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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Tuesday
18th January 1876

Present Jno Gillespie Esq Res.
Wm Hardy "
George Mossop "
Obd Edwards "

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The Treasurer brought up his Monthly Statement together with the Amount of Rate collected to the end of the previous year.

The Secretary stated that he had been served with a copy of a rule nisi in the case of Ch Davis v the Shire of East Loddon, an appeal against Valuation it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Secretary

Correspondence

No 1 — Letters Read 21 & 4b
From John Lawson
Calling the attention of the Council to the great and serious inconvenience caused by the fact that nearly all the

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Roads within the Shire are closed. and requesting that imperative instructions be given to the Secretary to leave the same ~~thrown~~ open. A considerable discussion ensued as to the necessity that existed for taking action in the matter It was moved by Mr Mossop
seconded by Mr Hardy
That the Secretary request Mr Lawson to furnish a list of the roads in question
Carried

No 2 — From Theodore Lawson
Complaining about his assessment
The Secretary said he had enquired into the matter and furnished the President with a written explanation which had been forwarded to Mr Lawson and he now declined to allow his Rate Book unless under the instructions of the Council
Moved by Mr Edwards
Seconded " Mossop
That the letter be not received
Carried

3 & 7 — From Government Statist
forwarding returns and acknowledging receipt of Statistics
Received.

No 8 — From Minister of Justice
informing the Council that the rent of Shire Hall had been forwarded to Inglewood Pay Office
Received

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Correspondence

№ 9 From Inglewood Borough Council referring to the delay in opening Railway to Sandhurst

Received

№ 10 From Central Board of Health forwarding circulars on Dr Day's mode of treatment in cases of Scarlet fever.

Received

№ 11 From Treasurer Melbourne forwarding form for filling in to arrive at Subsidy for the year

Received

№ 12 From Evans Brothers requesting orders for Shire directory

Moved by Mr Moorhouse

seconded Mr Gillespie

That seven copies be ordered

Carried

№ 13 From Government Statist forwarding year Book for 1874

Read with thanks

№ 14 From Townsend Mc Dermott

15 Referring to an interview with the Minister of Railways on the subject of a diversion of part of the Shire

Read

Correspondence

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From Thomas Sly

Asking for Return of deposit on Contract № 87 £5. 0.0

Received

On the motion of the President the Council then went into Committee

On Resuming

It was moved by Mr Mossop

seconded " " Hardy

That the Secretary call a Public Meeting for Friday 11th day of Feby at Shire Hall Serpentine to decide as to the division of the Shire into Ridings

Carried

General

The Engineer was instructed to have the Culvert at Bleid Creek completed without any delay

Tenders

according to advertisement were then opened from the following persons

Henry Smith

Thomas Sly

Robert Clerhead

It was moved by Mr Edwick

seconded by Mr Hardy

That the tender of Robert Clerhead for Repairs to Swan Hill Road Section № 1 as per Specification and according to the Schedule Contained in Tender be accepted

and

Tenders

That the Tender of Thomas Sly jun for Cutting Drains @ 29/3 per Chain and earth work for Culvert for 14. 16. according to Specifications be accepted

Carried

No Satisfactory tenders having been opened for Section No 2. Swan Hill Road, it was decided to call for fresh Tenders for next Meeting.

The following accounts were then passed and payment ordered.

Cuppes & Melbourne		11	14
Govt Auditor	£	15	"
Local "	£	9	9 "
Townsend Mc Dermott	£	5	5 "
Joseph H Cunne	£	25	" "
Sly Thomas jun ~~Rd Dep~~ 87	£	3	" "
Thomas Oneil W°L	£	2	" "
Constable Timothy	£	5	" "
Sly Contract 87	£	44	7 6
Bank N S Wales Cont 87½	£	70	" "
Law Costs & Witnesses	£	7	3 "
Engineer	£	25	
	£	3	2 6

Moved by M Edwards
Seconded M Mossop
That this Meeting stands adjourned till Thursday 11th day February 1876

Carried

John Gillespie
President

Confirmed this
11th day of Feby
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Adjourned Annual Meeting

Shire Hall Tarnagulla
Friday 18 January 1876

Present Jno Gillespie Esq Pres.
Wm Hardy "
George Mossop "
Abt Edwards "

The Secretary explained that the annual Meeting took place rather late in consequence of the Government Auditor having been detained in Melbourne. He laid on the Table the annual Statement of accounts and Balance Sheet signed by the Auditor as correct. Also a letter from the Auditor Congratulating the Council on the "Manner and correctness" in which the accounts and Vouchers had been Kept and acknowledging the courtesy and assistance from all the Officers which had enabled them to make their audit most complete and exhaustive.

After the members of the Council had carefully examined the accounts and Books it was

Moved by M Mossop
Seconded M Edwards

That the accounts and Balance Sheet be finally passed as correct and signed

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by the President

carried unanimously

This concluding the business of the Annual Meeting

The President adjourned the meeting sine die

Confirmed this
11th day Febry
1876

John Gillespie
President

11 Feb 1876

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Friday 11th February

Present John Gillespie Chair
John Raleigh
D. C Laird
George Mossop
Obid. Edwick
Wm Hardy

Previous to the meeting, a deputation consisting of Messrs Coutts Hurd, and others was introduced to the president by Cr. Mossop and asked for the use of the Shire Hall for the purpose of holding an entertainment in for the benefit of the Ingliewood Hospital to conclude with a Ball.

The President said he was sure the members of the council would have no objection to granting the use of the Hall for so charitable a purpose as holding a musical entertainment for the benefit of the Hospital but from the complaints made and the state in which the hall was left on previous occasions, he would object to the hall being used for dancing. A resolution had been passed by the Council against it, and however much he might wish to oblige, they could not override that resolution

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Mr Coutts urged that the case was exceptional being for a charitable purpose

Mr Raleigh altho he regretted it did not see that the Council ought to stultify itself by passing a resolution one day and rescinding it the next.

Mr Laird and Mr Polwick were of a similar opinion whilst Mr Mossop and Hardy spoke in favor of the Hall being granted

The President informed the Deputation that he was sorry he had to refuse the application.

After acknowledging the courtesy with which they had been received, the deputation withdrew.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last annual and Ordinary Meetings were then read and

Confirmed

Correspondence

The letters sent by direction of the Council since last meeting were then read from the Press Book pages 49 to 51 both inclusive

Approved of

Letters Received

No 1 From Central Board of Health
forwarding Form to be filled in
The Secretary said he had already complied with request
Received

No 2 From H. Newman and Sister
in the matter of payment of Rates asking for time
time Granted

Correspondence

No 3 From J & L Wilson
Asking that an account against the Shire may be taken as a set off against Rates due
Granted.

No 4 From Bendigo Benevolent Asylum
Stating that in order to curtail the expences the committee had determined to dispense with the services of a collector and now appealed to the Council direct for a donation
Mr Raleigh thought it a step in the right direction and that the practice should be encouraged
He would move that the sum of Five pounds be granted to the Benevolent Asylum and Ten pounds to the Bendigo Hospital
Mr Laird who heartily concurred seconded the motion
Carried

No 5 From Shire of Kilmore
Enclosing Annual Balance Sheet
Received

No 6 From J. Gillespie (President)
replying to Secretary's letter respecting application use of Shire Hall for entertainment
Received

No 7 From Government Statist
enclosing forms to be filled in
Received

No 8 From John Wiles JP
giving notice to the council that he had been served by Mr Lamont solicitor with a copy of a rule "Nisi"

Correspondence

№ 8 in the matter of C. P. Davis of the Last Loddon Shire.

Read

№ 9 From Education Department
Forwarding account to be filled in

Received

№ 10 From G. W Burrows
enclosing account for fidelity guarantee.

Rec'd

№ 11 From Jno Hastie Official assignee
Asking when the Balance in the insolvent estate of
J. H. Dawson would be passed for payment
Moved by Mr Raleigh
seconded by Mr Edwick
That the maintainance £12 be passed for payment

Carried

№ 12 From Wm Yonkin Contractor
Excusing himself for not coming to sign conditions
of contract
The Secretary said that since the letter had been received
Yonkin had signed the condition

Received

№ 13 Unsigned
A letter without any signature (but supposed to be from John
Lawson) desiring that certain Roads in the Shire should
be opened was not entertained by the Council the
members being of opinion that it was dictated by any
thing but benevolent motives.

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Petition

A Petition signed by several Ratepayers praying that a Culvert and approaches may be constructed on the Echuca Road was presented by Mr Edwick
The Engineer was instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost at next meeting.

On the motion of Mr Raleigh
seconded by Mr Edwick
Tenders were ordered to be called for next Meeting 11th March for Culvert and approaches on the Mitiamo Road ½ mile north of Duncan's Public House

Carried

Tenders

Tenders were then opend for the works required in the repairs to Section 2 of the Swan Hill Road
On the Motion of Mr Raleigh
seconded by Mr Hardy
the tender of Thomas Sly junr was accepted at the following Rates Drains 3/ per chain
Earthworks 1/3 per Cubic yard
Blacktis' trees 3/ per Load
Repairing fencing of Culverts 40/ each one

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid

Engineer		25	. .	
Accountant C. C. Hutton (Sundries)		25	13 . 7	✓
Bendigo Hospital		10	. .	✓
" Benevolent Asylum		5	. .	✓
Burrows (fidelity		4	. .	✓
balance Hastie (Dawson		12	. .	✓

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The President instructed the Secretary to call Mr Burrows attention to the irregular manner in which the rates were being Collected and paid into the Treasurer, and also to inform him that it was expected he would attend at the meetings of the Council

The Treasurers balance was postponed in consequence of the absence of the Bank Book.

The President asked the Secretary to write about the Matter

Moved by Mr Edwick
Seconded by ~~Mr Mossop~~ Mr Laird
That this Meeting Stands adjourned until Friday 10th day of March next

Carried

The President adjourned the meeting accordingly

Confirmed 10th March 1876 John Gillespie
President

10 Mar 1876

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Friday 10th March 1876

Present — Jno. Gillespie Esq. (Chair)
Wm. Hardy ,
Geo. Mossop ,
D. C. Laird ,
Obd. Edwick .

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous read and Confirmed

Correspondence — Letters forwarded by order of the Council since last meeting were then read from the press book page 52 to 55 both inclusive

approved of

The President brought up a report on the journey of himself and the Secretary to Melbourne in the Matter of the petition for severance of portion of the Shire Report read

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D. C. Laird "
Obd. Edwick "

Minutes of the previous read and confirmed

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orning, March 3. 1876.

PETITION FOR SEVERANCE.

At the invitation of the Commissioner of Railways, the following gentlemen attended the [illegible] on Tuesday, 29th February, to give evidence on the petition which originated in Raywood and Neilborough, to sever portions of the several neighboring shires, and form a new shire with Raywood as its capital town. The president and secretary of Echuca; president and secretary of East Loddon; president and secretary of Marong; president and secretary of Swan Hill, &c., and several members of Parliament were present. Mr Townsend McDermott attended on behalf of the different shires. The Commissioner said he should like to hear the case for the petitioners, when Mr Nancarrow said he appeared on their part, and urged that a general dissatisfaction prevailed in the Shires of Marong, East Loddon, Swan Hill, and Echuca, although he could not bring forward any one proof of any of the ratepayers who had a grievance who have sought redress in vain. Mr McDermott wished to urge that the present Act gives "no power to the Governor-in-Council to grant such petition," and was going on to prove such was the case, when he was interrupted by the Commissioner, who said that in case that view of the case was urged, it would be necessary for him to consult the Crown Law Officer, in which case his decision would have to be postponed. He (Mr Jones) would very much rather hear the case and give a decision "on its merits," and afterwards he would hear and take the proper step, if any technical objections were raised. This course was approved of on both sides, and the Com[illegible] then said that the petitioners having c[illegible] case he would now hear the objectors, [illegible] several shires, some of whom ha[illegible] petitions signed by more names than t[illegible] petition, and brought forward proof [illegible] petition was signed in many instances by false representations having been made, that there was no want of proper attention by the shires to that portion wished to be excised, and so fully convinced the Minister of the justice of their case, that he (Mr Jones) spoke, in giving his decision, very plainly on the subject, saying that the assertions of the applicants were in no way borne out by proof, and that it was a most serious matter to bring all those gentlemen to Melbourne on no case at all. He thought that before cutting up any shire the most overwhelming evidence should be adduced of the necessity for so doing, and he should take care that while he (Mr Jones) was in office such should be the case. Mr Stevenson (the permanent head), who was present, also expressed a very strong opinion on the subject of small villages getting up petitions to sever portions of shires, when they had not revenue enough to pay their own officers, and also on the subject of cutting up existing shires, which he strongly condemned.

Severance of portion of the Shire Report read.

Severance of Shires

Report of the President

To the Members of Council of East Loddon

In consequence of a communication received from the Minister of Railways. I deemed it advisable together with the Presidents of Echuca, Swan Hill and Marong ~~together~~ with their respective Secretaries and accompanied by our Secretary to attend at the Railway Department to answer a petition for the severance of part of our Shire

It was impossible to obtain any counter petition, the reason amongst others being that the time intimated by the Commissioner by which such counter petition should reach, was by far too short but I instructed the Secretary to furnish the Minister with all and every particular of the grounds on which we opposed any severance, and I am happy to report that that Statement together with the statements put forth by the other opposing Shires was the means of convincing the Minister that the petitioners had no grounds for asking for a severance

I feel that I should congratulate the Council in having got rid of this Vexatious case as the Minister in giving his decision distinctly laid it down as a rule he would adopt in future "that he would require overwhelming evidence of the necessity for so doing" before he would sanction the cutting up or interference with existing Shires.

Departure
6th March 1876

John Gillespie
President

orning, March 3. 1876.

PETITION FOR SEVERANCE.

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After hearing the report read
It was moved by Mr Laird
seconded by Mr
That the thanks of the Council be voted to the President and the Secretary for the aid rendered by them in bringing the matter to its present termination

Carried unanimously

Letters received

No 1 From Electoral Reform Conference
Calling the attention of the council to present very unequal distribution of parliamentary representation, and requesting the Council to send two delegates from this council to a meeting to be held at Webers Hotel on Tuesday 4th April to take such measures as may be deemed advisable to attain the object sought

Received

No. 2 From Shire of Hampden
Forwarding copy of petition about to be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly asking Parliament to pass a Statute similar to the "Width of Tires Statute" now in force in South Australia

As the members generally were in favor of such a petition being forwarded the Secretary was instructed to have such petition drawn out and ready for the Presidents signature by next meeting.

No 3 From Secretary Inglewood Hospital
Asking for the patronage of the Council to the festivities to be held on St Patricks Day
After some conversation on the subject it was decided that it be left to the members themselves

Record

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Asking that returns may be forwarded not later than 31st March

Received

No. 5 From Bank N. S Wales
Acknowledging receipt of guarantee policy G. n Bumoro £200 held by Bank to the credit of the President

Received

No 6 Telegram from H Wilson
in the matter O. P Davis

Received

No. 7 From Bendigo Hospital
Acknowledging receipt of donation £10. 0. 0

Received

No. 8 From Secretary Swan Hill Shire
Calling the attention of the Council to the defect in the 39th Clause in the Local Government Act 1874 and suggesting an amendment whereby persons petitioning the Government for severance of portion of a Shire should be compelled to deposit with the Minister the sum of £50. which sum in case of a bona fide petition may be returned to the petitioners or where the petition appears to the Minister to be without just cause he may award the amount or so much as he may deem sufficient to cover the costs that may be incurred by any Shire having a just defence
In consideration of the matter it was agreed to assist by any means the enactment of such a measure
Mr Hardy who be agreed with the measure whished the matter to stand over till next meeting.

Received

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No 9 A petition was received signed by Millar Bart. Mc Clean and Cheyne. praying that a portion of the Road running East and West north of Mc Leans Land may be cleared and rendered fit for traffic before the winter sets in

In discussing the subject as to the most suitable road it was moved by Mr. Mossop.

Seconded " Mr Idwick

That the President. Mr. Hardy and the Secretary visit the ground in question and decide

The visit was to take place on Monday the 20th. Instant

Carried

No 10 From John Lawson

Stating in reply to Councils letter the lines of Roads in the Shire that he wished thrown open and requesting the same may be opened according to the act without obstruction of fences or gates Vide letter

Mr Laird said that the roads asked to be opened were he knew for a certainty were in a great measure perfectly useless for traffic. and if thrown open would have to be kept in a state of repair

Mr Hardy said he quite agreed with Mr Laird and could see no good would arise from throwing open the roads

Mr Mossop said he could not see the justice of treating one rate payer different to another Lawson had been ordered to remove his hay stack and he thought he was perfectly justified in compelling others to remove obstructions from off the roads

Mr Idwick said he quite concured in the opinion that there was no necessity whatever for having the roads in question thrown open and would move

That the request of Mr. Lawson be not complied with

Seconded by Mr. Hardy

Carried

Tenders

The following Tenders according to advertisement were then opened.

Tenders for the erection of Culvert and Earthworks approaches in the parish of Singee

Thos. Sly Culvert £42. " "

Earthwork approach " 1/1½ per yard.

Tenders by Johnston

Culvert £ 38. 15

Earthwork approaches 1/4½ per C. Yards

Both the Tenders were considered too high. and the Engineer was deputed to confer with Sly and to accept his Tender should he be inclined to accept 1/ per Cubic Yard for the approaches, if not to advertise for fresh Tenders to be opened on the 24th March by the following Committee

Messrs Idwick

" Mossop.

" Laird

who were authorized to accept the same

Notice of Motion

Mr Hardy then brought forward the following notice of Motion standing in his name

I hereby give notice that at the next ordinary meeting to be held on the 10th day of March I shall move that a certain resolution carried on the 10th day of September 1875 to the effect that the Shire Hall be not let for the purposes of dancing "be rescinded"

Mr Hardy said that a Committee had been formed for the purpose of getting up an entertainment for the benefit of the Inglewood Hospital; which it was intended to finish up with a dance but so long as the resolution remained on the Books of the Council it was found that the use

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of the hall could not be had for the purpose of dancing
The committee intended having the affair conducted
under proper supervision and would take care that the
furniture was not abused, and the hall itself left clean
and in proper order.
Mr. Moorop seconded the Motion and thought as
it was for a charitable purpose the Council would no
doubt grant the use of the hall.
Mr. Laird said that he was opposed to having any
resolution passed by the Council rescended at a
Moments notice he was certain that if the votes of
the ratepayers were taken they would endorse his
views.
The President said he was of the same opinion
as Mr. Laird, that the hall should not be used as
a dancing room, but he would put the question
on the question being put

Mess^rs	Moorop	}	for
"	Hardy		
"	Redwich		
"	Laird	}	against
"	Gillespie		

The President declared the Motion Carried
and requested the Secretary to obtain from
the Committee the sum of Ten pounds £10
as a security that the Hall was left in proper
order
Mr Laird Moved
Mr Moorop Seconded
That the Engineer be requested to call for Tenders
for grubbing and clearing road ½ Chain for 80
Chains More or less, in the parish of Pomphrey
Carried

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Moved by Mr. Redwich
Seconded by Mr. Moorop
That the Engineer be instructed to Call for
Tenders for Culvert and Approaches for Culvert
and approaches on Echuca Levie of Road.
Carried

The President instructed the Secretary to advertise
a notice to defaulting Ratepayers that unless the
rates due the Council together with arrears be not
paid before the 10th April, the same will be handed
over to the Shire Solicitor

The following accounts were then passed and
ordered to be paid

	J Potter		✓	£ 6.	"	-
	President Rep. Severance		✓	9.	14	-
	Secretary " "		✓	7.	14	"
	Bank N.S. Wales		✓	328.	12.	5
	Contract 83. 84	Balance	✓	32	"	"
	Contract 93.	Bank Victoria		25	"	"
	J. G. Hornblower		✓	13.	1.	"
	J. Burke		✓	1.	"	"
	Evans Bros.		✓	4.	4.	6
	R. O'Connor		✓	2.	5.	"
(91	Contract Mr.	Balance	✓	51.	19.	6
189)	Contract "	"	✓	32.	12.	2
	Engineer		✓	25.	"	"

Moved by Mr. Redwich
Seconded by Mr. Hardy

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That the Meeting stands adjourned until
Saturday 15th April next

Carried

Confirmed this 15th day of April 1876

John Gillespie
President

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shaw Hall Serpentine
Saturday 15 April 1876

Present — Jno Gillespie Esq Pres.
Geo. Mossop "
D C. Laird "
O Edwick "
Wm Hardy "
Jno. Raleigh "

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and

Confirmed

Correspondence — The correspondence sent by order of the Council was then read from the press Book pages 66 to 79 both inclusive and

Approved of.

Letters received

Previous to the reading of the correspondence the Secretary informed the Council that the sum of Two pounds had been received for a temporary Spirit License on the night of the Hospital Benefit

It was moved by Mr Edwick
Seconded " Mossop
That the £2 be refunded to the Committee as a donation to the Inglewood Hospital

Carried

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Correspondence

No. 1 — From Central Board of Health
Enclosing Instructions to Local Bodies

Received

No. 2 — From Shire of Mansfield
Making enquiries as to expences of Shire

Recd

and Copy of last years balance Sheet to be forwarded

No. 3 — Hugh Mc Coll Secy N W Canal
Containing Statistics of Grand N.W. Canal

Read

No. 4 — Government Statist
Acknowledging receipt of Statistics

Received

No. 5 — Government Statist
Acknowledging account of number of Stock
Slaughtered within Shire

Recd

No 6 — From N. W. Canal Co
Containing report of Col Gordon

Received

No. 7 — From Hugh Mc. Coll
Containing reply to the above

Received

No. 8 — From Govt. Statist
Returning to the Collection of Statistics

Received

No. 9 — From Treasury Melbourne
Enclosing an account for signature for the Amount
of first moiety of Subsidy £1040.

Received

ordered to be Completed and returned

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Correspondence

No. 10 — From Victorian Rifle Association
Asking for a donation towards sending a team of
Victorian Riflemen to compete at the Philadelphia
Exhibition in September next

Received

No 11 — From Royal Insurance Company
Informing the Shire that the premium on fire
policy would be due on the 24th Inst

Received

Ordered to be paid

No 12 — From Education Department
Enclosing the sum of £2 10. for Repair to Rooms

Received

No 13 — From James Mills
Refering to rates

Refrd to Valuer

No 14 — From Geo Masterman
Same

Ditto

No. 15 — From J Potter
about useless journey to Rochester

refrd to Secretary

No 16 — From J. Lawson
Refering to a previous Communication on the
subject of opening up the Roads

Read

The President directed the Secretary to refer Mr Lawson
to the published Minutes of the previous Meeting
and also he could on application see the Minute
at any reasonable hour

Correspondence No 17

Mr Crow H. Wrigon Solicitor
Informing the Council of the result of Appeal Case in re C. P. Lewis and inclosing Bill of Costs £8. 17. 7.
Read
Ordered to be paid

A petition was received from Andrew Cheyne and others praying that a certain road South of A. Cheyne allotment may be reopened
Read

It was moved by Mr Mossop
seconded " Mr Raleigh
That the Engineer visit the locality and bring up a report at next Meeting
Carried

Report

The President reported that Councillor Hardy and himself accompanied by the Engineer had visited the locality referd to in Mr Lewis's petition and he would move that tenders be called for to be opend at next Meeting for clearing the stumps on the road on the North side of Mr Lewis and placing a small Culvert there, also clearing the road on the West side of Mr Lewis for a distance of 2 Miles and about a mile West to meet Cheynes Cleared Road
seconded by Mr Hardy
Carried

Mr Hardy moved
Mr Mossop seconded
That tender be called to be opend next Meeting for clearing Road running East from Swan Hill Road near Cordys ½ Chain wide to extend to plain
Carried

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Mr. Raleigh said that something should be done towards making a crossing or a rough Log Bridge over Baillocks Creek in the parish of Glaxpannie and he would move that the Engineer bring up at next meeting an estimate of the Cost
seconded by Mr Mossop
Carried

Mr Selwick moved
That the Engineer report on the advisability of erecting Wings to Culvert on Blind Creek

Tenders

The following tenders were then opend
Jno Davidson
Culvert on Echuca Road
as per Specification £25
Cert 9d
Earthwork at per Cubic Yard ½

Thomas Fly junr
Culvert 5l. 1s. 6d
Earthwork at per Cubic Yard 1½d.
Mr Mossop moved
Mr Hardy seconded
That Davidsons tender be accepted
Carried

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Only one tender for clearing road at Pompeii
it was moved by Mr Laud
seconded " Mr Mossop
That the tender of H. Smith at 3/7 per running Chain be accepted
Carried

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The Treasurer brought up his report and Monthly balance shewing a credit to the Shire funds of £ 411. 5. 7.

Moved by Mr. Moorsp
Seconded by Mr. Hardy
That the Statement be accepted

Carried

The President directed the Secretary to make enquiries about the Shire advertisements being inserted in the Bendigo papers he did not think sufficient publicity was given to them under the present arrangement

Accounts

It was moved by Mr Raleigh
Seconded by Mr. Hardy.
That the following accounts be passed for payment

Return deposit Contract	88	✓	£✓	5.	.
" " "	80	✓	✓	5	.
Treasurer Clearing Office		✓	✓	4.	10
H. Smith Contract	91	✓	✓	65	4 4
27.12.17.7 H. Wrixon Law Costs		✓	✓	8.	17. 7
Bank N.S.W. Cont	91	✓	✓	100	. .
Bank N. S. W. "	91	✓	✓	~~100~~	. .
Bank N. S. W. "	87½	✓	✓	~~50~~	. .
Bank N. S. W. "	87½	✓	✓	~~30~~	. .
Royal Insurance Co		✓	✓	4.	—
Wm. Gostkin Contract	89	✓	✓	20	. .
" " "	89	✓	✓	25	. —
G.M. Burrowes Collector on a/c		✓	✓	25	. .
Engineer Sal.			✓	25	. .
Coutts Donation to Ingl. Hospital			✓	2	. .
C. Hutton Contract	90	✓		45	. .

Carried

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Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Raleigh
Seconded by Mr Edwick
That the Meeting Stands adjourned until Friday the 12th day of May next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Carried

The President declared the Meeting adjourned accordingly.

Confirmed this 19th day of May 1876

John Gillespie
President

12 May 1876

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 12th May 1876

The only members present being Messrs Gillespie Edwick and Hardy the meeting was adjourned until Friday the 19th May 1876.

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Adjourned Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 19th May 1876

Present — Jno Gillespie Esq
Donald C Laird.
Geo. Mossop "
Chd Edwick "
Wm Hardy "

Minutes — The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and

Confirmed

Correspondence — The letters sent by order of the Council since last meeting were read from the press book pages 80 to 92 both inclusive and

Approved of

Letters received

No. 1 — From Henry Wrixon
Acknowledging receipt of the amount of Bill of Costs in the matter of P. C. Davis

Received

No 2 — From Edward Evans
Asking the Councils permission to erect a fence

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on the road at Yandarra for the purpose of protecting a live fence which he was about planting.

permission granted

No 3 From Office of Roads and Bridges

On the subject of dividing the Shire into Ridings

The President stated that in accordance with the letter he had instructed the Secretary to have the petition drawn up and hand it to the rate collector to obtain the requisite signatures.

Mr. Edwick said he thought the Council had done all it should do, and he objected to the officers of the Council taking any part in the matter, it now rested with the ratepayers themselves.

Mr. Hardy also thought that the President had no right to give orders to the officers without Consulting the Members.

Mr Laird was of opinion that the President had acted perfectly right. After Mr Gillespie had made a promise to the Minister to perform a certain act, he was bound in honor to see it carried out and if any mistake had been made it was his duty to see it corrected.

It was all very well to say that the petition should have been left in the hands of the ratepayers, but as the Council had commenced the movement, he thought the the President was justified in using such legal means as he deemed fit, and he (Mr Laird) should certainly support him

Mr. Hardy moved "that the rate payers get notice of what was required by the Government and that the instruction given by the President to the Secretary be quashed."

Correspondence

Mr. Edwick seconded the Motion

Mr. Mossop moved an Amendment

That the instructions given by the President be cancelled out, but that he also give notice to the ratepayers by advertisement and by posters

In Considering the matter he (Mr. Mossop) could see reason in the arguments on both sides of the question He thought however that the President was right in the step he had taken and deserved support.

The amendment was seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

Mr Edwick asked that his dissent might be noted

No 4 From George Harrison

Respecting payment of Rates

Received

No 5 From Inglewood Advertiser

Referring to advertisements

Received

No 6 From Herbert Lamont

In the matter of Police Court fines

Received

No 7 From Henry Dixon. Solicitor

Referring to defaulting Ratepayers

Received

No 8 From Mackay & Co

Referring to advertising

Received

Correspondence No 9 — From Herbert Lamont
Referring to payment of Account. £8. 15
Received

No 10 — From Henry Mayson
Forwarding Receipt for Bill of Costs incurred
in re C. P. Davis £8:17.7.
Record

No 11 — Petition from Feeney and others
praying for an alteration of site for Bridge over
Bullock Creek
In taking this petition into consideration Mr Hardy
said this one was the most numerously signed than
any that had been received
The President suggested that as there so many different
opinions respecting the most suitable site for a bridge
that the Councillors should meet the ratepayers at
Duffys Public house in the vicinity of one of the sites
pointed out and hear all sides. This appeared to meet
the views of all the members and the President then
directed the Secretary to give the necessary notice
and take the steps to secure the attendance of persons
interested, at Duffys Hotel. Hayanmi on Tuesday
the 30th. May 1876

Tenders — Tenders were then opened for the several Works
as advertised and consideration the following
were accepted

91	No 1	Grubbing & Clearing	per Chain	£ 1
		Construction of Culvert as per Specification		
		Thomas Ely jun.		

Tenders 91 — No 2 — Grubbing & clearing at 1p Chain
as per Specification
Thomas Ely jun

98 — No 3 — Culvert in parish of Dungee
Earthwork at 1p Cube yd
as per Specification
Robert Muirhead

It was resolved that Tenders be called for the
following works to be opened next monthly meeting
Culvert and approaches road South of Cheynes
Grubbing and Clearing on road to Cobie's
Grubbing & Clearing on Eclwea road

On the suggestion Mr Mossop the Engineer was authorised
the present Tender for grubbing & clearing on Gilli
Road 8 0 Chain

Report — The Treasurer brought up his monthly report and
Statement shewing a credit balance of £1052.
The report was received

The following accounts were passed for payment

Bank N.S.W Contract	91	✓	✓	£ 50	"
Bank N.S.W Contract	91	✓	✓	100	"
Bank Victoria "	92	✓	✓	50	"
Bank Victoria "	93	✓	✓	14. 11.	6
Jno Davidson "	94	✓	✓	40	"
Completion H C Jepson "	72	✓	✓	1. 7	"
Secret Service		✓	✓	8. 15	"
Engineer		✓	✓	25	"
J G. Hornblower P & a		✓	✓	7. 17	"

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During the consideration of the accounts the Secretary informed the ~~~

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpentine Shire Hall
Friday 9th June 1876

Present — Jno Gillespie Esqr — Chair
D C Laird Esq
George Mossop Esq
Ch Edwick Esq
Wm Hardy Esq

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

Correspondence — The letters sent by direction of the Council since last meeting were then read from Letter Books pages 80 to 88 both inclusive and approved of

Letters received

No 1 — From Sandhurst Lime and Cement Company — Received

No 2 — From Central Board of Health enclosing circulars being directions as to treatment in cases of Scarlet fever — Received

No 3 — From Mr. H. Wrixon Solicitor. in re defaulting ratepayers — Received

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Correspondence No. 4 — From Central Board of Health
Forwarding plan for temporary hospital in case of outbreak of scarlet fever

Received

No. 5 — From Jno Gellespie President
Referring to meeting that took place at Mullock Creek in the Matter of the Bridge and giving the necessary instructions

Received

Mr Redwork moved
Mr Morsop seconded
That the decision arrived at and the instructions given by the President in the matter of a Bridge over Mullock Creek be confirmed

Carried

The President moved
Mr. Hardy seconded
That Tenders for the Bridge be called for the 20th June and that Messrs Laird
Morsop
Redwork
be appointed a committee for opening and accepting the same

Carried

No. 6 — From J. Raleigh sending excuse for absence from Wards Meeting and suggesting that several works urgently required on the parishes of Talbot and Tarrangower

Received

On the Motion of Mr Morsop
seconded by Mr Laird

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The Engineer was instructed to have the works alluded to by Mr Raleigh carried out without any delay

Carried

Proposed by Mr. Morsop
seconded by Mr Hardy
That leave of absence be granted to Mr Raleigh for the day

Carried

Mr Morsop moved
Mr Laird seconded
That the Secretary be authorized to have the necessary repairs effected to the Shire Hall

Carried

No 7 — From — Walsh Inspector N. S. Wales Bank Melbourne in the matter of Engineers Certificates for progress payments on Contracts

Mr Hardy said that the letter received from the Bank was not at all satisfactory, and did not at all reply to the question the Secretary had asked. The inspector did not appear to understand what an engineers certificate was altogether he looked upon the letter as an attempt to snub the Council and he thought the Council should by no means submit to it as he was perfectly certain it was quite uncalled for. He thought the Bank had no right to make any such important changes as the mode of doing business with the Council without giving some sort of notice and he would move "That the Council remove its account from the Bank of New South Wales

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seconded by Mr Moseop
who said it appeared to him that the Bank of New South Wales were doing all in their power to drive their Customers away

Mr Edwicke said he did not wish to offer any opposition to the motion but he thought it to be in order that a notice of motion should be given as all the Councillors were not present. he believed that Mr Raleigh was quite as likely to resent the action of the Bank as Mr Hardy was he thought that to be in order a Notice should be tabled.

Mr Laird believed that the Council should resent such an affront as the Bank had attempted to put on a Public body but believed also it would be much better if done in a legalmate way

Mr Hardy agreed to withdraw his motion stating that he would at the proper time give notice of Motion

Mr Edwicke called the attention of the council to the necessity of clearing a road leading to Naughtons as the timber at present prevented his reaching his place without going a very long way round.

Moved by Mr Laird
seconded by Mr Edwicke
That Tenders be called to be opened next meeting for clearing such portion of the line in question as may be required

Carried

Mr Hardy moved
Mr Edwicke seconded
That Tenders be called for clearing the road near Reid, opened next Meeting

Carried

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Mr Edwicke spoke of the advisability of clearing the road running past Mr Kinnons Selection and moved that Tenders be called for the same

Mr Laird did not think the expenditure called for, as tenders had been already called for clearing a road only a mile apart, and running in the same direction

After a discussion on the subject it was resolved that Messrs Raleigh, Moseop, Laird and Edwicke be appointed to visit the locality and decide.

On the Report of the Engineer it was moved by Mr Laird seconded by Mr Hardy

That the Tender of H Smith for grubbing and clearing, be cancelled, and his deposit forfeited, he having neglected his contract for two Months

The President directed the Secretary to call for fresh Tenders.

The Treasurer brought up his statement and monthly report shewing a credit balance in the Bank of N.S.W £ 823. 11. 8

moved by Mr Hardy
seconded by Mr Edwicke
That it be adopted

Carried

The Secretary informed the council that it would be necessary for at least 4 members to attend the Revision Court on the 14th July being the day for which the Court had been fixed.

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Accounts

The following accounts were passed for payment

Mc Kay & Co Sandhurst		£3	✓
Sly & Fry Contract 92		100	✓
Gouldson Contract 96 & 12		20	✓
" " 98 & 18			✓
Davidson Contract 94		40	✓
Glenhead " 91		200	✓
" " 87½		75	✓
Gressier Work & Labor		4. 10	✓
Engineer		25	✓

Tenders

Tenders were then opened and the lowest tenders accepted viz

99 George Bloomfield for grubbing and clearing road near Sobbie ½ Chain Wide according to Specification 3/6 per Running Chain

100 Wm Wylie Grubbing & clearing on Eglinton Road 1 Chain Wide 4/5 per running Chain as per Specification

The following notices of motion were then read by the Secretary

By M. Hardy

I hereby give notice that I will at the next Monthly Meeting move that this Council remove its account from the Bank of New South Wales to the Bank of Victoria Inglewood.

By M. Massop.

That the Engineer make enquiries as to the boundaries of allotment 91 A parish of Tarrenlodge East for the purpose of making

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a crossing from the Reserve on to the surveyed line of Road on eastern side of Creek

Moved by M Edwick

Seconded " Hardy

That this Meeting Stands adjourned until Friday the 14th July 1876 at 11 A.M.

The President adjourned the Meeting accordingly

Confirmed This
Day July 14th 1876 John Gillespie
President

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Deepwaterne
Friday 14th July 1876

Present

Jno. Gillespie Esq
Geo. Mossop "
Chas Edwards "
Jno Raleigh "
Wm Hardy "

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Raleigh explained that he had pointed out to the Engineer the places that urgently required attending to in the neighbourhood of Pandarra and it was for the Council to confirm the orders given by the engineer to the Contractor

Moved by Mr Mossop
seconded by Mr Hardy
That the instructions of the Engineer be confirmed
carried

Correspondence

No 1 From R.V. Phelps
Asking for Law Costs
Received

No 2 From Johan Stevenson Roads & B
Stating that as his time after the 1st July would be entirely taken by the administration

Correspondence

of the Railway Department in consequence of so many lines being projected it was contemplated handing handing that branch of his department relating to the Local Government Act over to the Chief Secretarys Office and requesting that all correspondence after 1st July may be addressed to Mr Edgar offering at the same time to assist the various Local bodies if in his power to do so

Mr Raleigh said that he was exceedingly sorry to hear that Mr Stevenson had been obliged from departmental Changes to hand the Local Bodies over to another department. Every one who had been brought into contact with Mr Stevenson would bear witness to his general urbanity and courtesy and the valuable assistance he had at all times when asked rendered to the various Local Bodies and he would move the the Secretary in wishing him officially farewell embody those views in the letter

Carried unanimously

No 3 From Shire Marong

Stating that in consequence of Mr Stevenson handing over the Local Government branch of his Office to the Chief Secretarys department it had been suggested by the Marong Council to present him with a substantial testimonial and asking this Council if it would join in the movement

Moved by Mr Raleigh

Seconded " Edwick

That the Shire Council of Marong be informed that this Council will most cordially cooperate in the matter and asking for further particulars

Carried

Correspondence

No 4 From Bank Victoria

Stating in reply to the Councils Letter that the Bank would be happy to do the Councils business at the usual Banking terms

Received

No 5 From Sandhurst Survey Office

In re reserves in parish Yallook

Received

No 6 From Jno. Gillespie

In the Matter of Bullock creek Bridge &c

Received

Mr Mossop here left the Council Chamber

No 7 From Hon. J. J. Casey

relating to New Fire Statute

Received

General

On the Motion of Mr Hardy. Seconded by Mr Renwick the engineer was instructed to erect the site at the North West Angle of Allot 91A and make the necessary arrangement for securing a Crossing over Serpentine Bridge

Mr Hardy in pursuance of notice moved That this Council transfers its account from the Bank New South Wales to the Bank Victoria

Mr Raleigh wished for some explanation as it was a very serious step to take and asked if there had been any Correspondence on the subject

Mr Hardy said that in consequence of there being no quorum the monthly meetings occasionally

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lapsed and the engineer had been empowered to grant certificates as progress payment on Contracts. These certificates the Bank had hitherto invariably cashed. He believed his was correct in saying it was the established Custom for the last ten years. Suddenly and without a word of warning the Bank had chosen to ignore the certificates and this placed the contractor in an awkward fix his checks with he had paged wages being returned through another Bank dishonored

The Secretary was instructed to ask the Bank Inspector for an explanation and the result was the letter laid on the Table. He Mr Hardy considered the letter an additional insult to the Council and one that should be resented

Mr Raleigh said he had read both the Secretary letter and Mr Walsh reply and he thought the tone of the reply left the Council no alternative. It could only he thought (and he was very unwilling to change a Bank account) adopt the resolution

On being put the Motion was carried Unanimously

Mr Edwards moved

Mr Mossop seconded

That Tenders be called for clearing road past Mc Kinnon half chain wide

Carried

The following Tenders were accepted

182 Lynch Grubbing and clearing road ½ Chain Wide near Lynches Selection 3/ per Chain

183 Thomas Sly Culvert near Sly £11 - -

Earth work ½ p.c. yd ¶ excavation

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Fresh Tenders were ordered for Works on Bullock Creek in Inglewood and Bendigo papers.

The Secretary was directed to apply for an extra polling place for the parish of Parkdale

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Shire of Marong on the subject of the State of the road in Campbells Forrest

The following accounts were passed for payment

182	Expences to Sandhurst	£ 4	"	"
	R V Phelps Law Costs	£ 2	2	"
	M. Timothy Insp. Slaughter	5	"	"
	J G Thomastower Printing &c	8	4	9
	Charles Hutton W & L	21	13	11
	Jno Davidson horse feed W & L	7	5	"
	Wilson & Mckinnon Australasian	3	18	"
	W. Wylie Contract 100	12	11	6
	Evans Brothers Stationery	1	19	8
	H. Smith Contract 90	30	10	"
	Jno Davidson Cont 94 Rd &	5	"	"
	Engineer Salary	25	"	"
	R. Oberhead Cont 87½ 91	80	"	"
	R Oberhead " 87½ 91	70	"	"
	Sly and Thomas Contract 92	35	"	"

The Secretary informed the Council that the Annual Election would occur before the next meeting would take place and that the retiring Member be Major Gillespie and Land

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The Elections would take place in accordance with the Act on the second Thursday in August. if Contested

The President deputy Mr Robertson to act as Returning Officer

This being all the business the Meeting was adjourned until after the Annual Elections

Confirmed this 15th day of August 1876

John Raleigh President

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 15th August 1876

Present Jno Raleigh Chair
George Mossop S. C. Laird
Abd. Edwick P. Flynn

The Secretary said he had received the Returning Officer's declaration concerning the late annual Elections and introduced Messrs Laird and Flynn as the newly elected Members who having made the necessary declarations took their seats at the Council Table

On the motion of Mr Edwick seconded by Mr Laird - Mr. Raleigh took the Chair.

Mr. Flynn said that as the youngest member he thought the prevelage of saying a few words would be conceded to him; he said he had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Raleigh for a number of years and proceeded in a lengthy Speech to pass a very high eulogium on that gentleman both in his private and official capacity and concluded by proposing John Raleigh Esqr to be the President of the Council for the Ensuing Year

The motion which had more than one Seconder was then carried unanimously

Mr. Raleigh who on taking the Chair and on thanking the members for again conferring the honor on him. said that should be absent from

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the meetings at any time it would be unavoidably so. and he trusted the members on those occasions would have consideration

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and

Confirmed

Correspondence

No 1 From Government Printer
Forwarding Government Gazette containing the appointment of new Polling Booth in Saddlers.
Received

No 2 From Bank Victoria Inglewood
Enumerating list of documents obtained from Bank N. S. Wales Inglewood
referred to Sec.

No 3 From Bank Victoria
Forwarding Cheque Book
Received

No 4 From City of Melbourne
Inviting Shire to send delegates to melbourne at Conference on the question of Main Road District Bill Rec'd
Mr. Rawiell made some remarks in which he highly approved of the Bill
Mr Mossop was opposed to the same
The Council decided to take no action in the Matter

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No 5 From Colin Campbell
Enclosing a number of Free Trade Tracts to be distributed amongst the members Received

No 6 From Town Clerk Raywood
Asking some particulars with regard to the ensuing elections
The Secretary said he had already applied
Received

No 7 From Henry Wrixon Landhurst
Asking for costs in Rate Cases
The Secretary said that altho Verdict had been obtained he had heard nothing more on the subject and he believed no orders had yet been applied for to the Court, he had written Mr Wrixon on the subject. Reply'd to Secretary

No 8 From Office of Chief Secretary
forwarding Map and information shewing in what manner the electorate of Mandurang would be effected by the new Bill
After a considerable discussion it was decided that the proposed Bill would make the boundaries equitable and the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Honble the Chf Secretary to the effect that the Bill met with the entire approval of the Council rec'd

No 9 From J. M Barr Secty Electoral Conference
In the matter of a conference on the question

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No. 10 From Shire of Warrandyte
re management Main Road Bill
Received

No. 11 From John Heavenson
Thanking the Council for the very kind and handsome in which it had bid him Farewell
Received

No. 12 From A. Black District Surveyor Sandhurst
forwarding plans of allotments on Serpentine Creek and also reserves.
The Engineer reported that he had visited Portion 91 Parish of Jamieson and had pointed out to J. Turner the way it was proposed to make a crossing over Serpentine Creek. Mr Turner did not approve and he (the Engineer) had asked Mr Turner to see the Council.
Mr. Turner appeared and strongly opposed the proposition that had been submitted to him by the Engineer and after some argument on the subject it was finally agreed that Mr Laird and the Engineer visit the Land in question and report to the Council at next Meeting. Rec'd

No. 13 From Shire of Warranga
In Re management of Commons
Rec'd

No. 14 From John Clark. Bellerine ploughing match Committee
Advocating a Champion Ploughing Match with the World, and asking Cooperation
Rec'd

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re Electoral Bill
Read

No. 16 From Hon. T. T. Casey
Making several enquiries as to the number of Voters within the boundary of the Shire
The Secretary said he had already answered Mr Casey's enquiries Rec'd

No. 17 From City of Melbourne
Referring to a Bill about to be introduced concerning trial by Juries
Rec'd

No. 18 From Proprietors of the Papyrograph
Soliciting orders
Rec'd

No. 19 From Lands Department
Informing the Council that the enlarged plan of the parish of Jamieson East, was not quite ready for issue
Rec'd

No. 20 From Trustees of the O'Connell Statute fund
Rec'd

The Correspondence forwarded by order of the Council since last Meeting was then read from the Press Book and approved

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Tenders

The Tenders for the works as advertised for were then opened and the lowest Tender in each case being accepted.

Moved by Mr. Laird
Seconded by Mr. Mossop

That the Tender of Joseph Hunter for grubbing and clearing road at Pompalpiel as per Specification for 3/ per running Chain and Thomas Fly junr @ 4/ per running Chain at Jamieson West be accepted

Carried

Moved by Mr Mossop
Seconded by Mr Laird

That Thomas Fly. Tender for Log Bridge over Bullock Creek as per specification for the sum of £ 188. 18. 6 be accepted and earthwork Approaches @ 5/ per C Yard Carried

Mr Mossop moved
Mr Laird seconded

That the Engineer be instructed to have a drain cut from the Corner of Duncans Road in the parish of Dungee and the stumps removed from off the Road

Carried

Mr Flynn said he thought the late President should have a vote of thanks for the Manner in which he had filled his position

Mr. Raleigh said that was a duty which properly devolved on him (Mr R) and Mr Flynn had just anticipated him he was very glad and he had no doubt all the Members of the

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Council would join him in expressing their appreciation of the honorable and impartial way in the President's Chair had been filled by Mr. Gillespie and in giving him a vote of thanks

Carried unanimously

The President then directed the Secretary to convey to Mr. Gillespie the above resolution

Mr Edwards proposed that Tenders be called for the Office of Rate Collector

Collector of Agricultural Statistics
Collector of Dog Tax

to be opened on the 8th day of September

The following accounts were then passed for payment

Mackay	✓	£ 5.	2. 6
Inglewood Advertiser	✓	7	7. 6
J. G. Hornblower	✓	10.	3. 9
Returning Officer	✓	17.	16. "
Contract 95	✓	20.	9. 1
Williams	✓	1.	14. 6
Donovan	✓	1.	5. 6
Engineer	✓	25	" "
Contract 89	✓	53.	15. "

Mr. Raleigh gave Notice that he should at the next ordinary meeting to be held on the 8th day of September move that a rate of one Shilling in the pound Sterling be Struck on all the Rateable property within the Shire such annual rate be fixed by a charge of 5 per Cent on the Capital Value of the Land which has been fixed at £ 2 per Acre

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Mr. Redwick moved
Mr. Laird seconded
That this meeting stands till Friday 8th day of September

Carried

The President adjourned the meeting accordingly

John Raleigh
President

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 8th Septr 1876

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1875

Present — Jno. Raleigh — Pres.
Wm. Hardy
Obd Redwick
D. C. Laird
Geo. Mossop
Pat. Flynn Esq.

Minutes — The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and

Confirmed

Mr Wilson from Yallock presented a petition praying that the Council would not intertain Mr Redwicks motion of paying the Engineers expences of going to Melbourne on behalf of the Railway league

Mr. Raleigh informed Mr Wilson that the Council had dealt with the matter.

Mr. Hardy said the petition was not received.

Mr. Wilson then presented what he said was a petition from the rate payers asking that the Rate be not increased and entering a protest against Mr. Raleighs notice of motion

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Mr Raleigh said he saw a great many signatures down of persons with whom he personally spoken and who had assured him they were perfectly satisfied and he was therefore of opinion the petition had been signed under misrepresentation Mr. Raleigh then explained the effects of his motion which would make the rates exactly as they were last year.

Mr. Wilson who either could not or would not understand Mr Raleigh then made some rambling statement, and addressed the members of the Council individually upon which the President said

Mr. Wilson, I am the President of the Council and any remarks you have to make you will have the goodness to address to the Chair. You may now return to the gentlemen that sent you and inform them that the Council intend to day to strike a rate in according with the notice for the ensueing twelve months, pending which no alterations will be made

Mr. Wilson then withdrew

Correspondence

No. 1 From A. Black District Surveyor
forwarding plan shewing boundaries allot. 91 A Lamerton Rail.
Recd

No. 2 From Discharged Prisoners aid association
Recd

No. 3 From Lands Department
informing the Council that the allotment in the State forest should not be alienated steps are now being taken to have them

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withheld under the 102 Section

Mr. Edwick moved

Mr Hardy seconded

That application be made to the Government to have the whole of the State forest permanently Reserved

No 4 From Three Conference
In the matter of the Electoral Bill, and stating that a "pro rata" Call of two guineas had been made
Rec'd

No 5 From Edward Turner
Offering his services as Consulting Engineer
Recd

No 6 From Borough Issendon
Asking the Council to subscribe to the expence of remitting Case to the Privy Council in the Matter of taking the Flemington Race Course Recd

No 7 From Three of Ballan
In the matter of Government Auditors
Recd

No 8 From Royal Humane Society
Asking subscription
Recd

No 9 From J. N. Abbott
Asking for Ratepayers roll
Recd

Secretary said it had been forwarded

No 10 From Wm Johnstone
Asking the Council to assist at a demonstration

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on the openning of the Bridgewater Railway
Recd

No 11 From Shire of Meredith
In the matter of Government Auditors
Recd

No 12 From Shire of Malvern
In re Local Govt Act
Recd

No 13 Bank of Victoria
Forwarding Pass Book
Recd

No 14 From John Garland
about repairs to Building
Recd

No 15 From Treasury Melbourne
forwarding second Moiety of endowment
Recd

Tenders

Tenders for the Office of Rate Collector
Collector of Agricultural Statistics and
Collector of Dog Tax as per advertisement
were then openned as follows

Peter Fletcher per Annum and one half Dog fees	£85
W. J Whittle	£75
Henry Payne and one half Dog fees	£100
Simon Maroney	£5
Thomas Aird	£5
Geo N. Burrows	£5

Moved by Mr Flynn
Seconded by Mr Hardy
That Mr G. N Burrows be appointed in
the terms of Secretary's written Specification
Carried

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Rates

Mr. Raleigh in pursuance of Notice moved
that the rate for the ensueing year be struck at
one Shilling in the pound on all rateable property
within the Shire
Carried unanimously

General

Mr. Aird moved
Mr. Mossop seconded
That Tenders be called for clearing Rebecca
road from Serpentine to Bullock Creek
Carried

Mr. Roderick moved
Mr Hardy seconded
That cost of Culverts and drains on Telegraph
line of Road from Serpentine to Fergusons bridge
be brought up at next Meeting
Carried

Mr. Flynn said there was a matter which he
wished to mention and that was the cost that members
were put to in attending Meetings. he alluded more
particularly to those members who had a long way to come
and pay for their own refreshments out of their own
pocket. He would move that refreshments be provided
to the members both for men & horses

Mr Hardy strongly supported the Motion and said
that from what he had heard that the East London Shire
was the only up Country Shire that did not furnish
the members with refreshments

Mr. Raleigh said that the Shire would be
differently constituted next year and he thought the
Council might as well let them

Mr. Mossop said he would support Mr Flynn's
motion. it was not fair to ask gentlemen to travel
20 miles to the Meeting and 20 miles back again

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often doing the business of the Council, pay their own personal expences. and have their horses indifferently attended to.

Mr. Edwick said the horses were always well attended to.

Mr Laird must differ with Mr Edwick. and must distinctly said the horses were badly attended to.

Mr. Raleigh said he quite agreed with Mr Laird as to the way in which the horses were treated he would suggest to Mr Flynn to alter his motion to the effect that the Secretary have a lunch provided at Barties, and call for applications for baiting the horses

Mr. Flynn agreed

Carried

Mr. Edwick dissenting.

Mr. Laird moved

Mr Mossop seconded

That Tenders be called for Strathbung and Inchmurra Road from Serpentine to Bullock Creek

Carried

Mr. Edwick moved

Mr. Hardy seconded

That Engineer prepare estimates for repairs to Telegraph road to Inglewood including Culverts drains & earthworks on approach to Bridge

Carried

On the motion of Mr Hardy

A report was ordered for clearing road running near Crotain Selection and also Freemens Selection to be considered at next meeting.

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Accounts

On the motion of Mr Raleigh the following accounts were passed for payment

Bank Victoria Cont.	✓	£ 100	. .
" Victoria	✓	75	" .
" Victoria	✓	100	. .
Mackay Sandhurst	✓	1	. 10 .
Mrs Fraser wid	✓	4	. 10 .
Engineer	✓	25	. .
Bloomfield Contract 99	✓	30	. . 6
Lynch " 102 q/c	✓	12	. .
Evans Brothers	✓	3	8 3

Mr. Edwick moved

Mr Hardy seconded

That this meeting stands adjourned till Friday 13th October 1876

Carried

The President

D Laird

Chairman of the Meeting

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpentine Shire Hall
Friday 13th October 1876

Present

D C Laird
George Mossop
Wm Hardy
Patrick Flynn Esqrs

In the absence of the President Mr Hardy moved Mr Flynn seconded
That Mr Laird take the chair
Carried

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and
Confirmed

Correspondence

The letters sent by direction of the Council since last meeting to page were read page and
Confirmed

Letters received

No 1 From Government Statist
Forwarding Copy of agricultural Statistics for the year 1875-6 for use of Councillors
Recd with thanks

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matter, and that Tenders had been called for

No 11 From J. W. Palmer C.P.S
In the matter of the issue of distress Warrants
Received

No 12 From Henry Wrixon
Stating that the delay in the issue of Warrants did not rest with him and that he had more than a month ago applied to the Court but could get no answer
The President directed the Secretary to forward Mr Palmer's Telegram to Mr Wrixon

No 13 From Joel Harwood
Requesting tracing of Crossing over Serpentine Creek
Received

No 14 From Chief Secretary
Asking for information about Main Roads and amount of Government Subsidy received.
ordered to be furnished

No 15 From John Raleigh
asking the Council to cause a letter to be written to the Shire of Marong about the State of the Road from the Serpentine to Railway Station at Bridgewater

Read

Mr Glynn stated that he saw from a report in the papers that the Marong Shire had already taken action in the matter.

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No 16 From Chief Secretary
Forwarding name of Government Auditor
Received

No 17 Petition from Kirwan, Boger & others
asking for certain Roads in the Parish of Calivil to be cleared
agreed to
The Engineer was instructed to visit and report on the Roads in question

No 18 From Ritchshank & Co
Asking permission to erect a crossing on Road over Tangers Creek
granted
to be constructed supervision of Engineer

Applications to attend and feed members horses were then opend
James Bailie 2/.
John Lawson 1/6
Moved by Mr Hardy
Seconded " Mr Laird
That the application of Bailie be received
Carried

Tenders for Works
Thomas Clay junr
Grubbing and Clearing Reduced Roads
One Chain Wide from Serpentine to plains 1 1/4 pr chain
Moved by Mr Laird
Seconded " " Morrish.
That the same be accepted
Passed

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No 2 From Victorian Shipwreck Relief Society
Asking donation and also to take Charge of List

Received

No 3 From Romsey Plains Council
In the Matter of Tolls

Received

No 4 From Chief Secretary
Asking for name of Local Auditor

Received

The Secretary said he had already furnished the information

No 5 From Treasury Melbourne
informing the Council that the endowment account had been passed for payment at the pay office Inglewood

Received

No 6 From Wannamboot Farmers Club
Referring to the drainage of swampy Country

Received

No 7 From J.A Podleck
Calling the attention of the Council to the fact that Wm Podleck had in January 1874 paid a yearly license of £10... for the Commercial Hotel and that on Wm Podleck leaving the Serpentine in June of the same year J.A. Podleck had to pay a sum of £2. for permission to have the

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License transferred to him and in September of the same year he had to pay a further sum of £5. to have the same ratified. He thought this latter payment rather hard as he had been in the House the whole of the time and now respectfully requested the Council to refund him the sum of £5

On consideration the members present seemed to agree with Mr Podleck and it was
Moved by Mr Moss
seconded by Mr Flynn
That the sum of £5 be refunded to Mr Podleck

Carried

No 8 From Revd J Mc Lachlan
Asking for permission to use the Shire Hall on the first Sabbath of every Month for the purposes of Divine Service

Granted subject to arangment

No 9 From School for Blind
Requesting usual donation
Moved by Mr Moss
seconded Mr Hardy
That a subscription of £2.2. be forwarded

Carried

No 10 Petition from J Harry & others
praying for certain Roads to be cleared

Received

The Secretary said that from instruction from the President, he had already seen to the

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Mr Laird moved
Mr Mossop seconded
The Tender of Thomas Hy for Grubbing and clearing Road in Yandana and Yallock and also in Cinque @ £4 per chain 1/2 chain wide

Carried

Mr Flynn applied for permission to erect a swing gate on Road between allotments 71. 72 Jamieson last

granted

Mr Barlie applied for permission to erect a fence on main Road to protect a live fence on his property

to stand over

Mr Flynn Treasurer placed his statement and Monthly account before the Council shewing a credit Balance of £830. 3. 8.
Moved by Mr Flynn,
seconded . . Hardy
That the statement be received

Carried

Moved by Mr Hardy
seconded by Mr Flynn
That tenders be called for crossing over Creek between Wickham and East Loddon

Carried

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Mr Mossop moved
Mr Hardy seconded
That Tenders be called for repairs to Telegraph Road to Salisbury Bridge including two Culverts-

Carried

The following accounts were ordered to be paid

L. Lynch	Cont- 102	£ 2.	10— .
Joseph Hunter	103	17.	1h. 6
Engineer		25	" "
Sundries	Inst R. Wks	10.	12 .
G. N. Burrows		17.	6. 6

Moved by Mr Mossop.
Seconded . . Hardy
That this meeting stands adjourned until Friday 10th day of November 1876

Carried

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting accordingly

Mr Laird moved
That Tenders be called for next Meeting for grubbing & Clearing Road between Yanoyna and Jamieson East.
Mr Flynn said the road in question was much required
Mr Mossop seconded

Carried

Chairman D. C. Laird

10 Nov 1876

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall Serpentine
Friday 10th Nov. 1876

Present — D. C. Laird
George Mossop
Abel Rednick
Patrick Hylynn
William Hardy Esqr.

In the absence of W. Raleigh it was moved by Wm Hylynn
Seconded Mossop
That Mr Laird take the Chair
Carried

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 letter Book pages 1511 to 172 both inclusive
approved of

Letters received

No. 1 — From Borough Inglewood
Asking the Council to contribute towards the demonstration fund on the occasion of the

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opening of the Inglewood Railway

Mr. Glynn thought the Council should contribute towards the opening

Mr Mossop thought that as the Council has lent its influence towards having the Railway constructed it should assist at the opening

Mr. Edwick held a different opinion and thought the Council had no authority to expend money on festivities that took place outside the Shire

Mr. Laird agreed with Mr Edwick and thought that if the Council had had that power it would certainly have been used when the Rail was opened to Badgeworth

Mr. Hardy said that if the Council was divided on the subject it were better that the matter be not entertained

Mr. Glynn moved that £15. be subscribed

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder

The matter then dropped

No 2 From R. F Cypke Mitiamo

Refusing to remove in the Township.

The Secretary stated that he had written to Mr Cypke advising him to apply to the Police for a summons.

Reed

No 3 From E. Mc Dougal Town Clk Sandhurst

Complaining of the manner in which

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No 3 he had been treated after the loan of the Ballot Boxes at the last Election

Refer'd to Returning Offer

No 4

From Education Department

Asking if Shire Officers could obtain information with reference to the attendance of children at State Schools.

Reed

The Chairman suggested that the Board of advice would be the proper body to ~~xxxxx~~ propound any scheme on the subject.

No 5 From Borough Inglewood

forwarding seven Complimentary tickets for the Inglewood demonstration

The Chairman directed the Secretary to thank the Mayor of Inglewood for his courtesy.

Received

No 6 From Govt Auditor

appointing 15th Instant as the day on which he will meet Local Auditor

Received

No 7 From I Garland

Asking for Progress payment

Refer'd to Engineer

No 8 From H J Watson

In the matter of collecting arrears of Rates

Reed

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No 9 From Govt Statist
Asking for certain information
Read
The Chairman directed information to be furnished

No 10 From Chief Secretary
Requesting to be furnished with fresh Electoral List in accordance with new Act
Read
The Secretary said he had already furnished the information required

No 11 From Deaf and Dumb Asylum
Forwarding Report and requesting donation
The Secretary said a donation had been voted last Meeting
Read

No 12 From Hugh Mc Coll
Re the North West Canal Scheme
Read

No 13 From H J Wrixon
Re the matter of defaulting Rate payer
Read

Tenders

The following Tenders were then opened and considered as numbered in advertisement

No 1 Grubbing and clearing Calivil 1/2 Chain Wide
John Lynch at per L. Chain £4/11
Thomas Sly jun " 5/-
Geo Bloomfield " £3/14 3/4

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No 2 Grubbing & Clearing One Chain wide
James Barlie at per Chain 5/5
Thomas Sly jun 10/-

No 3 Culverts and earthwork
R. Bleakhead Culverts £23 ea
Drains per chain 5/10/-
Earthwork per yard 1/10d
Thos Sly jun
Culverts £9/17 ea
Drains per Chain 5/-
Earthwork per yard 1/11d
James Barlie
Culverts £15/- ea
Earthwork per Yd 5/-

It was moved by Mr Hardy
That the following Tenders be accepted
Geo. Bloomfield grubbing & clearing in Calivil
James Barlie " " Yarrayne Boundary
James Barlie Drains & Culverts Telegraph Road
Seconded by Mr Edwick
Carried

The application of Mr Barlie to erect a fence on the road in front of his property and which application had been left over from last meeting was again read
Mr Morrop said the width required should be stated as also the nature of the fence
after considerable discussion
Mr Edwick moved
That Mr Barlie be allowed 2 feet on the Road and that the fence to be erected be either a post & wire or post & Rail
Seconded by Mr Laird
Carried

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Instructions

The Chairman instructed to call for fresh Tenders for Bridge and approach near Wickham and also to report at next ordinary Meeting about crossing over Bullock Creek in the parish of Pompapiel.

On the motion of Mr Hardy
seconded by Mr Laird
the following accounts we ordered to be paid

School for Blind		✓	£ 2	2 -
Podlock return Licenses		✓	5	. .
Wrixon Law Costs		✓	10	19. 4
C Hutton Petty Cash		✓	10	. .
Engineer Sal		✓	25	. .
J Barlee	W & L	✓	2	4. 3
J Lawrence	W & L	✓	2	14 . .
Bank Victoria		✓	200	. .
E. Williams	W & L	✓	3	12. 11
Mackay	P. & L	✓	3	. .
J Hornblower	P. & L	✓	9	13 -

Thos. Flynn 8th Dec 1876

Mr. Edwick moved
Mr. Mossop seconded
That this Meeting stands adjourned until Friday 8th Dec'r next.

Carried

Chairman adjourned accordingly.

Confirmed this 8th day December 1876

John Raleigh
President

8 Dec 1876

Adjourned Annual Meeting

Shire Hall Friday 8th Dec. 1876

Present

Jno Raleigh Esqr Pres
D C Laird
Pat Flynn
Wm Hardy
A Edwick

The Secretary informed the Council that this was the adjourned Annual Meeting and laid on the Table the Annual Balance Sheet of the Councils Books shewing a Cash Balance of £22. 4. 8

After examination the report was received adopted and finally passed

On the motion of Mr Flynn
seconded by Mr. Edwick
the annual Meeting was then adjourned sine die

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Thue Hall Friday 8 Dec. 1876

Present John Raleigh Esqr Pres
D. C. Laird "
P Flynn "
Wm Hardy "
C. Edwick "

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Correspondence

No. 1 From Colin Campbell
In the Matter of Free Trade League
Received

No. 2 From G. M. Burrowes
apologising for absence in attendance on the Council
Excused

No. 3 From Education department
Enclosing form of notice to be served by Collector as Truant officer
Referd to Secretary to make necessary arrangements.

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No 4 From Evans Brothers
Soliciting orders for directory

Reed

The Secretary was instructed to order seven copies.

No 5 From City of Sandhurst
in re amendments in Public House and Sale of Liquor Bill

Received

No 6 From Secretary Shire Swan Hill
forwarding plan and estimate of Work required on the Swan Hill Road
As it was pointed out by the engineer that the work was almost entirely in the Swan Hill Shire it was arranged that before deciding on the matter Mr Hardy and the Engineer should meet the Engineer of the Swan Hill Shire and confer.

No 7 From Thos Hy junr
Requesting an extension of time for the completion of his Contracts

Referred to Engineer
It was decided taking into consideration the present scarcity of Labor that all works in the shire be suspended for the space of one Month

8 Dec 1876 Roads

A letter was read from Jno Raleigh Yandiana asking permission to hang Swing Gates within the Boundaries of the Yandarra Run and promissing to keep the same in good order and pointing out that the main Yenicks Road was completely fenced off and was without a gate
It was agreed that the application should stand over till next meeting
Mr Laird on behalf of Ellershank Bros
Mr Edwick
Mr Hardy & others made similar application it was agreed that all such applications should be held over till next meeting

An application was made by Adam Shaw to have the two Chain road running parallel with the river Loddon from the Serpentine to Durham Ox cleared of all obstructions wide cleared.
Mr Laird pointed out that it take 5 Miles of clearing to benefit only one individual, the obstructions on the road in question were very trifling.
After some discussion on the subject is was agreed that Mr Edwick and Mr Ilyan accompanied by the Engineer should visit the road in question & report at next Meeting. The Engineer also to bring up report on Certain dams alleged by Mr Shaw to be erected across surveyed Roads

Tenders Were then opend for the ~~Set~~ several works as advertised for

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The only Tender for work at Pompapiel was from Thomas Thy jun but that being considered too high fresh Tenders were ordered to be called for next meeting

For crossing and approaches near Wickams the Tender of H. Tephson
Culvert £10 - - - Earthwork 1/- per Yard
was accepted

Upon the matter of a crossing over Bullock Creek, reported upon by the Secretary at last meeting it was decided that a deputation of the Council should visit the locality and report at next meeting

The Treasurer brought up his monthly report and statement shewing a Credit balance in Bank of £133 9. 6. 8

Read

The Secretary reported that in the matter of the division of the Shire into Ridings every thing necessary had been done and he was expecting to hear from the department next week

The following accounts being examined were ordered to be paid

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	James Barker	£	1	0
Work & Labor	Bank Victoria Garland M.L		25	" "
	Government Auditor "		13	14 6
	Local Auditor "		9	9 "
	G. N. Burrows on a/c Sal		15	" "
	Engineer 2 mo. "		50	" "
Bank	Glenhead Contract 87½		100	" "
"	Glenhead " 91		100	" "
	Repairs to Hall &c.	£	31	15 "

Carried

Moved by Mr Adwick
Seconded by Mr Hardy

That this meeting stands adjourned to Friday 12 day of January 1877

Carried

The President adjourned the meeting accordingly

John Talbot ... President

Confirmed this 12th January 1877