wanting. for 4/- per month. There are no repairs wanting to them at present. All these reports were recorded to stand over till next meeting.

Assistant Engineer.

- 1. He had had bores put down along the Prairie-Calivil road near Marshall's & found a fine, sandy gravel near Howe's but found it quite unsuitable for road works on account of the small quantity & that it is too fine & sandy & would not set. No other gravel was found on this road but he had a pit in Laird's examined & find that it contains good gravel but there is not sufficient to warrant buying an excision though advances might be made to Mr Laird whereby you could obtain whatever is required at so much per cub. yd. He also had a few bores put down on the Echuca Road at Gittins' but no gravel was struck. Approved.

- 2. He had made arrangements with Mr Dee as instructed by the President to do some small forming works in Jarklan at a cost of £15.11.8 & asking approval.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the agreement be approved. Carried.

- 3. He had had the old metal stacked near the Shire Hall put on the Serpentine Creek bridge near the town & it has made a great improvement. Approved.

- 4. The maintenance men have constructed a foot-path at Bear's Lagoon South of the channel & was authorized by Cr Coutts to have it extended North of the channel but too late to do while they were there. They will do it as soon as they have finished other works on hand. Approved but notice to be put up to keep the traffic off it.

- 5. He had had some formations crowned on the Mitiamo-Jarklan Road but the traffic went on to it before it had time to

to set & it is in a worse condition than before. Received.

6. The estimates for works ordered at last meeting are as follows
Forming 1 mile South of Dingee £84:-Joining up formations
on Serpentine-Bendigo road to J.Bissett's £196.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That tenders be called for the formation South of Dingee but
the other work stand over. Carried.

7. That he had inspected the bridge over the Bullock Creek on
the Echuca Road near Bell's but it is too old to be re-con-
structed & recommending some temporary repairs at a cost of
£21.10.- which will lengthen the life of the bridge about 8
years.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer get the work done. Carried.

8. State of Contracts. Received.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Assistant Engineer's Report as read & dealt with
be received & adopted. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had taken steps to get in outstanding rates & had
gathered in £161.16.4. The amount out was £647.8.9 on 10th
June. He had issued no summons. Approved.
2. He had made a difficult survey on the town interfering as
little as possible with the flow of water. Approved.
3. He had re-cast the specification for the Calivil Creek
bridge on the Mitiamo-Jarklan road with provision for
tanned metal but he thought when the distance from Railway
was so great this should not be used. Approved.
4. Mr Butler has finished the bridge on the Swan Hill road
but it had to be entirely reconstructed & could have been
renewed for less money. Received.
5. Correspondence with Mr Sly as to the Hurstwood Bridge who
will get on as soon as the weather permits of carting the
material. Received.
6. Drawing attention to the damage done by traction engines
where grippers are used as has recently been the case &
the road fearfully cut up in consequence. He would write
to the suspected parties but asking leave to insert a
strong advertisement drawing attention to the penalties.
Traction engines should not travel at all on unmetalled
roads in wet weather. They can do no profitable business
but only damage the roads. Approved.
7. Drawing attention to the destruction of green trees on the
roads. Received.
8. We have ~~drawn~~ been compiling a Roll of Honor & submitting
a design but thinks it wiser to let the preparation of the
Board stand over for a time. Mr Gladman has kindly prepared
copies for you so that you may make corrections or additions
Received.
9. There is a movement on foot for resuscitating the

Durham-Ox- Jarklan Railway movement & he is asked to call a meeting early in August. In his opinion it is useless unless the Ministers for Railways & Water Supply can be induced to attend. Asking the Council's views.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the meeting be called simply. Carried

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

Propositions
Officers.

By Cr Ettershank that 10 or 12 chains of formation on the Echuca Road $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Serpentine & a few chains at Pola's be loamed.

By Cr Tonkin:- That the Engineer inspect the N. & S. road East of Prairie.

By Cr McCrea:- that the Engineer inspect about 20 chains of road between Lowe's & Hird's & 6 chains on the same road opposite Lowe's house. Echuca

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 16 day of August 1916.

George Mahoney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 9th 1916.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same till Wednesday. 16th Inst. at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 16th 1916.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), & Crs McCrea, Eattershank, Courts
Tonkin, Carey, Rissett, Shaw & Coulter.

The Minutes of the last meeting & of the adjournment were read:-

Moved by Cr Eattershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Country Roads Board forwarding copy of the Map of
Victoria shewing the proclaimed roads in the Shire. Received.

2. From the State Rivers & W.S. forwarding revised Register within
the Dingee Irrigation & W.S. area. Received.

3. From the Premier with thanks for the resolution passed relating to
the 2nd anniversary of the Declaration of War. Received.

4. From the Hon. W.L. Baillieu, M.L.C. that he believes there will be
very little or no objection raised to the conditions contemplated
against the slaughtering of female cattle but they are not com-
pletely finalised yet. Received.

5. From the Public Works Department that the accounts for Government
Grants arrived too late to be passed but the Minister has decided
that the same be recommended for re-vote. Correspondence from Mr
A. Gray, M.L.A. & the Secretary on the same subject read. Received.

6. From the Commonwealth Military Forces as to the enrolment of Minors. Received.

7. From the Universal Service League of Australia by the Hon. F.J.
Clarke, the Organising Secretary inviting membership. To stand over.

8. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society soliciting subscription
towards their prize fund at next Show on 10th-12th October.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That £2.2.- be voted Carried.

9. From the Under Secretary that the holiday asked for for the Pyramid
Hill Show had been granted. Received.

10. From Mr J. Knox Walker asking for the use of a consulting room in
the Shire Hall premises fortnightly & enquiring terms. Refused
there being no room available.

11. From Inspector Brown again reporting on the bad state of the late Mr McIntyre's allotment at Mitiamo & the steps he has taken to remedy it. To stand over.
12. From the State War Council as to organizing meetings re Re-patriating returned soldiers & forming Committees for so doing. Stand over.
13. From the Correspondent S.S. Dingee with thanks for promise of foot-bridges. Received.
14. From ~~Gerresponde~~ Commonwealth Military Forces that on enlistment of Recruits promises must not be given ^{that} they will be sent to certain Camps. Received.
15. From Shire of Kerang with resolution as to slaughtering cattle. Already concurred in.
16. From Inspector Brown as to Mr W. Wilson's complaint. Received.
- Adjourned till 2 P.M.

p.m. Business resumed but in Committee, the same Councillors present. The Committee examined 15 applications for the conjoint offices these including 3 returned soldiers. Driver W.E. Clift was in attendance. Certain minor alterations in the specification were made.

On resuming the Committee reported that they recommended Driver W.E. Clift for the appointment.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Driver W.E. Clift be appointed to the offices of Rate-Collector & Inspector of Dairies, Thistles & Dogs in the terms of the specification to commence duty on 1st October 1916.

Carried.

ports. Treasurer. Receipts £226.19.4:- Overdraft on 30.6.16 £128.5.-
outstanding cheques £79.16.10:- Net O.D. £299.16.-
Received.

Rate Collector. Rates current £67. 6.3:- arrears £40.-.-:- Interest
£8.2.9. total £115.9.-.-. Received.

Dairy Inspector with 7/6 for registration fees. Received.

Dingee Weigh-bridge that he had collected £3.8.3 in fees. Recd.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. Complimenting retiring Councillors on their re-election unopposed & return of Cr Bissett after his illness. Received.
2. On state of Contracts & in particular the Hurstwood Bridge. Received.

3. On state of Butler's Contract for Kelsh's Lagoon Bridge. Recd.
4. On state of Contracts at Cemetery & Old's on Terricks Road. Received.
- 4a. As the bridge on Bullock Creek near Witiama is in a bad state & Mr Butler was the only tenderer last time offer- to make terms with him at about £80. The work has been approved by the Country Roads Board.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That tenders be again invited for the work by next meeting with stringent conditions as to time. Carried.

5. Reviewing the office work done. Received.

6. On Mr W. Aitken's liability for timber taken for dunnage amounting to about £22. & asking instructions.

After considerable debate it was moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter

That Treuel the maintenance man see that the timber is returned & Mr Aitken asked to pay £3 for the use of it. Carried.

7. That Mr E. Lyndon Smith had asked permission to close the road between Branley's & Lister's, Jarklan for a fortnight to allow of repairing a culvert & he had granted it. Approved.

8. That the Bank a/c is overdrawn £299.16.- but the fixed deposit will keep us in credit at the end of the financial year. Received.

9. He had noticed that the site of the Yallock S.S. was gazetted for revocation & asking if the Council knew anything of it. Received the site referred to being an old site.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report, as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

rie Road. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That application be made to the Public Works Department to open the road at Mr J. O'Neill's. Carried.

tion Army. Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £5.5.- be voted to the Salvation Army appeal for General purposes. Carried.

otions to
ers. By Cr Ettershank:-

That 5 chains of formation about 15 chns East of the gravel pit & about ~~15~~ another 5 chns about 25 chains from the same be formed & that at McGrath's loamed.

To get the ~~bank~~ across the road at Clemens' removed. at once.

To look up the closed road through McGrath's Janiember East

By Cr Counts:-

To extend the sandhill cutting at Hurstwood about 3 chains.

Instructions to Officers contd.

By Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of the formation 1 mile S of Dingee by next meeting.

President reported that Mr Kentish had agreed to do some work at the bridge in front of his house at a cost of £2.2.-. Approved.

Also that Mr Dee had agreed to do the scooping asked for at Miles' at 4½d per yard & as this would be cheaper than calling for tenders he wished the Engineer to set it out. He had allowed Mr Venables an extension of 6 or 8 days from 1st October before taking up duty. He had also received Mr Albrecht's resignation of his offices but thought it had better be held over till next meeting. He further reviewed the working of the Shire during his term of office & thanked all Councillors for their uniform assistance so courteously given him & the Officers likewise. He wished them all prosperity & happiness in the future. He concluded by hoping for a speedy & victorious termination of the War & the restoration of a permanent & world-wide peace.

A petition from Messrs S. J. McKay & others was presented by Cr Tonkin, asking for a large number of improvements in Mitiamo & accompanied by a map shewing their positions.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Petition lie on the table for one month. Carried.

Res. of Metier. Cr Officer's report.

Dr Jacob's Report on the state of the late Mr McIntyre's allotment at Mitiamo & Inspector Brown's. After deliberation:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Secretary call on Mr James McIntyre, the Executor, to fill in the dam at once or he will be served with notice to abate the nuisance. Carried.

By Cr Bissett:-

That a General Rate of 15d in the £. be struck on all the ratable property in the Shire for the year 1st Oct. 1916-1st October 1917.

By Cr Ffetershank:-

That such rate be 1/- in the £.

By Cr Tonkin:-

That a pan-charge of 28/6 per pan per annum in Mitiamo be

for a fortnightly service for the year 1st Oc. 1916 to
1st October 1917, payable by half yearly instalments on
or before the 31st day of March & 30th Sept. in each year

Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts
amounting to £385.10.3. & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & adopted & the accounts passed
for payment. Carried

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 13th day of September 1916.

E. J. Carey President.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS. 1916.

North Riding.

David William Coultts having been the only Candidate nominated
I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this
Shire for the North Riding.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1916.

Geo. W. Mahony
Returning Officer

South Riding.

William Bissett senior having been the only Candidate nominated
I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this
Shire for the South Riding.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1916.

A. E. Evershank
Returning Officer.

Edward A. J. Carey having been the only Candidate nominated I do
hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire
for the East Riding.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 24th 1916.

J. H. Boulton
Returning Officer.

DECLARATIONS.

I, the undersigned, David William Coutts, Do hereby declare that I will, faithfully & impartially, according to the best of my skill & ability, execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1915.

Declared at Serpentine this 13th day of Sept 1916 before me, David W. Coutts
George G. Ahern
Councillor.

I, the undersigned, William Bissett senior, Do hereby declare that I will, faithfully & impartially according to the best of my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1915.

Declared at Serpentine this 13 day of Sept 1916 Before me, A. Ettershank
Councillor. W. Bissett

I, the undersigned, Edward A. J. Carey, Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially, according to the best of my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1915.

Declared at Serpentine this 13 day of Sept 1916 Before me, A. Ettershank
Councillor. E. A. J. Carey

Valuer's Declaration.

I, Charles Edmund Albrecht, of Serpentine, Valuer, Do solemnly & sincerely declare that I will faithfully & impartially according to the best of my judgment, make the Valuation & Return of ratable property within the Shire of East Loddon. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true & by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful & corrupt perjury.

Declared at Serpentine in the State of Victoria this 24th day of August 1916, before me, A. Ettershank
A Justice of the Peace in and for Midland Bailiwick of the State of Victoria. Chas E. Albrecht

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 13th 1916.

SPECIAL MEETING TO ELECT PRESIDENT.

The newly elected Councillors, Crs ^{Coutts,} Mahoney, Carey & Bissett having made their declarations, took their seats. There were also present Crs Mahoney, McCrea, Tonkin, Coulter & Ethershank.

The Secretary read out the various returns which had been made.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Cr Coutts take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the President's allowance for the ensuing year be £70. Carried.

The Chairman invited nominations for the Presidency.

By Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:- Cr Carey.

There being no other nomination, the motion was put & carried unan.

The Chairman vacated the Chair & installed the newly elected President in it. The President returned thanks to Crs & Officers

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the whole Council be appointed Committees for Tenders & Finance any three to form a quorum. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE

Correspondence. 1. Wire from the Chairman of State Parliamentary Committee asking the Committee at request of the Prime Minister to renew Recruiting Activity & co-operation in securing Victorian quota for September viz:-9800 men & that letter was following.

2. Wire that it was necessary to call special meeting at once.
3. From the same Chairman with full explanations shewing urgency.
4. From Recruiting Sergeant Fredericks offering services on 17th
5. From Hon. D. Mackinnon with extracts from the Prime Minister's address.

After considerable debate:-It was moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ethershank:-

That the Secretary be instructed to reply that the Council concur in the Hon. D. Mackinnon's request. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Sergeant Fredericks be invited to take immediate charge of the Shire till the end of the month. Carried.

And the Committee Meeting closed.

ORDINARY MEETING

1. From the Public Works Department as to Mr Gray, M.L.A. as to lapsed special grants. Received.

2. From the same returning vouchers unmarked & that they will have to be re-submitted. Carried.

3. From the select Committee of the Legislative Assembly asking evidence as to increase or decrease of population within Shire.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary fill in one & the Councillors theirs. Carrd.

4-8. Various wires & letters as to getting the girders from Newport for the Hurstwood Bridge ultimately settled by their being forwarded. Received.

9. From the Public Works Department as to fencing along Mr J.O'Neill's allotment.

10. Endorsement by Mr O'Neill that the road would be completed shortly. Received.

11. From the Shire Analyst asking that samples be sent down before the holidays. To be sent.

12. From the Public Works Department asking that the books be ready for Audit by 31st October. Received.

13. From J.M. Murphy complaining of road & flooding at stone-crossings.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Councillors for the East Riding inspect & report. Carried.

14. From the Lord Mayor of Melbourne asking co-operation in the construction of an Australian Military Hospital for Russia.

The Secretary explained that he had seen in the paper that the Russian Consul had declared that it was unnecessary as Russia had ample hospital accommodation. Received:-no action.

15. From the Shire of Wannon asking support to a motion asking the Premier to secure the disfranchisement of all enemy aliens resi-

dent in Victoria whether naturalized or not.

Received.

16. From the Shire of Beechworth on the question of De-centralisation & proposing a deputation on 1st November. Received.

17. From the City of Geelong asking co-operation in opposing any proposal tending to further centralisation. Received.

18. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of the usual holidays.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the request be complied with. Carried.

19. From Mitiamo Progress Committee asking for half a dozen extra lamps. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That half a dozen lamps be purchased for timber posts. Carried.

20- Meeting adjourned till 2.P.M.

3.P.M. Business resumed, the same Crs present.

contd. 20. From Boort Agricultural Society asking for subscription.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £.I.-- be passed. Carried.

21. From Mr S. Clemens denying that he has put any check-bank on the Echuca Road & asking the name of the informant. Cr Ettershank said it was the Engineer's mistake as he only meant a bank along his fence.

22. From the Shire Solicitors with return of rates collected & cheque for same £50.18.5. Received with thanks.

23. From Mr J. Murphy further on his former letter. Already dealt with.

24. From C.E. Treuel, maintenance-man asking for 2 months' leave of absence to go lumping. Refused.

25. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the request be refused. Carried.

25. From the Municipal Association with agenda paper & form of appointment of delegate.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the President be appointed the delegate. Carried.

26. From Mitiamo Progress Committee with a/c for lamp lighting.

The Engineer had put 30/- on the paysheet as was promised. Approved.

27. Messrs Henderson & others asking for a subscription towards exten-

sion of channels.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £70 be granted. Carried.

28. From William Harry asking the Council to distribute circulars to other Councils soliciting their co-operation in the Farmers' Union. Received:-the Council having nothing to do with it.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £87.5.5:-payments £385.10.3.:-Net overdraft.£598.-.10. Received.
Rate Collector.

Rates current £19.16.5:-arrears £35.4.6:-interest £5.3.1. Total £60.4.-. Received.

Sanitary Service, Mitiamo. Rates current, £23.3.2:- outstanding £14.5.-:-arrears £7.8.6. Pans served 52. Recd.

Secretary & Engineer.

- 1. On condition of Contracts. Received.
- 2. He had resast Contract No.281,metalling in Serpentine but Crs Ettershank & Bissett did not approve of removing the spoil bank at his place.but according to his design he thought it necessary & had been approved. If not satisfied it had better be left to his successor.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Contract stand over till next meeting. Carrd.

- 3. On excessive work in office.The rate collecting had taken up much time but had had good results.He thought it best to relieve Mr Clift,to enter the new rate & had engaged the assistance of Mr Gladman for the purpose.He was paying Country Road Board accounts out of general account to avoid opening new books. Approved.
- 4. Reporting on the Railway meeting at Jarklan which had resulted in a resolution allowing further action to stand over till after the War. Received.
- 5. That he had given Mr Twigg leave to deposit grubbed timber outside his fence till the weather dries up when he will cart it inside. Approved.
- 6. Re the nuisance at McIntyre's Mitiamo he had allowed the pumping out of the dam till the surface water drains off. Approved.
- 7. The overdraft if £598 & the paysheet £602 together £1200 but it will be soon reduced. The fixed deposit falls due next month. Recd
- 8. Asking instructions as to Dipping.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That dipping be started on 23rd October & continue for 3 weeks & Mr J.Johnson appointed caretaker on the usual terms. The dip to be put in order for the purpose. Carrd

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

S P E C I A L M E E T I N G T O S T R I K E R A T E .

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Council Do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1916-17 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £ 5746.12.8 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £2869.10.2 is available but the sum of £2877.2.6 is further required Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£ this Council Do make & levy a Rate of 15d in the £. upon the net annual value of the ratable property in the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1916 & ending 30th September 1917 & that William Edgar Clift, the Rate-Collector be empowered to demand & collect the same.

Amendment moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the Rate be 12d in the £.

After considerable discussion the amendment was put but lost only the Mover & seconder voting for it.

The Motion was then put & carried.

P A N C H A R G E . M I T I A M O .

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council Do make a Pan Charge of £1.8.6 per Pan per annum for a fortnightly service on all householders at Mitiamo within a radius of 30 chains of the Post Office the Charge to be payable half-yearly on 1st January & 1st July 1917 & to be for the year 1st October 1916 to 30th September 1917. & that William Brown, the Contractor, be empowered to demand & collect the same. Carried.

By Cr Bissett:-That the General Rate this day made be confirmed.

By Cr Tonkin:-That the Pan-Charge this day made be confirmed.

And the Special Meeting closed.

Ordinary Meeting resumed.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

precht's
nation.

That the resignation be accepted Carried.

All Crs warmly testifying to the excellent & thorough service rendered to the Shire by Mr Albrecht & regretting that wight of years necessitated his resigning.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to Mr Albrecht for his past services. Carried unanimously.

Mr Albrecht feelingly responded & thanked the Council.

tion.

Cr Tonkin introduced a deputation consisting of Messrs S.J. McKay, Sims & Rudkins who came in support of a petition presented at the last meeting asking for various improvements in Mitiamo. After addressing the Council in turn & pointing out the urgency of the works required. The President in reply stated that when Mr Venables arrived attention would be given to the requests in the Petition.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That on the arrival of Mr Venables the Members for the North & East Ridings meet the petitioners with him in consultation at Mitiamo. Carried.

The Deputation thanked the Council & withdrew.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Tenders & Finance.

tees.

The following tenders were opened:-

Contact No. 272. T. Sly	£142. 8.-
W. B. Hamilton	107. 4.8

The Engineer suggested that in view of the cost for the asphalt the item be omitted & the tender of Mr Hamilton accepted at £95. 8.8 & this was adopted.

Contract 2M. 15/16 with Country Roads Board.

Sly & Stirling.	£116.16.3
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The Engineer in consultation with Mr Sly induced him to accept £100. & this was accepted.

It subsequently transpired that a tender of T. Butler had accidentally been caught in the upper part of the tender box. It was £98. 4.8 & after explaining the matter Mr Sly was agreeable to forego the Contract in favor of Mr Butler. The latter's tender was therefore recommended for acceptance.

tee. Contract No.1.M.15/16. C.R.B.

J. Crapper	£137.13.3
G. Hamilton,	17. 4.-

Recommended to stand over.

Contract No.281. On Serpentine Township.

G. Hamilton junr,	£253.11.3
T. Butler,	232.15.-
J. Crapper, (incomplete),	135.16.8.

Recommended to stand over.

Finance. The Committee examined accounts amounting to £602.8.11 and recommened their passing. Meeting closed.

On resuming in open meeting the Committees reported as above.

Moved by Cr Mahony 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the report of the Tenders Committee be received & adopted & rhat the tender of W.B.Hamilton at £98.8.5 for Contract No.272 & that of T. Butler at £98.4.8 for Contract 2.M. be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Districts As to the agenda paper to be held at Maryborough on 20th Assen.

Inst Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That clause 3 of the paper relating to Thistles be dissented from. Carried.

of Road at Mr Potter appeared & asked the assistance of the Council els.

in getting the agreement entered into between them on 2nd June last carried into effect as he had been waiting a long time & did not know what to do with the matter. The Country Roads Board had made him a very low offer which he declined to accept.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Country Roads Board be asked to complete the purchase of the road through this property on the terms of the agreement. Carried.

Cr Ettershank reported that Mr J. Old of Bear's Lagoon desired to put an 1" pipe across the road to his place & permission was granted

The President drew attention to an alteration that he would like made in Mr G. Hamilton's Contract at Myer's Creek & moved & was 2nd by C. Coutts:-

That the Contractor be asked to remove the stone for the new crossing South to Ludemann's corner. Carried.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 18 day of October 1916.

E. J. Barry

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 11th 1916.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same to Wednesday, 18th Inst. at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

No.....

Shire of East Loddon.

MOTION.

Shire Hall, Serpentine Oct. 18th 1916.

Moved by Cr.

Seconded by Cr.

That the recommendation of the President & Councillors made in Committee on 26th July last that a Bonus of £100 be voted to Mr Albrecht, in respect of his services during 11½ years as Secretary, Engineer, Valuer & Treasurer be adopted & the Bonus passed & paid.

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ADJOURNED ORDINARY MEETING
October 18th 1916

Present.

Cr Carey. (President), Crs SHAW, McCrea, Coulter, Tonkin and
Mahoney.

The President welcomed Mr Venables as Secretary and Engineer of
the Shire of East Loddon and Mr Venables suitably responded,
thanking the Council for their kind welcome to the Shire and
district.

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

1. Prime Minister, asking Council to form committees to secure
success of conscription.

2. National Referendum Committee, asking for similar action.

RECEIVED, no action being taken on account of the floods
and scattered nature of the Shire. Cr Mahoney moved,
Cr Coulter seconding "That the Council will use every effort to
further the Conscription referendum. Carried.

3. Country Roads Board, stating allocation of maintenance vote
for 1916-7.

Held over for discussion later in the meeting.

4. Same, with regard to apportionment of charges for 1916.

RECEIVED.

5. SAME, relative to using maintenance allotment for repairs
to roads damaged by floods.

Held over for discussion at a later stage.

6. SAME, re exchange of road with John Potter, stating negotiations
proceeding with view to payment of compensation to Potter.

~~Mr Mahoney~~ Tatchell, Dunlop, Smalley and Balmer, re same matter.

Cr Mahoney moved "That the Secretary write asking that
" Coulter second the Board pay Potter's claim, which is
considered an equitable one, in order to expedite the ex-
-change. Carried.

7. Country Roads Board, stating Width of Tires provisions of
Local Govt Act had been applied to all Main Roads.

Received.

8. Public Works Dept, appointment of Auditor for current year.

Received.

9 Chief Secretary, gazettal of Bendigo Show Holidays.

Received.

October 18th 1916

Correspondence C^{MD}

10. State War Council, asking assistance in repatriation of wounded soldiers.

SAME, asking closer control of patriotic efforts.

Received.

Cr Mahony moved That the Council will do all in its power to assist in the repatriation of returned soldiers.
" Coulter sec

Carried.

11. Commonwealth Button Fund, file re charitable efforts.

Received.

12. Lord Mayor, Melbourne, stating Russian Hospital appeal cancelled.

Received.

13. Salvation Army, receipt for donation for Troops work.

Received.

14. Public Works, acknowledging enquiry re sheep dipping returns.

Received.

15. Municipal Association, officers guarantee forms for completion.

Received, the President and Secretary to attend.

16. F W Dredge, relative to testing Dingee weighbridge and asking for repairs to culvert near his residence.

Cr Tonkin moved That the weighbridge be tested and put in order but that no action be taken as regards the culvert.
" Coulter sec.

Carried.

It was resolved that the Engineer arrange for the Railway Dept to test the weighbridge, failing this, he take the next best course.

17. Mitiamo Progress Association, asking date of visit of inspection.

Cr Coulter moved That the inspection take place at Mitiamo on Thursday 26th Octr at 1 p.m. sharp, the Mitiamo Progress Association to be advised of same.
" Mahoney sec

Carried.

18. Riegel Bros, application for Traction Engine Licence

Attended to.

19. Country Municipal Association, inviting delegates to conference re Decentralisation at Ballarat on 22nd November.

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CORRESPONDENCE CTD.

LETTER No 19. CTD.

Cr Coulter moved "That the President attend the
" Mahony seed conference.

CARRIED.

20. J Johnson, relative to repairs necessary to Calivil dip, and asking postponement of dipping for one week.

Cr Mahoney moved That Council cannot consent to postponement
" Tonkin seed of dipping and asking Johnson, if unable to act to notify the Secretary at once.

Carried.

It was resolved that the Engineer get the cracks in dip seen to by the Roadsman (Boyd).

21. Maintenance man TREUEL, giving three months notice of resignation from his position.

Cr Coulter moved THAT Treuel's resignation be accepted.

" Tonkin seed Carried.

Cr Coulter moved That Treuel be asked if he is willing to

" Carey seed be relieved at the end of one month, asking for an immediate reply, if agreeable, applications are to be invited.

Carried.

The meeting was adjourned to 2.p.m.

On resumption after lunch, the following reports and business were received attention.

Treasurer, Collections £34.13.7 and overdraft £1166.10.11.
Received.

Rate Collector, stating he had assumed duty.

Received.

Health officer Deravin, report as to meningitis contacts at East Loddon.

Received.

RECRUITING Sergeant Fredericks, report on duty in Shire

Received.

Report of Sanitary Contractor, Mitiamo.

Received.

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Reports Ctd

Weighbridge Contractor, Dingee.

Received.

The Shire Engineer, Mr Venables, reported that he had assumed duty, was introducing his system. He also reported flood damages on various roads, as brought under notice by the roadsmen, that he had inspected the Hurstwood Bridge, and would attend to flood damage as soon as possible.

RECEIVED

Mr Albrecht reported on Shire financial year reviewing balance sheet, giving details re Hurstwood Bridge.

RECEIVED.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Cr Mahoney moved That Mr Venables be appointed Treasurer as " Tonkin secd from assumption of duty at the same salary as Mr Albrecht.

Carried.

13. REPORT OF SECRETARY, REcommending that the following Rates be written off as from 30th Sepr 1916

17.	DAvid Pell	North Riding	12/6d
177	Emily Butler	South	Arreara 12/6 Current 12/6 Interest 9
165	Coutts Bros		12/6
270	JA & J W Stewart		3/-
280	Weeks A E	Interest	7d
313	M Carey		2/6
399	Ldemann		11/8
400	Ludemann		£6.7.6
433	Old T S		3.12.6
TOTAL			£13.8.6

Cr Mahony moved That the amounts be written off. Carried.
" Shaw secd

Confirmation of Rates

Cr Tonkin moved That the General Rate made on 13th September " McRae secd 1916 be confirmed. Carried.

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Confirmation of Pan Charge.

Cr Carey moved That the Pan charge made at meeting on Sepr 13th be confirmed.
" Tonkin secd
Carried.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES.

Cr Carey moved That the estimate of receipts and expenditure
" Mahony secd for 1916 -1917 be adopted and together with t
the rate book duly signed and sealed.
Carried.

Cr Coulter reported on his visit as delegate to the conference of
the Country Municipal Association.

Cr Mahony moved That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to
" Carey sed Cr Coulter for his attendance
Carried.

Finance

Cr Shaw moved That the following amounts be passed for payment
Cr Coulter secd Shire Account £155.2.5
Country Roads BD 39.0.4
Carried.

Ordinary Business

Cr Mahony moved That the grader be sent to Mitiamo road as soon
" McCrae sec as possible. Carried.

Cr Tonkin moved That the grader be sent to the Prairie road.
" Carey secd Carried.

Cr Coulter moved That the grader be sent to the Dingee Rd.
" McCrae secd Carried.

Cr Carey moved That the Engineer endeavor to hire the Marong
" Coulter secd Shire or Gordon Shire gtader for a month.
Carried.

Cr Shaw moved That the the grader be sent to the Tandarra Rd.
" Carey secd Carried.

Cr Mahony moved That the dayman fill ruts on the road on the
Cr McCrae secd Gordon Shire boundary on new formation over Calivil
Creek, and inspect with G Mahony with a view
to diversion of water from roads Carried

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Cr Tonkin moved That the Engineer inspect road near G Love's
Cr McCrae secd also Echuca Rd with Cr Tonkin.

Carried.

Cr Coulter moved That the roadsman repair bad place on Dingee roadd
Cr McCrae secd west of Dingee opposite Harry's

Carried.

It was resolved that the dayman attend to second culvert North of
Dingee.

It was decided to arrange visits of inspection by the Engineer and
Riding members as soon as convenient.

Cr Mahony moved That the maintenance vote of the Country Roads

Cr Carey secd Board is inadequate, and that owing to flood
damage, the Secretary endeavor to have same
increased.

Carried.

Cr Carey moved That the Council has no jurisdiction in the matter

" Coulter secd of Mr Allens letter re wandering stock at Mitiamo
and that the letter is out of order.

Carried, Cr McCrae voting against the motion.

Cr Carey, in a feeling speech, stated the regret of the Council at
losing the services of Mr C C Albrecht C.E. and thanked Mr Albrecht
on behalf of the Council and ratepayers for these services, which
he had so capably rendered, and wished him long life and happiness.

This was supported by Crs Shaw, Tonkin, Mahoney, McCrae and Coulter.

Mr Albrecht Suitably responded.

Cr Mahony moved That the Council record their appreciation of the

" Carey secd valuable services rendered by Mr Albrecht as
Secretary and Engineer.

Carried.

Cr Shaw moved That Mr Albrechts clock be purchased for office

Cr Carey secd use for £3. Carried.

Cr Coulter suggested that the Engineer inspect G Lawry's contract
with view to alterations necessary, and that same be postponed until
inspection has been made.

The meeting then adjourned.

CONFIRMED

PRESIDENT

1/1916

Present. Crs Coutts, Mahoney, Bissett, Tonkin and Shaw.

In the absence of the President, Cr Mahoney took the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, on the motion of Cr Shaw and Bissett.

Towards Correspondence was dealt with as under.

1. Shire President, stating his inability to be present on account of bereavement in family.

Secretary's action in wiring condolence approved.

2. Railway Dept, stating cannot test private weighbridges, suggesting suitable firms.

Dealt with in Engineers report.

3. Shire of Marong, stating willingness to hire grader 30/- weekly.

Engineers action in arranging for team to work Grader and taking of same approved.

4. Auditors report for year ending Sepr 30th 1916.

Resolved: Hold meeting to adopt accounts at close of next Ordinary meeting.

5. Country Roads Board, giving reasons why maintenance vote cannot be increased.

RECEIVED.

6. State War Council, asking Secretary and Council to assist in furthering recruiting and inviting delegates to conference.

Cr Shaw moved, Cr Mahoney seconding " That the President attend "

Carried.

7. Dept of Agriculture, Sheep Dipping Regulations.

Received.

8. Borough of Eaglehawk, re lamps for Mitiamo, stating 4 on hand and price of others 30/- each.

Cr Tonkin moved That six lamps be sent to Mitiamo.

" Bissett sec

CD.

9. McGrath Bros, asking Council to support application for the abandonment of cultivation lease on unused road at 113 and 114 Janiember and issue of grazing lease.

Held Over.

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correspondence.

10. C E Treuel, stating willingness to resign on 30th inst.

Received. Appointment dealt with later.

11. F N Mitchell, Dingee, applying for gravel at his shop path

Cr Tonkin moved. That request be attended to by the Roadsman.

Cr haw secd

CD.

12. Mrs O'Neill, on behalf of the Serpentine-Pompapuel Red Cross, asking support and sanction for fete atv Hurstwood Bridge opening.

Cr Tonkin moved

" Coutts secd

That the Engineer arrange for the opening and that the request of the Red Cross Society be granted, permission and support being given.

Cd.

Engineers Report

1. Echuca Rd, suggesting necessary works between Serpentine and Pola's
Adopted, tenders to be called.

2. reporting on McGraths closed road, Janiember, suggesting issue of grazing lease.

Held over to next meeting

3. works necessary on Echuca Rd, formation at Calivil Creek.

Adopted, tenders to be called.

4. Suggesting works necessary on McGraths Rd.

Adopted, tenders to be called.

5. report on Calivil Dip, suggesting repairs necessary.

Adopted, tenders to be called.

6. Report on damage at Calivil Creek bridge (Whites and Duttrons.

Adopted, roadsman to do the work.

7. Cobbs Road, between Rawillers and Adams.

Action of Engineer approved.

8. Tandara Rd, suggesting formation on Aitkens Gully.

Adopted, Roadsman to do the work.

9. Suggesting stone crossing near Chapel, Jackmans road.

Adopted, tenders to be called.

MM.9 a . Suggesting works necessary on Terricks Rd, ~~W~~ Hof Dingee

Adopted, tenders to be called.

9 B. Similar suggestion for work on same road.

Adopted, tenders to be called.

10. Dingee Weighbridge, stating repairs effected, stating asked price for testing.

Action Approved.

11. Estimate of material shed for Dingee £39.

Adopted, matter to stand over for present.

12. Reprt, stating extra span necessary at Hurstwood Bridge.

Adopted.

13. Washout at Bullock Creek, near Beils attended to.

approved.

14. Reprt on Bullock Creek Hridge, near Mitiamo, on Jarklan Rd, stating extra girders necessary, suggesting closing for repairs.

It was resolved to close for three days weekly, ample notice to be given and extra hands to be employed by contractor on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Tonkin.

15. Repairs necessary to Pine grove Bridge approach.

Adopted, roadsman to do work, gravel to be obtained.

16. Repairs necessary Echuca road.

Adopted, roadsman to do the work.

17. Works necessary on Pine grove road.

Held over to a later date.

18. Reports necessary work on Mitiamo Streets as asked for by Mitiamo Progress Association.

Cr Tonkin moved, Cr Mahoney seed That tenders be called for metalling township streets for Feby meeting, gravelled sides and 15 feet bluestone in center.

Carried.

19. Stating arranged W Ball repair washout at Lowe's bridge £14.

Approved.

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Engineers Report Ctd.

Clause 20. Reports held over

Approved.

" 21. Inglewood Road, stating repairs in progress.

Approved.

" 22. REporting extras on Contradt 280 J Lawry Terricks road.

Cr Shaw moved That the extras be adopted.

" Bissett secd Carried.

" 23. Relative to gravelling on Hurstwood road.

approved, tenders to be called.

" 24. Recommending ten ton limit on Hurstwood bridge.

adopted, 12 ton limit to be adopted

TREasurer. Adorted, Crs Tonkin and Bissett moving and seconding.

Collector Adopted on motion of Crs Bissett and Coutts.

Analyst

Received.

Sanitary Contractor, Mitiamo, complaining of state of pans.

Referred to Constable Brown for report.

Inspector La Roche, reporting everything satisfactory.

Adopted.

Poundkeeper

Adopted.

Finance Committee.

Cr Coutts moved That the following accounts be passed for

" Mahoney secd payment.

Shire Account	£ 209.13.6
Country Roads Bd	9. 0. 0

Carried.

letter from Frank Doody complaining that the Poundkeeper had sold a horse to his 15 year old son was dealt with in committee, when it was decided to ask a legal opinion as to the position from the Shire Solicitors, the Poundkeeper meanwhile to return the horse to the Pound yards to await the result of the enquiry.

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Application for Dayman East Riding.

Cr Tonkin moved, Cr Shaw secdg That A J Huggins of Dingee be appointed to the position of Roadsmen, as advertised, and in the terms of the usual agreement.

Carried.

Ordinary Business.

Cr Mahoney moved That the time for sheep dipping be extended to
" Tonkin secd 14th inst.

Carried.

Instructions to Engineer.

Cr Tonkin.

Inspect near G Lowe, join up formations, also about 15 chs from
mation about half mile South, with small culvert, tenders to
be called in February.

Shaw. Inspect road leading past Beavis on Tandara Rd from Whites
and Tripconie's corner.

Coutts.

Inspect road running west from Four posts hotel at
Jarklan to Silesian Downs.

Opposite Davies homestead 2 miles North of hotel at Jarklan.

Extend sandhill cutting at Hurstwood. tenders Feby meeting.

Road running north on West side of Kelshs lagoon.

MAHONEY. Write J Dee, asking if intends going on with Miles corner
works as agreed.

issett. Report on Bridgewater road.

It was resolved to instruct Tracey to remove two dangerous stumps
between Pickles Brothers and Cr McRae's.

Ordinary Business.

Cr Mahoney moved, Cr Shaw secdg That the Engineer be empowered
to purchase Abney Level.

Carried.

Tonkin. Inspect stone crossing with Cr Tonkin. Prairie Tennyson
road, call tenders for February.

It was decided to advertise that the Bullock Creek bridge on the
Jarklan Road will be closed on Tuesday Thursday Saturday weekly

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for repairs .

The Engineers action in having locks in building attended to was approved.

Cr Mahoney moved

" Shaw seed

That the Engineer purchase a small secondhand safe,if possible,otherwise a new one ne obtained.

Carried.

It was resolved to fix a signpost at corner near Engineers house, reading "Melbourne ,via Maldon."

Cr Mahoney handed in a notice of his intention to move.

That a formation be made between Lairds and Dobbie and at the di Dip corner on the road west of Calivil School,also on road between D Gows and Lowes East and west and between S Lowes and R Johnson's,Calivil.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed

Edw. Camp

Chairman

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Council Meeting

December 13th 1916

Present Cr Carey (Pres) Crs Mahoney, Coutts, Bissett, Ettershank, Tonkin, Shaw.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed on motion of Crs Mahoney andn Coutts.

Correspondence.

1. Chief Secretary? notifying G W C Venables appointed Elect, Registrar Received.

2. Country Roads Board, report on alterations at Hurstwood Bridge. Received.

3. Same, asking that steps be taken to fence Potters approach to Hurstwood Bridge.

Death with in Engineers Report.

3A.3B. Tatchell and Co, legal opinion as to sale of horse from Shire Pound, suggesting re-sale.

Attended to.

4. Donald O'Brien, stating that closing of Calivil Creek bridge will cause inconvenience.

HELD OVER.

5. McGrath Bros, relative to unused road, Janiember, asking for issue of grazing lease.

Cr Ettershank mov. That Messrs McGrath be advised to apply to " Tonkin secd Publid Works Dept, when Council will support request.

Carried.

6. J Deee, explaining delay in starting agreement works at Miles. Received.

7. Button Fund, asking for donation to Belgian Childrens Xmas Fund.

Cr Mahoney moved That £20 be donated.

" Bissett secd Carried.

8. Quotation for Cooper's dip.

Cr Shaw moved That Coopers dip be used for trial, subject to

" Coutts secd 10% discount be given.

Carried.

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Correspondence Ctd.

9. Decentralisation League, application for £2.2.9 membership fee.

Passed, on motion of Crs Coutts and Mahoney.

10. W B Dale and others, applying for formation to be made near Dale's and Ludemanns.

Cr Carey moved. That the works be carried out, tenders to be "Tonkin seed" called for February.

Carried.

11. A Hill, offer to purchase old timber at Bullock Ck Bridge at Mitiamo.

No Action.

12. S E Weeks, charging Poundkeeper with illegal resale of horse.

18. Frank Doody, re the same matter.

No Action.

13. Defence Department, re Recruiting Scheme.

Cr Carey moved. That the scheme be supported in every "Ettershank seed" possible way.

Carried.

4. Morris Jacobs, M.B., resigning appointment as Health Officer and enclosing account for mileage 25/-

Resignation accepted and account passed on motion of Crs Bissett and Mahoney.

5. Jno Crapper, asking for hire of timber at Tandarra.

Offer declined.

6. T Coulter, asking for same at Dingee.

Offer declined.

7. T Mossop, asking Council to sell old sleepers at Dingee.

Offer to rent at 10/- yearly ~~MM~~ accepted.

was resolved that Huggins mark all timber at the railway stations, the Engineer to order suitable brand.

Reports.

Secretary, reporting as to alterations in keeping Mitiamo Pan Rate books and suggesting proper method of keeping same so as to

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Secure proper supervision.

Cr Carey moved That the Secretary arrange for alteration.

Cr Yonkin sec'd. Carried.

Treasurer. reporting on Shire finances.

Received.

Rate Collector, reporting Collections.

Received.

Sheep Dipper, reporting closing of dip etc.

Received.

Weighbridge Tester, report on Dingee Weighbridge, stating now correct and suggesting larger bridge.

No Action.

Health Officer, reporting case of Tuberculosis.

Received.

Engineer. Report of Extras and deductions necessary on Hurstwood Bridge 2P/ C R B, Sly and Starling.

EXTRAS £142 . 2. 5

DEDUCTIONS 1. 8. 9

Adopted, on motion of Crs Bissett & Carey.

Engineers Report.

1. Reporting tenders may be called for February, specs ready.

Adopted.

2. Suggesting that time penalties be enforced more rigidly.

Adopted.

3. Reporting Hurstwood Bridge ready, suggesting that Opening stand over until after harvest

Adopted.

4. Relative to Contractor Dee's works at Miles Corner.

Received.

5. Reporting works necessary on Tandarra Road, near Shaw's Tenders to be called for February.

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Clause 6. Suggesting works for Roadman Boyd on Tandarra Road.

Adopted.

" 7. Reporting 6' X 18" bridge necessary on Swan Hill Rd
opposite Serpentine School.

Adopted.

" 9 M. Stating loaned pile driver to Water Commission.

Approved, no charge to be made.

" 8 M. Suggesting type of fence for Potters Road.

Approved, tenders to be called for January meeting ~~date~~
of thereabouts, on motion of Crs Coutts and Bissett.

" 10. Works necessary on Bendigo-Campbells Forest Rd.

Works to be carried out.

" 11. Works necessary on Swan Hill Rd at Jarklan (Davies)

Adopted, tenders to be called.

" 12. Works necessary on Four posts Road.

Works ordered to be carried out, on motion of Crs
Coutts and Mahoney.

" 13. Works necessary on Hurstwood road, North of Potter's.

Ordered to be carried out on motion of Crs Coutts
and Mahoney.

" 14. Works necessary on same road, between Kelsh's lagoon and

Hamiltons.

Ordered to be carried out, on motion of Crs Coutts and
Mahoney.

" 15. Recommending formation and culvert at Mitiamo Rd near

Messrs Coutts and McCormack's.

Ordered to be carried out.

" 16. Mitiamo-Tennyson Rd, at Prairie, suggesting new culvert and

alterations.

Ordered to be done, motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey.

" 17. Report on Stone Crossing in Myers Creek.

Tenders to be readvertised.

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Engineers Report Ctd.

Clause 18. Works necessary on Echuca road near Lowe's.

Tenders to be called.

" 19. Suggesting works near Hamiltons at Hurstwood Rd.

Tenders to be called for formation, omitting stone crossing

" 20. Report in detail on Hamiltons contract for repairs to ~~the~~
Calivil Ck bridge on Mitiama Jarklan Rd.

Engineer instructed to get in touch with Contractor Hamilton
asking for price for redecking and repairs, to be left in hands
of riding members and Engineer.

" 21. Asking for instructions as to new stone crossing in road
near Ludemanns, South of Tandarra.

Crossing to stand over until next winter, dayman to fill up
scour for present.

" 22. Works necessary at junction of Bendigo-Bridgewater Rd.

Works ordered to be done.

" 23. Road South of Bridgewater Rd, between Bissetts and Hambings
, suggesting works for roadsman.

Cr Ettershank moved That the works be done.

" Bissett second

Carried.

" 24. Stating inspected and will prepare tenders for Bridge-
water road works.

Adopted.

" 25. Stating arranged for repairs to Pickles' corner.

Approved.

" 26. Report on Leahy' lane.

To be attended to.

" 27. Re Dee's agreement, stating urgent work attended to.

Approved.

" 28. Report on delay at Bullock Creek Bridge at Mitiama.

Engineer instructed to ask Water Commission to stop water in
Bullock Creek, as Butler is hindered, Butler to be instructed
to arrange for temporary crossing.

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Clause 29. Report on metalling necessary at W Coutt's on Inglewood Rd, 16 1/2 chains.

Tenders to be called, on motion of Crs Bissett and Ettershank.

30. Maintenance.

Adopted

31. Report on Grader work.

Approved.

Cr Ettershank moved That the Engineer interview Mr Taylor

Bissett second in regard to gravel for Rogers corner and make suitable arrangements, failing this the gravel will be taken under the provisions of the L.G. Act.

Carried.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Tonkin.

Shire A/c	£ 398.3.2	^
Country Roads Board.	692.18.6	^

Ordinary Business.

Mahoney moved That A Laurens be appointed Messenger to the Ettershank sec Bank and guaranteed, salary to be £2.2.0 yearly.

Carried.

Mahoney moved That the Secretary and Engineer be granted three Bissett sec weeks holiday from about the 23rd inst.

Carried.

Instructions to Engineer.

Mahoney. Inspect from HbP Adams gate to Mossops bridge.

was resolved to send Tracey to attend to bad spot in Berry's Rd leading to Serpentine Creek.

Mahoney, having given due notice, moved, with Cr Coutts seconding that formations be made between Lairds and Dobbies, at dip corner, on road west of Calivil school, on road between D Gow's and Lowe's East and West, and between Lowe's and Johnsons, near Gows corner. Carried.

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ctd.

The President reported on his trip to the Municipal Conference and wished Councillors and Officers the Compliments of the Season.

Cr Mahoney moved That a vote of thanks be passed to
" Coutts secd . the President.

Carried.

The Ordinary meeting then closed.

A Special Meeting to examine and settle accounts was then held, the same Councillors being present.

The Auditors report was read, and balance sheets examined and allowed.

Cr Carey moved That the statement of accounts for year
" Mahoney secd. ending 30th Sepr 1916 be adopted.

Carried.

The documents having been signed and sealed, the meeting closed.

Minutes Confirmed.

14 / 12 / 1916

E. J. Leahy President.