8 Jan 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall. Serpentine
Friday 8th January 1875

Present — George Mossop Esq
Jno Gillespie "
Wm Bissell "

Chairman — In the absence of the President Mr. Mossop was voted to the Chair

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence — The Letters sent by direction of the Council were read from the Letter Press Book pages Nos 513 & 514 both inclusive. and Approved of

Letters Received

No 1 — From Roads & Bridges
Enquiring number of defaulting Rate payers for year 1873/74
Received

No 2 — From Shire of Korong.
asking this Council to Contribute to the expences of the opening of the Bridge at

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Correspondence

Fergusons Crossing and to alter the name to Salisbury Bridge. Stating also that Councillors Hall, Gee, Coutts and Crosland had been appointed a Committee to confer with this Council and that the Bridge was to be openned on the 1st January 1875.

The Secretary stated that the Korong Shire twice further postponed the opening of the Bridge of which the only notice received was that fixing the day.

The Korong Shire requested a definite promise from this Shire to pay £15 towards the expences of the opening on the 11th.

The whole of the members were unanemous in their opinion of the discourtesy shewn to this Council by the Korong Council, but as they had asked for a sum of Money Mr Gillespie moved seconded by Mr Bissett that the sum of £15 as requested be voted for the occasion.

Carried

No 3 — From Bank Victoria
If — Enclosing a certificate on
to — Contract No 80 for £50. — and
expressing Cheque for same

Received

No 5 — From Collector Bendigo Hospital
respectfully Soliciting a renewal
of annual donation to the
funds of the institute

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No 5 — In reply to Chairman the Secretary stated that the annual amount to Bendigo Hospital was £15.

The Chairman said that he thought the Inglewood Hospital should be recognised, as there were a good many patients sent there from this Shire

Mr Bissett agreed and would move the Sum of £10 — be voted to each Hospital by Inglewood and Daylesford.

Seconded by Mr Gillespie

Carried

6 — From Mr Raleigh President agreeing to bear share in expences of openning Bridge

Received

7 — From Mr Raleigh President referring to postponement of the openning of Bridge

Received

8 — From Borough of Raywood asking what steps had been taken towards opening road to Durham Ah and Inquisition and if none what steps would be taken

Received

The Secretary was instructed to reply that Notices had been given. and that if obstruction to Traffic still existed the Borough of Raywood, or any person being aggrieved by such obstruction had the legal remedy in their own hands

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Correspondence

No 9 — An Anonymous Letter giving information of certain Person obstructing road on Dredge
not received

No 10 — From Secretary Shire Koroog stating the day of the Opening Budge had been postponed 6 13th
received

No 11 — From Wm Hall President Koroog Shire Committee had fixed the day for the Opening of the Budge for the 13th and expressing a wish that the Council of the Shire would attend at noon o the 13th.

The Secretary was directed to accept the invitation on behalf of those Members present viz Messrs Gillespie. Mossop and Bissett and to write requesting attendance of those Members absent.

12 — From Govt Statist Forwarding copy of Victorian Statistics Victorian Year Book 1873
Read with thanks

No 13 — From Evans Brothers With reference to Local Government Act & requesting order for same
Read

The Secretary was instructed to order 7 copies of the same

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Reports

The Engineer laid the report of the progressing work before Council

The Treasurer read a Monthly Statement shewing a debit balance in the Bank New South Wales of £467.4.11.
Received

The Secretary reported that no Tenders had been received in answer to the Advertisement for a Budge over Pon Pon Lagoon and was instructed to extend the time until next ordinary Meeting

Mr. Gillespie moved and Mr Bissett moved That Tenders be called for the following works to be opened at next Ordinary Meeting to be held on the 12 February next

Budge over Serpentine Creek West of 4 post Hotel
Budge over Bullock Creek parish Hayanmi
Formation & repairs Swan Hill Road near Sullivan
Form on Swan Hill Road adjoining Block H
Crossing over Raywood Road Bullock Creek. Pompapiel
Culvert & approaches Raywood Road near Green Hills

Carried

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Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

Certificate of Contract 80	£50. .	1
Hornblower P & A.	4. 17. 6	1
C. W. Stock W & L	5 . .	1
T. Aird W & L	8. 15.	1
Tressin W & L	2. 4.	1
Salary Engineer	25. . .	1
Sal. Slaughter Inspector	10 . .	1
A. Smith W & L	1. 10	1

An account for £10. 14 was presented by the Secretary as expenses incurred in proceeding to Melbourne in accordance with a Motion of the Board.

Mr Gillespie objected and characterized the charge as an imposition.

The Secretary said the charge was decided by the Board long since and called upon Mr Gillespie to recall his remark.

This Mr Gillespie refused to do and on the suggestion of Mr Bissett the account was ordered to stand over till next Meeting.

Moved by Mr Bissett
seconded by Mr. Aird
That this Meeting Stands Adjourned until Tuesday the 12 Feby 1875 Carried

Chairman adjourned Meeting accordingly

Confirmed this 12 day of February

John Raleigh
President

12 Feb 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Septimus Friday
12th February 1875

Present — John Raleigh Esq (Pres.)
George Mossop Esq
John Gillespie Esq
Obdh Edwick Esq
D. C. Aarad Esq
Wm Bissett Esq

Minutes — The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence — The Correspondence sent by order of the Council since last Meeting was then read from press Book pages Nº 577 to 592. both inclusive and approved of by the Council.

Letters received

Nº1 From Central Board of Health
Forwarding form of Report to be filled in for the year 1874 for the Shire of East Loddon
Received
The Secty stated the request had been complied with.

Nº2 From Baringo Benevolent Society
Forwarding Annual Report
Received

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Correspondence № 3 From Education Department Stating that the State School at Serpentine would be erected at once

Received

№ 4 From Rate payers in Mayanup Calling attention to the necessity of a Budge over the Bullock Ck and suggesting an alteration in the proposed site

Received

№ 5 From John Raleigh Referring to the proposed occupation of a reserve near Fishers

Received

The Secretary informed the Council that he had visited the site in question, and the proposed occupation had been abandoned

№ 6 From Discharged Prisoners Aid Society Melbourne Enclosing Report and Solicitors donation

Received

№ 7 From Central Board of Health Forwarding Report and directing attention to Causes & prevention of Typhoid fever

Recvd

№ 8 From Secty N W A Society Explaining the objects for which the Society was formed

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Correspondence 8 and requesting a donation from the Council for the purpose of erecting Show Yards at Inglewood

Recvd

№ 9 From Under Treasurer, Melbourne Calling the attention of the Council to the New Local Govt act and also to the several returns which would have to be forwarded in order to obtain the Government Subsidy

Received

The Secretary stated that all the forms had been made out and forwarded to Melbourne

№ 10 From Government Statist. Treasurer Asking to be furnished with the Trade Returns for 1874

Recvd

Secty Stated that the returns required had been furnished according to Mr Hayter's request

№ 11 From Government Statist Philadelphia Exhibition Enclosing programme and asking names of probable exhibitors

Recvd

№ 12 From Covernment Statist forwarding Books and instructions for Collecting Agricultural Statistics for the year

Recvd

It was moved by Mr Gillespie seconded by Mr Bissett that

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Correspondence

Secretary be instructed to call for Applications from persons willing to Collect the Statistics and also the Dog registration for 1875, and that Messrs Laird, Bassett Bidwell and the Mover be appointed a Committee to open and accept any Tender Tenders to be called for the 26 Inst.

Carried

No 13 From Govt Statist

Acknowledging receipt of annual Statistical Returns

Recorded

No 14 From G.N. Burrowes

Referring to £5 in the hands of the Council, and requesting the same to be paid to J Lavedan

Received

No 15 From School of Mines Ballarat

Forwarding Annual Report and Soliciting donation

Received

No 16 From Sands & Macdougal

Soliciting an Order for the Melbourne Directory

Recd

No 17 From Secy Philosophical Soc.

Enclosing prospectus &

Recd

No 18 From James Reid agent for Mr J Ellis

Asking the Council to

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Correspondence 18 Reconsider the Valuation on his property

Recd

In reply to the President the Secretary stated that Mr Ellis' property was valued on the same basis as all the other property in the Shire, and Mr Reid who was present was informed that the Council would not interfere in the Matter.

No 19 From G. N. Burrowes

Applying for the Appointment of Collector of Statistics and Avg Jay

Recd

No 20 From Patrick Flynn

Calling the attention of the Council to the unauthorized occupation of a Reserve and Water frontage in the Township

The President said he had heard of other similar cases within the Shire.

In reply the Secretary stated that it was the duty of the C.L.O to attend to these trespassers

Mr Gillespie said he had heard that one of the persons who had erected a building on the reserve intended to apply for a business License

The President was of opinion that as this Matter had been complained of the illegal occupation should be pointed out to the Lands department and the Secretary was instructed to write to the District Surveyor at Sandhurst on the subject and inform Mr Flynn of result

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Correspondence No 21

From Shire of Korong

Stating that as the whole of the money had been paid for the Construction of the Bridge over the Loddon the Korong Shire requested a cheque for the balance of the sum voted by the Council, and also asking for a cheque for this Councils Share of the openning of the Bridge

After some discussion on the Subject the President directed the Secretary to forward a cheque for £15 towards the openning expences and request the Korong Secretary to furnish this Council with a general Statement of expences incurred in Constructing the Bridge.

Reports

The Treasurer laid on the table his report and monthly Statement of account shewing a credit balance in the Bank of N. S. W. Inglewood of £ 13. 2. 10

Received

Before opening Tenders Mr Adym (with permission) wished to State to the Council the inconvenience that a great many of the Ratepayers would be put to if the Bridge over the Serpentine was Constructed on the Site Recommended

After a good deal of argument on the question

Mr Bissett moved

That a Committee be appointed to visit the Various available

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Sites, he thought the wishes of the rate payers in the locality should be studied in matters of this sort.

Mr Colwick seconded the motion

Mr Mossop moved as an amendment "That the Site already chosen be adhered to" He pointed out that when this subject some time since had been before this Council the course now proposed had been adopted and the Committee had recommended the present Site which was approved of by the Council, and he Mr M) still thought it was by far the best Site.

Seconded by Mr Gillespie who said the Site proposed by Mr Cheyne would only benefit a minority of the Rate payers

The President and Mr Laird also supported the amendment which upon put to the Council was declared

Carried

The Council then went into Committee & opened Tenders

James A Bowsie
formation & rolling Road & New Culverts ... £45 .

A. A. Grant
formation & rolling ... £73 .

John White
formation & rolling ... £95. 10 .

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Tenders

J. H. Olliffe
furnature & rolling £285.

Harry Smith
furnature & rolling 143. 10

Sly and Fry
furnature & rolling 9/39/pch.
Culvert £20-.
Earthwork p Yard 1/-

Moved by
Seconded by
That the Tender of Sly and Fry be accepted
Carried

Bridge over Bullock Creek north of Fenton's P.R.

John Cullen £758. 10-
James Nicholas 1073 17. 8

The Council decided not to accept either of the Tenders

Bridge over Pin Pon

Dobson & Co. £480. 15
James Nicholas " 490. 4
James H Dawson 445. 4
Sly and Fry 476. 18-
Sly and Fry 500

Moved by
Seconded by
That J. H. Dawsons Tender for Bridge & Earthwork 1/ p C.Yd be accepted
Carried

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Tenders

Bridge over Stapenhill near Hardy's
Dobson & Co £429. 7. "
James Nicholas 570. "
James H. Dawson 333 9-.
Moved by
Seconded by
That Dawsons Tender be accepted for Bridge and 5/ per C.Y Earthwork

Culvert at Green Hills
£20 The Tender of Wm Dowsett for Culvert for £13. 15 and Earthwork 1/ per cubic Yard was accepted

Two Culverts Bullock Creek
Sly and Frys Tender for £20 each Culvert and Earthwork at 5/ per Cubic Yards was accepted

Mr Bissell called the attention of the Council to the fact that important works were brought up, voted for and Tenders advertised for without any notice of motion having been given and was of opinion that the Bye Laws should be enforced

The President was of the same opinion & requested that in all future cases the requisite notice should be given

Accounts

The following accounts were presented for payment

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Accounts

Bendigo Hospital Con	£	10	. 1
Inglewood . .		10	" 1
Jonkin Cont. 79		10.	17. 6½
Joyce Cont. 80		30	" ½
Jessie W & C.		9.	" 6½
W Hardy Cont. 15 £7.7		12.	7. ½
Charles Hutton		11.	6. 2½
R. O'Donovan		2.	12 "
Engineer Sal		25	" 1
Eng. expences to Melbourne		10.	14. "

The Secretary said the last item had been brought forward last Meeting and had been ordered to stand over as it had been characterised as an imposition such language of course he could not put up with and as Mr Gillespie had refused to withdraw the expression he produced a letter from the late Chairman and President to bear him out that he had only acted on the Custom of the Council for the last 10 years.

Mr Gillespie said he would not yet withdraw his remarks and asked the Engineer if he had furnished a detailed account of his expences

After a discussion the President said that in his opinion the remarks made use of by Mr Gillespie were quite uncalled for and that had he wanted an explanation he should have asked for a Statement of account

Messrs Mossop and Bissett expressed their opinions that the expences charged were not at all excessive.

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Accounts

Mr Gillespie moved

That Mr Robertson be instructed to furnish an account of his expences while on deputation

The Motion was not seconded

Mr Edwick moved

That the whole of the accounts as read be paid, and that in future the Secretary furnish a detailed a/c.

Seconded by Mr Bissett

Carried

Mr Edwick moved

Mr David Seconded

That this Meeting Stands Adjourned until Friday 12th day of March at 11 a.m

Carried

Confirmed this 12 day of March 1875

The President adjourned the Meeting accordingly

12 mar 1875

Committee Meeting

For the purpose of opening applications from persons willing to undertake the duties of Collector of Aquecultural Statistics and dog registration fee.

Present. Obadiah Edwick
William Bissett
Daniel C. Laird

On the Motion of Mr. Bissett
Seconded by Mr Edwick
Mr D. C Laird took the Chair

The Chairman after explaining the object of the Meeting proceeded to open the Several applications

William Turner
Statistics £12.0.0
Dogs 1/6 each

G. N. Burrows
Statistics 7. 10
dogs 30 @

James Davidson
Statistics 2/ per Schedule
Dogs 2/3 ea

A. C. Lephew
Statistics £11.0.0
dogs 1/6 ea

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Thomas Reid
Statistics 1/1d per Schedule
dogs 1/6 ea

After the Committee had Compared the various prices
Moved by Mr Bissett
Seconded by Mr Edwick
That the Tender of Thomas Reid at 1/1d per Schedule of Statistics and 1/6 per head for dogs be accepted
Carried

The Chairman directed the Secretary to put Mr Reid in possession of the necessary Books and instruct him to proceed at once with his duties

The Meeting adjourned Sine die

Confirmed this 12th day of March 1875 } Wm Bagley
President

12 Mar 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 12th March 1875

Present — Jno Raleigh Esq (Pres)
Geo Mossop Esq
Obd. Edmick Esq
Wm Bissett Esq

Minutes — The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence — Copies of Letters sent since last Meeting were then read from the Press Book pages 593 to 615 both inclusive and approved of

With reference to a letter sent to Wm Jonkin stating that unless he signed agreement immediately his deposit money would be liable to forfeiture. The President moved That unless the Contractor sign the papers and proceed to work within a fortnight the deposit money be forfeited
seconded by Mr Edmick
Carried

12 Mar 1875

Correspondence — On a letter sent by the Secretary to the Inspector of Slaughter houses being read. Calling his attention to the number of licenses issued. Constable Brien the inspector who was present with permission asked some questions as to the letter being on the minutes and stated he had accepted the Office at the Boards request the duties to be performed at the Convenience of the Police

The President said he did not understand what the Constable meant if it was a complaint about the letter sent, he must tell him that he thought the Secretary had written him a very proper letter and one which he should have attended to, if he did not wish to perform the duties of the office he was at perfect liberty to resign his appointment

Letters received

No 1 From Railway Reform Association
Received

No 2 From Bendigo Hospital
Acknowledging receipt of
Ten pounds
Received

No 3 From James Taunton
re Pon Pon Bridge
Ref'd to Engineer

No 4 From Wm Jonkin
referring to Culvert at Grain Hills
Received

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Correspondence № 5 From Inglewood Hospital. Acknowledging receipt of £ 10. and forwarding tickets

Received

№ 6 From James Martin With Pamphlet on Railway System

Received

№ 7 From Govt Statist enquiring and forwarding form to be filled in as to the number of private carriages in district

Received

№ 8 From Inglewood Hospital Asking Assistance for the fete to be held on St Patricks Day and inviting the attendance of the Members of the Council

It was arranged that members should act individually in the matter

Received

№ 9 From Govt Statist Forwarding Schedules for the Collection of Agricultural Statistics

Received

№ 10 Roads & Bridges Asking for a return shewing the names of persons within the Shire holding freehold property of 1000 acres and upwards in extent

Received

12 Mar 1875

Correspondence 10 The Secretary stated that the returns asked for had been furnished.

№ 11 From Lands & Survey Melbourne Stating that the lands mentioned in Councils letter of the 8th Feby had been withdrawn from sale and that the papers had been forwarded to the District Surveyor Sandhurst for the consideration of the Local Land Board.

Received

№ 12 From Bank N.S. Wales Inglewood intimating that a reduction in the rate of interest for overdrafts to the extent of 2 per cent

Received

№ 13 From Shire of Bungaree in reference to the withdrawal of subsidies on the construction of Main Roads

Received

14 From Govt Statist Having reference to the Statistics of Schools of the various Religious denominations within the Shire

Received

№ 15 From Revd James Lowe Applying for the use of the Shire Hall on the evening of the 23rd Inst for the purpose of holding a tea Meeting and lecture therein.

Received

12 Mar 1875

Correspondence 15 It was moved by Mr Edwick
seconded by Mr Bissett
That the use of the Hall be granted
Mr Lowe for the purpose mentioned
on the usual conditions
Carried

№16 From Shire Korong
Forwarding account and statement
of the expences incurred in the
construction of Salisbury Bridge
Recevd
The Secretary was instructed to
forward a cheque for the Balance
due the Shire of Korong

№17 From District Survey Off. Sandhurst
Stating that all papers having
reference to the reserve in Parl. East
had been forwarded to that Office
for consideration by the Local Land
Board, and requesting the Council
to be represented on that day of
which due notice would be given
The President said he thought
the Council should be represented
and would move that the Shire
Engineer attend the Sandhurst
Land Board
Seconded by Mr Edwick
Carried

After some Conversation amongst
the Councillors the President
informed the Engineer that the
Council intended to View the Land
after the Meeting was over and
he would give him instructions
in the Matter

12 Mar 1875

Correspondence №18 From Robt Strickland
refusing to Law Costs
Received

№19 From C.J. Bennett
Complaining of obstructions placed
of the Road leading to Swan Hill
Road by John Turner and asking
the Council to have the same removed
Received
The Secretary was instructed to
write to Mr Turner on the subject

Reports The Treasurer brought up his
Monthly Statement and report
shewing a Debt balance of £2. 3. 11
in the Bank N.S.W. Inglewood
Received

The Engineer reported that the
several Contracts on hand
were proceeding with Satisfactorily
with the exception of Tonkins

The Secretary brought before the
Council the fact of a number
of the Rate payers still being
defaulters for this year
After some discussion on the
subject it was moved by Mr
Edwick, and seconded by Mr
Bissett, That before taking
any steps in the matter a final
notice of two weeks should
be given and that at the
expiration of that notice
proceedings should be instituted against all defaulters
Carried

12 Mar 1875

Instructions

The President mentioned that in consequence of a drain that had been cut in Tallook a great lodgment of water had taken place near one of the Culvert and directed the Engineer to have the same rectified at once to prevent any damage to the Road

Accounts

The following accounts were then passed and ordered to be paid

J Noble Lumber	£	18.	11. 7
Jno Hird W & L		2	15. 1
J. G. Hornblower P. A.		4	17 0
Wm Rosser W & L		4	10 .
J. Davidson Cartage		13	10 .
Engineer Sal.		25	. .
Wm Tuffe Cont		62	5. 2
Korong Thin Bridge		127	10 .
R. Shuckland.		2	2 .
Korong Thin Opening		16	. .

Adjournment

Mr Edwick Moved Mr Burk Sec. That this Meeting stands adjourned until Friday the 9th day of April 1875

Carried

The President adjourned the Meeting accordingly

D. C. Lairn

Confirmed this 9 day of April 1875

9 Apr 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall

Serpentine April 9th 1875

As no Members took their Seats in the Council the Monthly Meeting lapsed

D. C. Lairn

Confirmed this 14 day of May 1875

14 May 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 14th May 1874

Present — D C Laird Esq
Geo Mossop Esq
Wm Bissett Esq
Ob Edwick Esq

In the absence of the President Mr D C Laird was voted to the Chair

Minutes — The minutes of the last Meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence — The letter sent by direction of the Council were then read from the press book pages 616 to 631 both inclusive and approved of

Letters received

No 1 From Royal insurance Company Referring to insurance of Shire Offices

No 2 From John Lawson In reference to the Shifting of his house in the Serpentine Not Entertained

14 May 1875

Correspondence No 3 From C Wild (Melbourne) Offering his services as Accountant Received

No 4 From Shire of Avon Respecting Government Endowment on Voluntary Contributions to Shire funds Received

No 5 From Mr Setchell forwarding receipt for £15 being amount due as Share expenses for opening Salisbury Bridge Received

No 6 From Government Statist Acknowledging receipt of Returns Received

No 7 From Royal Insurance Co Acknowledging Cheque for Premium Received

No 8 From Shire Korong Receipt for £127 10 being balance towards Cost of Salisbury Bridge Received

No 9 From Shire Korong Stating that the Amount £15 for opening Bridge had been paid to Mr Setchell as the item had not been entered in the Korong Shire Books. Received

14 May 1875

Correspondence

№ 10 From Robt Strickland
Receipt for Law Costs
Received

№ 11 From Government Statist
In the Matter of Statistical Returns
Received

№ 12 From John Raleigh President
Stating his inability to attend next Council Meeting, but directing the Secretary to attend next Land Board at Sandhurst
Received

№ 13 From Treasury Melbourne
Forwarding account for Bronte of Endowment for signature of Shire Treasurer
Received

№ 14 From Government Statist
acknowledging receipt of Shire Statistics
Received

№ 15 From Crown Law Office
referring to Rent of Shire Hall
Received

№ 16 From Government Statist
referring to the Collection of Statistics within the Shire of East Loddon
Received

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Correspondence

№ 17 From James Moore
Asking a long list of questions with reference to Land occupation
Received

№ 18 From Survey Office Sandhurst
Asking for 3 Copies of the Shire Roll for the current year
Recvd
Secretary stated he had complied with the request

№ 19 From Australasian Assurance Co.
Enclosing Guarantee policy of Shire Treasurer
Received
The Secretary was instructed to lodge the same in the Bank of New S. Wales in the name of The President of the Shire.

№ 20 From Govt Statist
Asking what number of properties are rated at the following Annual Value in the different portions of the Shire seperately as shewn in the Colored portions of the map sent with this letter

£ 25 to 100
100 " 150
150 " 200
200 & Upward

Received
The Secretary was instructed to furnish the information as early as possible

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Correspondence

No 21 From Patrick Gill
Referring to a discrepancy in the amount paid on his Contract of Two pounds
Referred to Secretary

No 22 From James Lawton
Asking for extension of Time on his Contracts in consequence of the Wet Weather
Moved and seconded that an extension of six weeks be granted
Carried

No 23 From Wm Lascelles
Thanking the Council for the use of Three rooms and stating the probable cause of the Chimney have taken fire lately
Received

No 24 From Constable O'Brien
Tendering his resignation as Inspector of Slaughter House
Moved by Mr Mossop
Seconded by Mr Edwick
That the resignation be accepted
Carried

No 25 From James Wynne
Asking for payment of £60 being ½ Share of Professional Costs in the Construction of Salisbury Bridge
The letter was ordered to stand over till next Meeting for the Consideration of a full Council

14 May 1875

Petition

Mr Bissett presented a petition signed by a number of rate payers praying that a sum of money should be paid yearly to the Telegraph Master at the Serpentine to enable that gentleman to continue the office.
After the petition had been read Mr Bissett said that at the proper time he would give notice of Motion in the matter for next Meeting.

General

Mr Edwick brought under the notice of the Council the want of a cropping and drains on the road cleared & leading to Jandawa on the Blue Creek He moved that the Engineer be requested to bring up a report at next Meeting
Seconded by Mr Bissett
Carried
The Chairman directed the Engineer to bring up the report

Mr Mossop
That the Engineer be instructed to have all holes & ruts on the road south of Metcalfs filled in & repaired & to cut side drain for escape of the water on road
Seconded by Mr Edwick
Carried

Reports

The Engineer reported on the several Contracts now going on within the Shire, that the same were progressing Satisfactorily
Received

14 May 1875

Reports

The Engineer Treasurer brought up his report and monthly Statement of accounts shewing a credit in the Bank of New South Wales Inglewood of £.165.14.11

Recvd

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion was then tabled by Mr Bissett

I Hereby give notice that I shall at the next ordinary Meeting move That a yearly sum of Thirty pounds sterling be paid to Mr Hutton out of the funds of the Shire towards enabling him to continue his duties at the Telegraph Office Inglewood until such time as the Government shall establish the same as a Government Office

(Sgd) W. Bissett

Accounts

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid

Cheque No	306	Sandhurst & Board	£	3	"
	307	Sly & Fry C 83		30	-
	308	" " 84		45	-
	309	Engineer		25	-
	310	ditto		25	-
	311	Royal Insurance		4	-
	312	Lawson C. 82		200	-
	313	" 82		150	

On the Motion of Mr Mossop
seconded by Mr Bissett
& carried

14 May 1875

Adjournment

The business of the Council being Concluded it was
Moved by Mr Edwick
Seconded by Mr Mossop.
That this meeting Stands adjourned until Sunday the 11th day of June next at 11 o'clk A M
Carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting accordingly

Confirmed this 11 day of June 1875

John Gilkshie
Chairman of Meeting

11 Jun 1875

The Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
11th June 1875

Present

Wm Bissett Esq.
Geo Mossop "
Jno Gillespie "
Obd Edwick "

In the unavoidable absence of Mr Ralph W Gillespie was voted to the Chair

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and Confirmed.

Correspondence — Letters received

No 1. From Sly and Dry
Referring to Bullock Creek Contract
Received

No 2 From John Duncan
Notice of intention to apply for a publicans license for a House situate in Dingee.
No Objections Offered

No 3 From Govt Statist
Making enquiries as to Live Stock Schedule
Received

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Correspondence No 4 From Wm Podleck.
Notifying intention of applying for a Publicans License for a house situate at Serpentine
No objections

No 5 From Jm. Saunders
Acknowledging receipt of Treasurers, fidelity policy, & plans among the presidents papers.
Received

No 6 From Roads & Bridges
Enclosing Draft of Bill from the Shire of Warrambool referring to differential rating in Subdivisions of Shires
Received.

No 7 From Wm Ponton
Referring to Culvert at the Green Hills
Received

No 8 From Shire Conference Melbourne
Referring to, and enclosing copy of Proceedings
Received

No 9 10 From Govt Statist
Enclosing reports for the year 1874
Received

No 11 12 From Secty Philadelphia Exh.
Informing the Council that he would visit Sandhurst and requesting a list of Exhibits
Read

11 Jun 1875

Correspondence

№ 13 From Shire of Korong enclosing a statement of sums said to be due on account of the Salisbury Bridge by the Shire of East Loddon
It was moved by Mr. Mossop
seconded by Mr Bissett
That the matter stand over until next meeting when a call for a full Council should be made for the occasion Carried
A full Call of the Council was by the Chairmans direction ordered to be made.

№ 14 From Govt. Statist
Requesting returns necessary to prepare the new Jury Rolls ordered by the Legislature.
Received
The Secretary stated that he had furnished the required information to the department.

№ 15 From Chief Secretary
Requesting in future Rolls the Christian and Surnames of all Ratepayers should be given in full.
The Secretary said he had noted the request & would attend to it.

№ 16 From Roads & Budges
Asking for return of accounts
Received
The Secretary said he had sent the account required by Mr. Stevenson

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Correspondence

№ 17 From District Surveyor Sandhurst
Referring to the publication of ~~of~~ Parish Maps
Received

№ 18 From J Raleigh Resident.
Stating reason for absence from Meeting and asking leave for day
Moved by Mr Mossop
Seconded by Mr Bissett
That leave as requested be granted
Carried

№ 19 From Michael Timothy
Mounted Constable in Charge asking for the appointment of Inspector of Slaughter Yards.
Mr Mossop moved
Mr Bissett Seconded
That Constable Timothy be appointed Inspector of Slaughter Yards for the Shire. from 1st July 1875. at a Salary of £10. per annum
Carried.

№ 20 From James Martin (Ballarat
Forwarding Pamphlet on Railway Reform
Received

Reports

The Engineer reported
That the Bridge over the Pon Pon Lagoon was now completed with the exception of some Earthwork on the approaches
The Contractor had informed him that all the heavy timber had been obtained for Hardy's Bridge but-

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Reports

in consequence of the very wet weather he had not been able to put it on the ground

The Treasurer presented his Monthly Statement and report shewing a credit balance in the Bank of £180.5.8

Recvd

Notice of Motion

On the Motion of Mr Bissett being called on, he obtained leave of the Council to withdraw the same intimating his intention of giving notice of another Motion on the same subject

General

Mr Wynne Engineer of the Shire of Korong with the permission of the Chairman brought forward his Claim for professional Charges in the erection of Salisbury Bridge.

After a considerable discussion it was suggested by the Chairman that as a call of the Council had been made for next ordinary Meeting to take the whole matter into Consideration, Mr Wynne's Matter had better be postponed until then.

The better course was adopted by all parties

The letter of Patrick Gill was then taken into consideration and Mr Gill said he was had only received £50.9. whereas

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he was told a cheque had been signed for £57.9.

The Secretary said he had paid the remaining £2. with authority and would have satisfied Mr Gill on the point but that he had never taken the trouble to come to the office and as this account had been closed nearly a year he referd Member to the 202nd Clause of the act which was decisive.

After a very long discussion in which Mr Smith the Subcontractor was present the Chairman informed Mr Gill that if he felt aggrieved, he should advise him to sue the President in the Police Court.

Tenders

Tenders for repairing and rolling road were then opened.

moved by Mr Mossop

seconded by Mr Bissett

That the Tender of J. Maroney for repairing Road £4-0-0 and Cutting Drains at 5/3 per running Chain

Carried

On the Motion of Mr Edwick It was decided to call for Tenders for erecting Culverts and Cutting Drains at Blind Creek

The Secretary informed the Council that Wednesday the 14th day of July was the day fixed by the Act for the

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reversion of the Voters Roll and that as the Ordinary Monthly meeting would fall on the 9th it would perhaps be more convenient to the Members to have both on the same day

The Council agreed.

On the Motion of M. Edwick
seconded by M. Mossop
The following accounts were
passed for payment

cheque № 312	Contract C. 82/2	£95	. .
" " 313	" " 84/2	75	. .
" " 314	W.S. Irvine	4	10 -
" " 315	B. Adrentsen	2	2 .
" " 316	Engineer	25	. .
" " 317	Contract C. 81/3	75	- .
" " 318	O'Brien	5	. .

Moved by M Edwick
Seconded by M Gillespie
That this meeting stand
adjourned until Friday the 9th
day of July to be further adjourned
by the Secretary until Wednesday
the "14" day of July 1875.

Carried

M Bissett Mc Kinnon

Confirmed this
14 day of July
1875

14 Jul 1875

Revision Court

Shire Hall
Serpentine 14th July 1875

The Revision Court sat in the Shire Hall Serpentine on Wednesday the 14th for the examination of the Voters Roll.

The President with Councillors Edwick Laird and Mossop occupied the Bench

The Secretary produced the list of Voters for the ensuing year and the following Claims of persons to be inserted which were ordered by the Bench to be added to the list

David Cotts
William Podleck
John A Podleck

The list after being signed as Correct was handed to the Secretary and ordered to be printed

The seperate list of persons who had not paid their rates was also revised by the Bench

The Court then adjourned sine die

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 14th July 1875

Present — J. Raleigh Esq (Pres)
O. Edwick Esq
G Mossop Esq
D.C. Laird Esq.

Minutes — The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and Confirmed

Correspondence — The letters sent by order of the Council since last meeting were then read from the letter press Book pages 640 to 662 both inclusive and approved of

Letters received

No 1 — From Sly & Fry.
Referring to measurement of Contract
received

No 2 — From Roads & Bridges
Referring to appointment of Surveyors
Received

No 3 — From J. G Hornblower
with reference to Government Map of Colony
Received

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Correspondence

No 4 — Shire of Rosedale
suggesting alteration in Wines & Spirit Bill
Received

5 — From J. G Hornblower
referring to map of the Colony by Lands Department
Received

6 — From Bank N S Wales Sandhurst
referring to certificate Jenkin
Received

7 — From Bank Victoria
Applying for cheques for certificates on contracts No 83. 82.
Recv'd

8 — F. N. G Penrose
enquiring boundaries of Shire including parish of Kayanna
Received

9 — Town Council Melbourne
in the matter of the Jury Bill about to become law
Received

10 — From Roads & Bridges
asking views of Council, as to fees for local auditors -
Recd

Moved by Mr Gillespie
Seconded & Laird
That the sum of £3. 3. 0 per day be paid to the local auditor and travelling expences over 10 miles distance
Carried

14 Jul 1875

Correspondence

" Deaf and Dumb.
Forwarding report and soliciting donations towards the institute
Read
Moved by Mr Gillespie
Seconded " Moorhouse
That the sum of £2.2. be forwarded as a donation
carried

12 From N. P. Pentreath
Enquiring about Voters Rolls
Received

13 From Shy and Fry
Referring to work on main Swan Hill Road
Received

14 From I. D. Mills
in the Matter of certificate on Contract No 80
Received

15 From Roads & Bridges
asking for reply to "Bill" proposed by Shire of Warrnambool in the Matter of differential rating
Read

The Treasurer handed in his statement and monthly report showing a debit Bal. £37. 8. 4
Received

As Mr Wynne was present the Council after going into Committee decided on Considering his adjourned application

14 Jul 1875

After considering Mr Wynnes account for £60 for professional charges in Salisbury Bride
it was moved by Mr Sand
Seconded by Mr Raleys
That this Shire cannot entertain Mr Wynnes account, as it considers it has entirely fulfilled its agreement
Carried
Mr Moorhouse dissenting

Tenders for the Culverts required over & near the Blind Creek were then opened
The following were accepted

Shy and Fry	over Creek	£42. 7. 6	
J Davidson	near "	15 " "	
Cutting Drains & Earthwork		1½d pr C Yd	

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid

Mr Contract	Cont. 85/1	25 " "	
Shy & Fry	" 84/2	30 " "	
"	84/3	55 " "	
	84/4	28. 10 "	
Yonken	Bal. Cont & Repairs	13 18. 4	
J Maroney	a/c 84/	10. " "	
Engineer		25 " "	
Hird W & L		20 " 6	
&			

Carried

14 Jul 1875

Election

The Secretary informed the Council that before the next Meeting the annual election would take place and that the two Members who would retire would be Messrs Idwick and Bissett and that the new School house would be an additional polling place

The President directed the Secretary to have the act complied with and authorized the necessary expenditure the election in case that the seats were contested to take place on 12 August 1875

The ordinary business having been completed

It was moved by Mr Mossop
seconded by Mr Edwick
That this Meeting stands adjourned until Friday the 13th August 1875

Mr David gave notice for next Meeting of the following Motion
" That the sum of £30 per annum be paid to Mr Hutton for his services as Telegraph Master at Serpentine until the Government fix a Salary for the same

Confirmed this
10 day Sept
1875

John Gillespie
President

13 Aug 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 13th August 1875

Quorum

In consequence of not sufficient Members being present the Secretary adjourned the Meeting

Shire of East Loddon

Minute Book

10-09-1875
to
16-05-1880

Sep 10 1875

Special Meeting

Shire Hall
Friday 10th Sept. 1875

The Special Meeting of the Members of the Council was called for the purpose of Electing a President for the ensueing Year

On the motion of Mr. Edwick Mr John Raleigh was voted to the chair at the present Meeting

Mr Raleigh said that as his term of Office as President had expired it would be for the Councillors to elect a member to fill that Office for the ensueing twelve months before leaving the chair he felt it his duty to acknowledge the uniform kindness displayed to him during his term of Office and also his appreciation of the assistance of the Members which he trusted had enabled him to carry out the duties with pleasure to themselves, and he hoped with ~~pleasure~~ profit to the Ratepayers generally.

It was then proposed by Mr. Mossop & seconded by

Sep. 10 1875

Mr Hardy
That Mr John Gillespie be elected
President for the ensueing Year

An Amendment moved by Mr Edwick
seconded by Mr Baird
That Mr John Raleigh be president

The Voting was as follows

for Gillespie	Hardy Mossop Gillespie	for Raleigh	Edwick Baird Raleigh

The voting being equal on both sides
the Secretary prepared the necessary papers
and there being drawn the Presidents Chair
fell to the lot of Mr Gillespie
Mr Raleigh thereupon declared Mr Gillespie
duly elected as President for the ensueing
Year

On assuming the Presidents Chair Mr
Gillespie after thanking the Members
proposed a hearty Vote of thanks be
recorded to Mr Raleigh for his conduct whilst
in the Chair and would endeavour to merit
a similar Vote at the expiration of
his term of Office

Carried unanimously

After Mr Raleigh had suitable acknowledged
the Vote in a brief speech
The Meeting adjourned sine die

Confirmed this 10 day of September 1875 } John Gillespie President

Sep 10 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Friday 10th September 1875

Present

Jno Gillespie Esqr
Jno Raleigh
D. C Baird
George Mossop
William Hardy
Obd Edwick Esqrs

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed

Correspondence

The correspondence sent by orders of the
Council since last meeting were then
read from the letter press book, pages
642 to 683 both included and
approved of

Letters received

No 1 From James Saunton
Referring to Bridge on Serpentine
near Four posts
Received

No 2 From Sly and Fry
" Contract on Road
Received

Correspondence

Sum of £12 for maintainance

Carried

On the Motion Standing in the name of W Sandy being brought forward. that gentleman said that the Telegraph Office was a great boon to the district generally and as a petition had been presented to the Council to pay a certain sum from the Shire funds towards it He would move

That the sum of £30 be paid to W Hutton for his services for the year ending 30th September 1874 and a Sum of £30 for year ending 30th September 1875

The motion was seconded Mr Hardy

The President expressed an opinion that before passing the amount the Consent of the Governor in Council should be obtained.

On the Motion being put to the Council all the Member (except Mr Gillespie) voted for it

Mr Gillespie dissented

Carried

Mr Raleigh would call the attention of the Council to the immediate necessity of calling for Tenders for works on the main Yerrecks road, running between the parishes of Yallook and Pandora and that the Engineer at once visit the ground in question

He would move that Tenders be called for the 28th Inst and that Messrs Laird and Hardy be appointed a Committee to open and accept tenders for the same

Seconded by Mr Mossop

Carried

Mr Edwick mentioned that on the same road further north a swamp existed which rendered the road at present impassable and on which a Culvert or Dome crossing place should be constructed

Mr Hardy said he thought that a Bridge over Bullock Creek, somewhere in the Vicinity of the Yerrecks Station was urgently required and that steps should be taken at once to have the work proceeded with. the Council agreed with Mr Hardy as to the necessity of the work and it was proposed and carried

That Mr Raleigh, Hardy and the Engineer visit the locality in question Confer with the Rate payers and fix a Site for the erection of a Bridge

The Secretary to write to some gentleman residing in the Vicinity to that effect and ask them to obtain the views of the Ratepayers in the Matter

Corrospondence Sep 10 1875

No 3 From Thomas Sly

Declining to proceed with Culvert over Blind Creek

After some discussion on the matter it was moved by Mr Raleigh

Seconded by Mr Hardy.

That the Secretary inform Mr Sly "That should the Contract not be proceeded with the deposit on his Tender would be forfeited and he would not in future be recognised as a Contractor Carried

No 4 Secretary N W Agricultural Society

Asking this Council to reconsider its decision with respect to giving a donation towards building Show Yards at Inglewood

Received

No 5 Superintendent Police Sandhurst

Informing the council that the appointment of Constable Timothy as Inspector of Slaughter Yards would be duly gazetted

Received

No 6 Roads & Bridges

Asking for returns of property holders over 320 acres in extent

Received

The Secretary informed the Council he had already forwarded the returns asked for

Corrospondence Sep 10 1875

No 7 N F Penbreath

Acknowledging receipt of deposit money lodged with nomination

Received

No 8 Electoral Registrar (Moorong)

Referring to Christian names of Voters

The secretary stated that he had replied to Mr Grays letter

Received

No 9 Bank N S Wales Inglewood

Stating that the interest charged on the Shires overdraft account would in future be on the most favorable current date

Received

No 10 Brown & Illeson Solicitors

Enclosing order from James Santow to pay all Monies due on to him on Contracts to Bank of N S Wales Inglewood

The Engineer Stated that he had declined to give a final Certificate of Completion as the work had not been carried out in accordance with the Specification after some discussion on the subject it was

Moved by Mr Raleigh

Seconded Mr Laird

That the Secretary forward Certificate as requested making a deduction of £ 24. for pile Shoes and turning and also retaining in hand the

Sep 10 1875

The Treasurer laid on the table his report and monthly Statement shewing a debit balance in the Bank N.S. Wales £226.7.2

Received

On the motion of the President
Seconded by Mr Raleigh

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid

Deaf and Dumb asylum	£2.	2.	√
C Hutton Jd. Off	10	.	√
J. G Hornblower P & a. Elec	7	6.	6√
" " " " Mahoney	20	19	. √
Returning Officer	9	3	3√
I Davidson W & L	7	4	. √
Hutton Sal. &c.	27	16	6√
Evans Brothers Stationary	12	1	6√
R. O. Donovan	2	6	9√
Repairs to Culvert W & L	6	11	. √
Work & Labr Culvert	2	4	. √
Mrs Fresise W & L	4	11	6√
James Saunders Contract	75	.	. √
" " "	50	.	. √
" " "	100	.	. √
" " " order	25	18	— √
Sly and Fry Contract	50	.	. √
Mackay & Co P & A	9	13.	6√
I M Hutton Sal. 2 m	50	.	. √

An account for £2. from Mrs Fresise for cleaning after the late festivities was presented for payment was referred to the persons who had had the use of the hall and

Sep 10 1875

on the motion of Mr. Raleigh
seconded by the President

That the Hall and building in future be not let to any person whatever for the purpose of dancing was carried unanimously

It was resolved and the Secretary was instructed to advertise for Tenders from persons willing to fill the Office of Rate Collector to include the Collection of dog taxes Statistics &c.

Stating Terms

Tenders to be opened on Tuesday the 9th day of October next

The Secretary in the meanwhile to employ temporary assistance in serving the defaulting rate payers with notices

Mr Fawcett moved
Mr Mossop seconded

That this meeting stands adjourned until Friday 9th day October next

Carried

The President adjourned the meeting accordingly

Confirmed this 8th day of October 1875

John Gillespie
President

Sep 28 1875

Committee Meeting

Shire Hall.

Tuesday 28 Sep. 1875

A Committee Consisting of W. A. & Said and W William Hardy met at the Shire Hall for the purpose of opening and accepting Tenders for Works of the Main Tenock Road.

The following Tenders were opened

J. Mooney — £1 per Chain

R Oberhead — 2½d per yd excavation
Casting Earth according to directions 6d per ch.
Constructing Crossings or Culvert according to plans £15/ ea

after consulting over the Matter it was

Moved by W Said

Approved of by W Hardy

That the Tender of R. Oberhead be accepted.

The Committee adjourned sine die.

Confirmed this 8th day of October 1875

John Gillespie
President

Oct 8 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Friday 8th October 1875

Present — Jno Gillespie — President
Jno. Raleigh
Wm Hardy
Obd. Edwick
George Mossop
D A Said — Cr

Minutes — The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and

Confirmed

Correspondence — Letters sent by the direction of the Council since last meeting, were then read from the Letter press Book pages 684 to 711 both inclusive and

Approved of

Letter received

No 1 From Charles Fisher

Asking permission to form footpath in front of house on 3 Chain Road

permission Granted

No 2 " Treasury, Melbourne

Stating that the second Moiety of Endowment viz £ 946 14. 9 had been passed to the credit of the Shire

Received

Correspondence

No 3 From Several Shire viz Carrkin Tika &c &c —
suggesting a conference in Melbourne of delagates from the various local bodies in the Colony, in order to make such demonstration as would induce the Government to make the subsidy at the full rate of £ 2. for every £1 - as promised

W Raleigh moved. That a reply be forwarded expressing sympathy, but pointing out at the same that the distance from Melbourn and the occupation of the Various members would at the present time make it very inconvenient for any delegates from this Shire to attend the conference in Melbourn

Seconded by W Mossop

Carried

No 4 " Deaf and Dumb Institute
Acknowledging receipt of donation

Received

No 5 " Roads & Bridges
Referring to the Gazetting Polling places

Received

No 6 " Discharged. Prisoners Aid Society
Soliciting donation

Received

No 7 " Brown & Illison Solicitors
Asking for Amount due to W Saunton on his Contracts

Read

The Secretary that according to W Sauntons instructions he had forwarded the amount due to Bank N S. Wales Inglewood

Correspondence Oct 8 1875

No 8 From Roads & Bridges
In the matter of Subsidy to Serpentine Telegraph Office

Received

No 9 Bank of N. S. Wales
Circular relating to overdrawn accounts

Received

No 10 F N Pentreath
Referring to Bridge over Bullock Creek

Received

No 11 Shire of Springfield
Suggesting an agitation amongst the local bodies, in order to secure a portion of the revenue obtained as a land tax

Received

No 12 " Thomas Sly
Making his willingness to proceed with the Culvert over Blind Creek without any further delay

Received

No 13 " Bank N. S. Wales
Referring to Bank Circular in case Council should find account overdrawn 30th Sept. 1875

Received

No 14 F " " "
Enclosing a form for Signature

Received

Correspondence

№ 15 From Minister of Justice
Stating that a writ of Sedimus Potestatum had been forwarded to Mr Orme to enable him to administer the oath of J.P. to the President
Received.

№ 16 From Treasury Melbourne
Stating that the amount of £946. 14. 9 was now lying at the Pay office Ingleword
Received

№ 17 " Central Board of Health
Recommending a Sanitary inspection of the Shire
Received

№ 18 " Brown & Ellison
Threatening proceeding should the balance due Mr Sawled be not paid immediately
Received

Mr Raleigh moved
Mr Laud seconded
That this Council holds no balance in hand due Mr Saunton
Carried

№ 19 Victorian Asylum + School for Blind.
Bringing the claims of the Asylum under the notice of the Council and soliciting a donation. On the motion of Mr Mossop seconded by Mr Raleigh the sum of £2. 2. was voted to the Asylum

Correspondence

[redacted]

To the Shire Council of Cast London

I have the honor that in accordance with a resolution carried at last meeting of this Council I inspected the Shire and found that where the Creek crossed the two Chain road, it takes a turn and runs parallel with this road making the Crossing of a Bridge or that place leading both to and from the roads and the approaches to said Bridge a large expenditure of money would be required to make them available for traffic.
The existing between all streams 11ft 6 inches Chain road, but the stream at the Much narrower and the approaches being many much better. I am inclined to consideration to recommend the Ratepayers in the neighbourhood thoroughly being unanimously in favor of the Bridge
Belfield
In consequence of an obstruction in the Creek on the two Chain road. I would strongly Crossing dangerous. Boards nailing the task be placed on either side

15 Oct 8 1875

Corresp from date

No 15 Hem Minutes of Justice Making Mak a writ of Ejectment Resolution Had been forwarded to Dr. Orme to enable him to administer the oath of J.P. to the Messrs Hawk Received.

No 16 Hem Treasury Melbourne Making Mak the amount of £96.6.11.9 as now being at the Pay Office Inglewood Received

No 17 " Central Board of Health Recommending a Sanitary inspection of the shire Required

No 18 " Bann of Ellison Threatening Pro ceedings Should the balance due Mr Cawood be not Paid immediately Received

Mr Raleigh Wood
Mr Land Report
That this amount Holds no Salary
as Head Clerk Mr Cawood

Cawood

No 19 Victorian Rythm Report for Blind. Bringing Mr claims of the Asylum under the Notice of the Council as a Deputation a donation. On the Motion of Mr Waugh seconded by Mr Raleigh the sum of £2.2. was voted to the Asylum

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To the Shire Council of East Loddon

8th Oct. 1875

I have to report that in accordance with a resolution carried at last meeting. That together with the Engineer I inspected the sites on Bullock Creek over which it is intended to construct a Bridge

I found that where the Creek crosses the two Chain road it takes a turn and runs nearly parallel with the road making the Construction of a Bridge at that place a very expensive affair and the roads leading both to and from that place would require a large expenditure to make them available for traffic

The crossing between allotments 149 & 152 is on a one Chain road, but the stream at that place being much narrower and the approaches on either side being very much better, I am inclined taking economy into consideration to recommend the one Chain road

My Selection was I found on consultation with the Ratepayers in the neighbourhood strongly confirmed they being unanimously in favor of the site I had Selected

In Consequence of an excavation having been made in the Creek on the two Chain road, rendering the crossing dangerous. I would strongly recommend that Boards notifying the fact be placed on either side of the Creek

Correspondence

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Received

No 16 From Treasury Melbourne
Stating that the amount of £946. 14. 9 was now lying at the Pay Office Inglewood
Received

No 17 " Central Board of Stealth
Recommending a sanitary inspection of the Shire
Received

No 18 " Brown & Ellison
Threatening proceeding should the balance due Mr Saunders be not paid immediately
Received

Mr Raleigh moved
Mr Laird seconded
That this Council holds no balance in hand due Mr Saunton
Carried

No 19 Victorian Asylum + School for Blind.
Bringing the claims of the asylum under the Notice of the Council and soliciting a donation. On the motion of Mr Mossop seconded by Mr Raleigh the sum of £2. 2. was voted to the Asylum

Correspondence

Bank N. S. Wales
Telegraph Credit Balance in Bank up to 30th Sept 1875 £ 194. 2. 5
Received

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Council the manner in which Mr Saunton the Contractor had manipulated a certificate after it had left the Engineer hands. The members present strongly animadverted on such a proceeding and the Secretary was instructed to bring the transaction under the notice of Mr Saunders to whom the certificate had been sent
Repat

Mr Raleigh brought up the following report on the erection of a Bridge over Bullock Creek and would move if the report was approved of
" That the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and estimate for a suitable Bridge of a rough but substantial construction.
Mr Hardy said he agreed with the recommendations in the report and would second the motion
Carried

The Engineer was instructed to call for Tenders for Grubbing and clearing Road from Serpentine Township to Salisbury Bridge and for draining Swamps on said Road. also to drain and form about 20 chains more or less on road Comer of Allot-M Sanctuary East also to have a dangerous excavation

General

Moved by Mr Raleigh
Seconded by Mr Edwick

That a special meeting of the Council for Saturday 15th Inst at 2 P.M for the purpose of Striking a general rate of 1/6d in the £ on the nett annual value of all rateable property within the Shire.

Carried.

Tenders.

The following Tenders for the Combined Office of Rate Collector, dog tax Collector, and Collector of Agricultural Statistics were then opened

Thomas Reid	£95	per annum
William Cavanagh	75	"
Geo. W Burrowes	36	"
Simon Maroney	60	"
George Severeux	150	"
Alex A Grant	74	"

Moved by Mr Raleigh
Seconded by Mr Laird

That Mr Burrowes tender at £36/ per annum be accepted

Carried

The president desired the Secretary to inform Mr Burrowes of the fact and request him to commence his duties as early as possible Carried.

Moved by Mr Raleigh
Seconded by Mr Moss

That the following accounts be passed for payment

Accounts

School for Blind	£2. 2.	"
Ranston balance 81 & 82 including return deposit, but retaining maintenance £12/	127.	15— "
Fly and Fry deposit Cont. 83. 84	15	"
Engineer Sal.	25	"
Simon Maroney bal. Cont	1.	16. 3

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Mr Moss
Seconded Mr Raleigh

That this meeting stands adjourned until Friday the 12th day of November 1875

Carried

The President declared the meeting adjourned accordingly

Confirmed this
25th day of November
1875

John Gillespie
President

Oct 8 1875

Special Meeting

Serpentine 16th October 1875

A Special Meeting was called this day for the purpose of Striking a general rate of 1/6d on the £ Sterling on the net annual Value of all rateable property within the Shire assessed on the present Valuation

Present Messrs Raleigh (Chair) & Mossop, Edwick and Laird.

The Secretary read the Advertisement giving the usual notice of intention to Strike a rate

A Statement containing an estimate of the works that the Money would be required for and the probable Receipts during the ensueing year

After inspecting and approving of the Valuation

It was moved by Mr Edwick
Seconded by Mr Laird

That a general rate of 1/6d in the £ Sterling be Struck on the Net annual Value of all rateable property within the Shire for the period ending October 16th 1876

Confirmed
24th Nov. 1875

John Gillespie
President
November 26th 1875

Oct 8 1875

Local Government Act No 508
Clause 269

I John Sinclair Robertson do hereby solemnly declare, that I will make the valuation of the several properties situate within the Shire of East Loddon impartially and truly, according to the best of my judgment, and I make this declaration, under the provisions of an Act by the Victorian Government rendering persons making a false declaration liable to be punished for Wilful and corrupt perjury.

Jno S Robertson
Valuer
Shire East Loddon

Declared before me
this 8th day of October
1875 at Serpentine
in the Colony of Victoria

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After inspecting and approving of the Valuation

It was moved by Mr Edrick
Seconded by Mr Laird

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Confirmed
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President
November 26th 1875

Oct 8 1875

Local Government Act No 508
Clause 219

I John Sinclair Robertson do hereby solemnly declare, that I will make the valuation of the several properties situate within the Shire of East Loddon impartially and truly, according to the best of my judgment, and I make this declaration, under the provisions of an Act by the Victorian Government rendering persons making a false declaration liable to be punished for Wilful and corrupt perjury.

Jno S Robertson
Valuer
Shire East Loddon

Declared before me
this 8th day of October
1875 at Serpentine
in the Colony of Victoria

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
September 26th Nov. 1875
Adjourned from 16th

Present — Jno Gillespie — Pres
Jno Raleigh
Geo Mason
Wm Hardy
Ob Edwards
D C Laird Esqrs

The minutes of the Committee Meeting for the purpose of accepting Tenders the Special Meeting for striking a rate and the last ordinary Meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence — Letters sent by direction of the Council since last meeting were then read from the press book pages 712 to 734. both inclusive and approved of.

Letters received

No 1 — From Melbourne Board Health
Circulars in re Scarlet Fever.
Received

No 2 — Bank N.S. Wales.
acknowledging receipt of £127. 10.
as balance on behalf of Dawsons

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No 2 — Contracts and stating that certain alteration made in the certificate by Dawson had been done without the sanction of the Bank
received

No 3 — School for Blind
acknowledging receipt £2. 2. with thanks
received

No 4 — Brown & Ellison
re Dawson
Received

" 5 — Roads and Bridges
Appointing Government Auditor
Received

6 & 7 — G. M. Burrowes
re Rate Collecting
Received

8 — Inglewood Mechanics Institute
Collecting Donation
Received

9 — Philadelphia Exhibition
about forwarding Samples grain
Received

10 — L Boyle
complaining about persons selling liquor without Licence within the Shire
Recd

Correspondence

11 City of Ballarat
Offering Botanical Gardens for pleasure excursions
Received

12 Central Board Health
forwarding Circular
Rec'd

13 Roads & Bridges
informing Council of remuneration to be paid Auditors.
Rec'd

14 Thomas Dickson Govt Auditor
Explaining cause of delay
Received

15 Board Lands & Survey
forwarding sample plan of Parishes
Received

16 C McCormick
Requesting £1.1. as subscription towards expenses of Shire conference
proposed M. Moss
Seconded M Hardy
That the Sum be forwarded
Carried

17 George Harrison
in the matter of Rates
Rec'd

18. 19 Jno. Gillespie
Calling Special Meeting

Correspondence

20 Echuca Land Office
about Land Selections
Rec'd

21 James Schakell
In the matter of petition for severance.
Rec'd

22 C. P. Davis
giving notice of Appeal.
Received

23 Geo Harrison
giving notice of Appeal
Rec'd

24 Jno Gillespie
forwarding Copies of Notices of Appeals
Rec'd

25 C. J. Albrecht Swan Hill Shire
Suggesting Conference in Melbourne
Rec'd

26 District Surveyor Echuca
forwarding suggestions for obtaining names of Selectors
Received

27 Bank N. S. Wales
acknowledging receipt Cheque for £100.
Rec'd

29 G. N. Barrows
Rate Collecting
Rec'd

Correspondence 30 Roads & Bridges
Returning to Severance
Read

31 Evans Brothers
forwarding copy to be corrected for
Directory
Read

32 From Lands & Survey
enclosing revised list of Shire drawn
to a scale of 20.
Read

33 John Hastie
re J. H Saintons estate
Record

34 John Gillespie President
calling a special Meeting for this day
Record

35 Shire Swan Hill
re the Matter of Severance
Read

36 Evans Brothers
forwarding 2 parish plans
Read

38 J. L. L. Wilson
re the Matter of Counter petition
Read

After a long discussion on the question
of a counter petition against the

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severance of any portion of the Shire the
Council agreed agreed to send Mr Robertson
to Melbourne to arrange Matters as might be
most expedient and to use his discretion
in employing Counsel and any steps he
might deem necessary

The president instructed the Secretary to
proceed to Melbourne without delay

General

Mr Hardy proposed
That the Engineer prepare a report on the
State of the road Swan Hill between the
Serpentine and Bear Lagoon for next
Meeting
Seconded by Mr Laird
Carried

Mr Idwick moved
That tenders be called for works
required to complete the Capping over
the Blind Creek at Pompapiel
Seconded by Mr Raleigh
Carried

The President gave the necessary
instructions

The Treasurers Monthly Statement and
report was postponed until after
the annual audit

The Engineer reported that the several
works in hand were progressing
satisfactorily
Read

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Tenders

Tender for Grubbing and clearing on the Telegraph line of Road.
Draining Swamps on Fergusons Road
Draining Road allotment M
Grubbing and clearing road between Gallook and Sandarra. were then opened and the lowest having been accepted. it was moved by W. Laird
Seconded by W Raleigh
That Henry Smiths Tender as follows
on Fergusons Roads
Grubbing & clearing p sq. chain 5/6
Draining per chain 12/10
as per Specification
Draining corner of Allotment
M Saxumbo West p chain 17/6

&c

William Conklin
Grubbing & clearing road between Gallook and Sandarra per lineal chain 11/3
be accepted

Carried

The following accounts amounting £202 11
were then passed for payment

R Eberhard Contract No 87½	√	£ 100 — .
Thomas Turner W & L	√	1. 10 —
Three Conference Subs	√	2 1 — .
Work & L.	√	25 — .
Work & L.	√	25 — .
Engineer Tal	√	50 — .
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Adjournment

It was moved by W. Edwick
seconded by W. Mossop
That this Meeting stands adjourned until Friday 10th day of December 1875
Carried

The President adjourned the Meeting accordingly

Confirmed this 10th day of Decr 1875

John Talley L
Chairman of Meetings

Dec 10 1875

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
10th December 1875

Present — Jno Raleigh Esq
D. C. Laird "
Wm Hardy "
Geo Masson "
O. Edwick "

In the absence of W. Gillespie W. Masson moved W. Edwick seconded that W. Raleigh take the chair

Carried

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and

Confirmed

Correspondence — Letters sent by direction of the Council pages 735 to 20 were read from Letter Book and

Approved of

Letters Received

No. 1 — P. Lagrue
Application for License police of.

No objection

No. 2 — Govt Statists forwarding Year Book
Recd with thanks

Correspondence

No 3 — Reuben Dwarveb. agent Papyrograph
forwarding Specimens

Received

" 4 — Bendigo Hospital
Soliciting donation

Received

No 5 — A. Black District Surveyor
Telegram on State forest

Received

No 6 — From Roads & Bridges
Relating to Main Road accounts
" " " Toll fund.

Received

No 7 — Thomas Ely
On the Tender for Earthwork Pompapied

Received

No 8 — Thomas Dickson Auditor
Referring to day of Audit

Received

No 9 — From Roads & Bridges
Referring to former petition for severance and stating that the Minister would receive a deputation on Thursday the 9th Instant.

The Secretary stated that the time was so short, that it was impossible to call the Council together and meet the Minister on the day appointed

Correspondence

and under those circumstances, he had drawn up a Statement of the case and sent it down to Mr Townsend Mc Dermott to represent the Council

Recevd

No 10 From A. Black
Referring to State forest
The Secretary Stated that he had been to Sandhurst and seen Mr Black and that he had applied for Land in Pompapal as a Timber Reserve about 11000 acres

Recevd

No 11 From Townsend Mc Dermott
Giving written Opinion Of the case of Severance, and assuring the Council that the Petition was altogether against the Local Govt Act and could not be entertained by the Govnor in Council

General

Mr Hardy moved seconded by Mr Mossop "That Tenders be called to be opened next Meeting for repairs to the Swan Hill Road including such Culverts and crossings as may be necessary. Tenders for the work to be called for in 2 Sections
No 1 to be from S.E angle 56 B to Bears Lagoon
No 2 to Consist of the remainder of the road from N to South Boundary of the Shire.

Carried

The Secretary Stated that Lawson had built a Hay Stack on the surveyed road running East + West between his house and Mr Hutton

The Council adjourned
after resuming Mr Lawson being present it was moved by Mr Hardy
seconded " Mr Mossop That the secretary give Mr Lawson 3 months notice to remove the Stack

The following accounts were passed for payments

Engmen 25 24pence	✓	£ 36. 14 —
Jesse W+L	✓	£ 2. 8. 4
Mrs Jesse	✓	4. 10 "
J. Hornblower	✓	10. 16 .
Hurd W+L	✓	12. 11
Blackwood Contracts	✓	30 — .

Moved by Mr Hardy
Secon d. " Mr Mossop

That this Meeting Stands adjourned until Friday 14th day of January 1876

Confirmed this 17th day of January 1876

John Gillespie
President