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# Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
January 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

Present Councillors Potter President  
" Laird  
" Coultts  
" Hardy  
" Pentreath  
" Bissell  
" Gill  
" Lethlean  
" Raleigh

Minutes The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and  
Confirmed

Correspondence Letters Received  
Or Hospital for Sick Children Melbourne Soliciting  
Donation Moved by Mr Potter  
Seconded " " Lethlean  
That the sum of £100  
be granted as a Donation  
Carried

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2 Shire of Swan Hill Kerang  
re Weir & Water  
Conservation

Received

3 Chief Secretarys Office  
Acting for List of Ratepaying  
Electors

Received

4 Lands Survey Office Melbourne  
Stating that the  
Land purchased by the Council from F. Lawson  
was in arrears of rent

Received

5 Government Statist  
Requesting early return of Statistics

Received

6 Government Statist  
re Statistics

Received

7 Office of Mines Melbourne  
Re Water Supply

Received



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- 8 Government Statist  
re Statistics

Received

- 9 Inspector of Slaughter Yards  
Asking for  
£5 - being half years salary

Moved by Mr Poller  
Seconded by Mr Coult's

That the amount

be paid

Carried

- 10 Rev. Rinder L. L. V. R. League  
Asking Donation  
in aid of the funds of the League  
To stand over till General Business

- 11 William Hardy  
Re Tender for same

Received

- 12 Thomas Henderson S. S. H. K. R. League  
Requesting Donation

To stand over

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- 13 Ratepayers in the Parish of Calver  
Asking the Council  
to pay Mr Statters expenses to Melbourne  
on behalf of the Calver Railway League  
to stand over

- 14 J. S. Robertson  
Offering his services to the  
Council for the sum of £125 per annum  
To stand over

Mr Lethlean moved

That the applications for  
assistance from the several Leagues left  
over from last meeting stand over for one  
month

He would except the application from  
the Looson Valley League as that was more  
urgent

Mr Hardy objected to several of the  
applications for assistance. He thought the  
Council should draw a line

Some of the applications were out of all  
reason and only for mere personal  
expenses

Mr Coult's declined to pay these small  
constant applications for small sums  
applied for by small Leagues for personal  
expenses

The Raglehawk League seemed to hang  
on Councils ad libitum



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Mr Raleigh moved

That a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Eaglehawk League asking for particulars of the expenses incurred and that the matter stand over for 1 month

Seconded by Mr Lethlean

Who withdrew his motion and

Carried

Mr Hardy moved

That the sum of £10 - be the Loddon Valley Railway League

He did not wish to ask for an exorbitant sum and hoped the Council would adopt his proposition as the line the League was supporting would benefit this Shire materially

Seconded by Mr Polter

Carried

Mr Raleigh thought the matter had better be left over with the other Railway matters and a lump sum voted and then divided the council not to entertain any further applications

Mr Gill

was in favour of a vote to the Loddon Valley League but thought the matter might stand over for a month

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Mr Coultz would support Mr Hardy's motion he did not like the matter being blocked as the amendment suggested by Mr Raleigh would do

The Loddon Valley League was fairly entitled to assistance

Mr Raleigh disclaimed any wish to block the proposal as he considered the League had done good service for the west portion of the Shire

Mr Gill moved as an amendment

That the matter stand over for one month

Seconded by Mr Raleigh

Mr Hardy said he would withdraw his motion if the President as seconder would consent

The League was not hard pushed and could afford to wait for a month

The Council would then probably pay more as the Loddon Valley League never demeaned itself by making exorbitant demands or levies as a certain big League had often done  
Mr Gill's motion was then put

and Carried



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Reports

## Secretarys Report

I have the honor to lay before you an account of the expenditure incurred in the various Ridings for the past month viz.

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| North Riding  | £ 86 " 4 " 0 |
| South " "     | 162 " 5 " 7  |
| East " "      | 32 " 10 " 0  |
| Joint Account | 100 " 2 " 7  |

Also a Statement shewing the Liabilities of the various Ridings

In the absence of any determination arrived at by the Government as to the amount of subsidy I would still advise caution as to the amount of work to be undertaken for the present

Moved by Mr Poller

Sec -

Mr Lethlean

Engineers Report

Carried

I have the honor to report that in consequence of your instructions I went to Weaderburn and on the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month consulted with the Shire Engineer there Mr Starr on the design for the proposed Bridge over the Lodon. Mr Starr suggested many alterations both in the general Design and in the details.

He proposed to reduce the number of spans from 5 to 4 also to lower the Bridge considerably.

The effect of these alterations will be to diminish the cost of the structure and as it will doubtless answer the intended purpose.

I agreed to adopt his suggestions.

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and have prepared fresh drawings and specifications in accordance therewith.

As Mr Starr agreed to submit the matter with explanation to his Council I did not wait on the Horong Shire Council therefore avoiding the expense of waiting 48 hours longer at Weaderburn.

I have since been in communication with Mr Starr and I believe carried out all his views in preparing the new plans and specifications as his signature to them is required.

I have prepared plans and specifications for Culvert and formation on Harrisons Road East Plan.

The works of the various contracts have been delayed by the harvest most of our Contractors availing themselves of the months extension granted to them.

R. H. Roberts has completed his contract for formation on the Durham Esc and Raywood Road near Doolau.

The Public Taut on the same road is virtually completed though I have not yet measured it. I fenced in the East and North sides the part towards the road remains open.

The small taut on the side of the road, included in Roberts contract near Doolau above mentioned should also be fenced off.

I have closed Thos Reles Contract but the amount of earthwork measures up less by nearly 800 cubic yards than specified owing to the drains being kept smaller than directed.

I have employed James Mully to repair culverts on the Swan Hill Road at a cost of £17.6

There is a Culvert in the Bank south of Bears Lagoon which is quite useless and as



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the plankway is getting out of repair and will shortly cost money. I recommend it should be taken out and the whole filled in. The plankway from this Culvert could then be utilized to repair others.

I estimate the cost of finishing the East approach to the Bridge over Bullock Creek at Pompafield at £30-

The cost of repairing sheeting at from £15 to £18

Moved by Mr. Poubreath  
Seconded by Mr. Lethlean

That the Engineers Report be received

Carried

### Treasurers Report

The Treasurer brought up his report and Monthly Statement showing a credit Balance in Bank of £109" 13" 2

Moved by Mr. Pocher  
Seconded by Mr. Lethlean

That the Treasurers Report be received

Carried

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Mr. Coult's brought under the notice of the Council a paragraph in the Herang Times stating that the Minister of Mines had paid the money due from the Government for the Serpentine Weir.

He wished to know if this Council had received it.

The President said the money had not been received.

Mr. Hardy said

That the president of the Swan Hill Shire Council had told him that they had received their share.

Mr. Coult's was surprised that the Minister had forwarded the money to the Swan Hill Council, they had no right to it.

It was the duty of the Department to send the money to this Council who had charge of the Weir and had expended the money.

If the Swan Hill Council had received the money it was he considered another piece of dodging on the part of the Minister.

How came this paper to know the money was paid and the Council know nothing about it.

Moved by Mr. Coult's

Seconded by Mr. Hardy

That the cooperation of this Council be given to the Swan Hill Council in their endeavours to obtain Water Conservation and assistance.

Carried



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Movers On the Motion of Mr Raleigh  
 Seconded " " Mr Lethlean  
 The following  
 Movers were accepted  
 1 Culvert formation on Road near Harrisons  
 Parish of Larklan

Deposit  
 £3 6 3 David Dow £66 5 0

2 Office of Caretaker for the Shire Hall  
 Robert Cannon £14 19 6

On the motion of Mr Pentreath  
 Seconded " " Mr Coult  
 The following accounts

| were passed for payment      |       | £  |      |
|------------------------------|-------|----|------|
| Secretary                    |       | 16 | 13 4 |
| Cugmer                       |       | 20 | 16 8 |
| Amalgamated Room             |       | 1  | 10   |
| Special Messenger            |       | 2  | 10 " |
| Suspector of Slaughter Yards |       | 5  | " "  |
| G. C. Burrows                |       | 5  | " "  |
| R. H. Roberts Contract       | 229   | 30 | " "  |
| Richard O'Neil               | " 227 | 10 | " "  |
| R. H. Roberts                | " 224 | 45 | " "  |
| Thos. Reles                  | " 216 | 19 | 12 2 |
| Gen. Rowiller                | " 215 | 40 | " "  |
| David Dow                    | " 213 | 7  | 2 6  |
| W. A. Lephson                | " 208 | 20 | 4 "  |
| R. H. Roberts                | " 230 | 56 | 8 10 |
| R. Cannon                    | W. L. | 5  | "    |
| James Muller                 | " "   | 1  | 7 6  |
| Phillip M. Mahon             | " 232 | 4  | 10 " |

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General Business  
 Mr Gile

Moved that the thanks of this Council  
 be given to the upper house for their action in  
 substituting the Line of Railway from Eaglehawk  
 to Kerang in lieu of Elmore  
 Seconded by Mr Lethlean

Carried

Moved by Mr Coult  
 Seconded " " Lethlean

That the President be  
 appointed to act with the Deputation to the  
 Government on the Subject of Water Conservation  
 from the Swan Hill Shire Council

Carried

Moved by Mr Gile  
 Seconded " " Laria

That the motion passed  
 at the last meeting appointing Mr L. P. Woods  
 Secretary to the Shire be rescinded

Carried Unanimously

By Mr Gile

I move that applications be  
 received at the next ordinary meeting of  
 this Council from persons willing to  
 undertake the duties of Secretary to this  
 Shire at a Salary of £150 per annum  
 References and Testimonials required

Seconded by Mr Raleigh

Carried



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By Mr. Lee

I move that a Special Meeting be held at 1 o'clock on the next ordinary meeting for the purpose of appointing a Secretary and that notice of such extraordinary business be forwarded to each Councillor in due course.

Seconded by Mr. Potter

Carried

Instructions to officers

The Engineer was instructed to get formation pushed at Bullock's Bridge by Hester at Schedule price of per c. y. and to employ day labour to repair sheet piling.

Mr. Coult's move

That the Engineer report on the crossing over the Loadon at Turners and state the cost of improving same at next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Hardy

That the Engineer forward the plans of the Loadon Bridge to the Board of Land and Works and request that the same be approved and returned at their earliest convenience.

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Mr. Lawia

Wishes the President when in Melbourne to see the Post Master General and ask that the mail from Inglewood to Serpentine should be arranged to leave at midday in place of midnight.

The Council then adjourned and the next meeting was ordered to be held on the 3rd Friday in February 1881.

John Potter.  
President



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# Shire of East Loddon

## Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall  
 Serpentine  
 Febry 18-1881

Present  
 Mr. Potter. President  
 " " Raleigh  
 " " Hargay  
 " " Laird  
 " " Coult's  
 " " Lethlean  
 " " Bissett  
 " " Gill  
 " " Pentreath

### Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Meeting  
 were on the motion of Mr Raleigh  
 Seconded by " " Lethlean

Conformed

### Correspondence

Letters Received

Mr Henry Lynch

Asking for use of Hall on  
 the 24<sup>th</sup>

Granted on payment of £1- per night



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- 2 Borough of Daylesford  
Asking cooperation  
in re Endowment

And it was resolved that this Shire  
cooperate w

Recd

- 3 Treasury Melbourne  
Re Statistics

Received

- 4 Shire of Swan Hill  
Re Deputation to  
Melbourne

Received

- 5 W. H. Coffey Inglewood  
Re purchase of  
Land and enclosing Bill of Costs

Received

- 6 Overingham Greenfield & Carters  
Grain Report

Received

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- 7 Central Board of Health  
Enclosing form to fill up  
ordered to be filled up

Received

- 8 Clarke & Melbourne  
Re Loans

Received

- 9 Constable Douglass Raywood  
Reporting sickness  
and measles  
Secretary said he had given notice

Received

- 10 Municipal Association Melbourne

Received

- 11 Chief Secretary Melbourne  
giving notice that rates had been gazetted

Received

- 12 Thos Morrow Inglewood  
Enclosing order of  
R. H. Roberts for £22 "10" 0

Received

No action to be taken



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13 Shire of Swan Hill  
Re Weir over the River  
Soddon

Moved by Mr Coult's  
Seconded " " Lethlean

That the Secretary  
write to Shire of Swan Hill saying that we  
have forwarded all vouchers and if  
the Department require any further  
information it will be furnished them  
from this office

Carried

14 Eyebar Hospital  
Forwarding Report

Received

15 Annual fact from Melbourne  
Forwarding Directors  
Received

16 Inglewood Benevolent Society  
Received

17 J. W. Jackson  
Acknowledging Receipt of  
letter in re alterations of mails

Received

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18 Nicholas Howells  
Asking when he was to be paid  
for Contract for fwyerposts

Referred to Engineer for Report

19 Department of Public Works  
Re Bridge over the  
Soddon  
Referred to Engineer

20 Robert Cannon  
Asking for the use of the  
stable

Moved by Mr Coult's  
Seconded " " Lethlean

That the request  
be granted

Carried

21 C. G. Barker  
Making application for  
a Bonus  
wishes to stand over

Received

22 Rawara Lester  
Asking to have Reles  
Contract transferred to him  
Referred to Engineer



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- 23 Richard O'Neil  
 Asking for time to  
 complete Contract  
 Moved by Dr Lethlean  
 Seconded " " Raleigh  
 That one month  
 be granted  
 Carried
- 24 Robert Vactman  
 Requesting refund of  
 expenses incurred on Railway  
 Deputation  
 Ordered to stand over
- 25 Rev. Pinder  
 Asking for use of Shore Hall  
 on 11<sup>th</sup> of March for Ball & Concert  
 Jan Aid of Hospital  
 Granted  
 Moved by Dr Laria  
 Seconded " " Lethlean  
 That the use of  
 the Hall be granted  
 Carried
- 26 St. Mirvan S. C. P. Lagune  
 Asking for  
 Donation  
 Ordered to stand over

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- 27 David Dow. Calver  
 Asking to be allowed to throw  
 up his Contract in Larklan without forfeiting  
 his deposit  
 Moved by Dr Coult  
 Seconded " " Laria  
 That if Dow did not  
 not proceed with the work his deposit be  
 forfeited  
 Carried
- 28 Patrick B. O'Loughlin  
 Asking for time to complete  
 his Contract  
 Moved by Dr Lethlean  
 Seconded " " Hattay  
 That 1 month  
 extension of time be granted  
 Dr Pentreath objected to granting extension  
 of time. The Contract was already 2  
 months over due  
 Carried
- 29 John Burford  
 Objecting to Measurements  
 to Engineer Measurements as incorrect  
 Received



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Reports

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The Council then adjourned for the Special Meeting and went into Committee to consider the applications for The Secretaryship. Fifteen applications were received. After each application had been read and discussed it was then considered. It was moved

Moved by Mr Hardy  
Seconded " " David

That  
Benj. Pinder be appointed Secretary to the Shire of East Loddon at a Salary of £150 per annum

On resuming the President announced to the Council that Mr Pinder had been appointed Secretary to the Shire by 5 to 4.  
Secretary's Report

I have the honor to report that the receipts on account of Rates have been as follows

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| North Riding | £ 23 " 10 "             |
| South " "    | <del>113 " 15 " 4</del> |
| East " "     | <del>86 " 12 " 6</del>  |
|              | 32 " 8 " 3              |

And the expenditure as follows

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| North Riding  | £ 113 " 15 " 4 |
| South " "     | 86 " 12 " 6    |
| East " "      | 34 " 2 " 2     |
| Joint Account | 51 " 0 " 10    |

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I have furnished an account of the expenses the Shire have incurred in storing water. This amounts to £700 - we expect to receive a subsidy on that amount for which purpose I intend forwarding an account to Town for monies we have expended in the storage of water

Moved by Mr Coult  
Seconded " " David

That the  
Secretary's Report be received

Carried

Engineers Report

I have the honor to report J. Dow has not signed his contract for work at Lart Hill for which his tender was accepted at the last meeting.

R. H. Roberts has completed his contract for the Public Lane near C. Mullars at Pompanil and B. Rawiller his contract on the Durham Esc. Road.

It has required 976 c.y. extra earthwork for formation on this Road as intimated in my Report in December last.

I have examined the Bridge near Davis Bros on the Durham Esc. Road and am of opinion that it should be taken down and rebuilt reducing its length by 2 feet and its width by 2 1/2 feet, about 1/2 of the present timber would be available.



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It might also be lowered 18 or 18 inches which would allow an improvement to the embankment which is high & narrow

The probable cost would be £70 to £80

I have inspected the crossing of the River Loddon near Surveys Farm and estimate the cost of a suitable low level Bridge with improvements to the approaches at £180 to £200

The works necessary at Watsons Taudarra will cost £18 to £20, and those near Coopers Taudarra, pipe Culvert or embankment, will cost £10 to £11-

Moved by Mr Coult  
Seconded " " Peubrecht

That the  
Engineers Report be received

Carried

### Treasurers Report

The Treasurer brought up his Report and Monthly Statement showing a debit Balance in Bank of £52 "11"11

Moved by Mr Coult  
Seconded " " Lavia

That the Treasurers  
Report be received

Carried

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### Reports

The President reported on his visit to Melbourne in cooperation with the Swan Hill Council. The Deputation was introduced to the Minister of Water Supply by Messrs Grant & Mr Cole who gave them every assistance during their interview with the Minister

The Minister in answer to their request stated that the Govt had no money on hand for refunding the money expended for water Conservation

He also interviewed the Minister of Public Works relative to the new Bridge over the Loddon

The Minister stated that if the plans were altered according to the recommendation of the Departmental Engineer they would be approved of and the subsidy placed on the estimates for 1881-2

Mr Hardy moved that

A Vote of thanks be passed to the President for his attendance on the Deputation

He thought the President was entitled to a special vote for his readiness in going to Melbourne on so short a notice

Seconded by Mr Lethlean

Carried



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General  
BusinessMover by <sup>Mr</sup> Raleigh  
Seconded " " Lethlean

That the consideration  
of the Donations to the Different Railway  
Leagues be postponed to next Meeting

Carried

<sup>Mr</sup> Laird asked the Engineer for an  
explanation relative to the earth taken  
out of the Trench on Sawsons Land

The earth was not taken a sufficient  
distance from the Trench

It should be taken 5 yards according  
to the specification but he (<sup>Mr</sup> Laird)  
maintained that the earth was not  
more than half that distance from  
the edge of the Trench

The first rain would wash the  
earth into the Trench again

The Matter was allowed to stand over  
until next Meeting to allow the  
Councillors to see the works or the Engineer  
to examine the same

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## Accounts

The following accounts were on the motion  
of <sup>Mr</sup> Pentreath  
Seconded by <sup>Mr</sup> Laird

Passed for payment

|                                       |   |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|
| Secretary                             | £ | 16 | 13 | 4  |
| Engineer                              |   | 20 | 16 | 8  |
| William H. Coffey Law Costs           |   | 9  | 8  | 10 |
| R. W. Trease Work & Labour            |   | 1  | "  | "  |
| C. E. Barker Postage Teleg. Exp. Maa. |   | 3  | 11 | 9  |
| Henry Jackson                         |   |    | 15 | 6  |
| Benj. Keast Contract C8°234           |   | 5  | "  | "  |
| Thomas Old. Work & Labour             |   |    | 8  | 6  |
| R. H. Roberts Contract C8°229         |   | 12 | "  | "  |
| " " " " " 236                         |   | 45 | "  | "  |
| " " " " " 230                         |   | 1  | 5  | "  |
| Phillip McMahon " " 232               |   | 7  | 5  | "  |
| Richard O'Neil " " 227                |   | 7  | 10 | "  |
| Benj. Rawlston " " 215                |   | 60 | 12 | 2  |
| James Mulley Work & Labour            |   | 2  | 12 | 6  |
| George C. Burrows Rate Collector      |   | 5  | "  | "  |
| Hospital for Sick Children            |   | 1  | 1  | "  |
| Patrick O'Loughlin Contract C8°233    |   | 80 | "  | "  |
| Hugh Cheyne Work & Labour             |   |    | 12 | "  |
| William Hardy Deputation Exp.         |   | 5  | "  | "  |



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## Motions

By Mr Raleigh That tenders be called for Metal or Timber Crossings one on the Road running East past Coopers selectom and one on the road running East past Waltons Selectom both in the parish of Sandarra  
Seconded by Mr Lethlean

By Mr Haray <sup>Carrier</sup> That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Korong Shire Council asking if they are agreeable to the alterations of the plans for the Loadon Bridge as requested by the Department of Public Works  
Seconded by Mr Lethlean

Carried

## Instructions to Officers

By Mr Gill That the Engineer inspect and report on an Culvert near Steeles

By Mr Lethlean That a List of Defaulting Ratepayers be prepared for next meeting

By Mr Raleigh That the Engineer inspect a Culvert near McKinnons in the South River

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By Mr Haray That Engineer report on Culvert near McLeas and on Swan Hill Road

By Mr Coult's That the Engineer report on the Road between the Township and Salisbury Bridge

By Mr Haray That the Engineer report on Culvert near Dordays St. Bouday & South Priory

By Mr Lethlean Engineer to report on Culvert and embankment near Priestleys

By Mr Coult's The Engineer to bring up a report of the cost of Turners Crossing

Notices  
&  
Motion

By Mr Gill That a road be grubbed and cleared  $\frac{1}{2}$  chain wide between the Parishes of Calivil & Parkland leading north from William Hardy's about 100 chains more or less

By Mr Laird That tenders be called for clearing the road leading from Millers Pompaniel West a distance of 3 miles more or less



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By O. Laria

That Engineer report on road

near Mully.

The meeting closed and  
The Council adjourned to Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>Serpentine  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1881John Potter  
President

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Serpentine  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1881PresentCouncillors Potter (President) D. C. Laird, D. Coult  
W. Bissett, W. Hardy, Gill and LethleanCorrespondenceN<sup>o</sup> 1 From H. B. Tolhurst. Sandhurst Group Municipal  
Association, requesting subscription of £1.10.0 -Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean and by C<sup>r</sup> Coult "That the amount  
be paid" CarriedC<sup>r</sup> Coult requested the Secretary to see if all subscriptions  
due from this Council to the Municipal Association had been  
paidN<sup>o</sup> 2 Korong Shire Council. Declining to agree to  
the alterations in the plans for the bridge over the Lockdown,  
as suggested by Mr Engineer Turner. Moved by C<sup>r</sup>  
Coult and seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean "That the Engineer  
be instructed to confer with the engineer of the Korong Shire  
and take such steps as may be considered necessary"  
CarriedN<sup>o</sup> 3. Department of Mines - re Serpentine Weir.  
Returning Vouchers, forwarded from this Council in  
April 1880, the same not being properly signed or attested.  
Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean and seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Hardy  
That fresh Vouchers be drawn out by the Secretary and  
forwarded to Mr Nicholl the Contractor, and requesting him  
to sign the same CarriedN<sup>o</sup> 4 Mr Priestly. Stating he was valued for more  
land than he holds. Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Coult seconded  
by C<sup>r</sup> Laird "That the rate collector see Mr Priestly and  
arrange the matter" Carried



Correspondence No 5 Patrick Griffin. Complaining that he was valued for more land than he holds in the Shire.

Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean and seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Gill  
"That the rate be reduced to 6/-" Carried

No 6 Thomas Henderson. Secretary Baglehawk and Kerang Railway League, stating liabilities of League to be about £25. 0.0. Received

No 7 J. S. Robertson. reminding the Council of a promise given by the president and C<sup>r</sup> Coutts of the sum of £50 in addition to the £150 agreed on. Received  
The president and C<sup>r</sup> Coutts disclaiming ever having made such a promise.

No 8 Hugh McColl M.L.A. with map of the proposed new provinces Received

No 9 B. Heast. Contractor. asking for extension of time. Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Coutts "That the request be granted" Carried

No 10 R. O'Neil. Contractor. relinquishing Contract in favor of partner R. Cruise, and requesting Council's consent to same. Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Coutts and seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean "That the request be agreed to" Carried

No 11 Petition from Ratepayers in the North Riding re Clearing of Roads. Moved by C<sup>r</sup> Coutts seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean. The petition was referred to the Members for the North Riding Carried

## Reports

The president reported on his attendance at the Struthurst Group meeting.

On the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Coutts seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Land The thanks of the Council were passed to the president for his attendance at the meeting.

C<sup>r</sup> Hardy reported on attending a public Meeting at Calivil in favor of Railway extension, through the Shire, in a more westerly <sup>direction</sup> than line at present being surveyed from Baglehawk to Kerang, and that the president and C<sup>r</sup> Gill had been appointed a deputation to interview the Minister of Railways on the matter.

C<sup>r</sup> Gill reported that he, as one of the deputation, had waited upon the Minister of Railways.

The president also reported that he had accompanied C<sup>r</sup> Gill on their interview with the Minister of Railways and had also interviewed the acting postmaster general with reference to a new line of postal Communication in the Northern portion of the Shire.

C<sup>r</sup> Coutts moved That the report be received seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean Carried

C<sup>r</sup> Coutts reported that he had had an interview with Mr. Etherhanks relative to the land at bullock Creek on which the Council had made a Tank, where Mr. Etherhanks asked £10. 0.0 for his right to the land. C<sup>r</sup> Coutts further stated that he had come to no arrangement with Mr. Etherhanks.

C<sup>r</sup> Hardy moved and C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean seconded That the members for the South Riding be empowered to have a fence erected on the front of the dam next the road Carried

Treasurer's report showed a Debit balance to the Bank of £251. 2. 7. On the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Land seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean the report was received



Secretary's report

In presenting my first report, I beg to thank the Council for the honor conferred upon me by electing me Secretary to the Shire. The books were duly handed over to me by the President on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The late Secretary on that occasion, informed the President and myself that the books were all duly posted up to the preceding day. I have, however, found that the ratebook and ledger have not been duly written up during the present financial year. In the Cash-book I find there are many items that have not been entered, principally the amount paid for publicans licenses during the month of December last.

I shall, previous to the next Council meeting, duly attended to and written up. I find on examining the vouchers passed for the current year, are stamped with the word "Cancelled" a term, that in this case I am at a loss to understand, as the amount in the voucher tallies with the cheque paid. In the office, I find many things deficient for working the office properly, and keeping it in an efficient state. Attached I present a return, showing the liabilities of each Riding for works now in progress. I also report the receipts for each riding for the last month as follows

|              |    |    |   |
|--------------|----|----|---|
| North Riding | 17 | 16 | 6 |
| South        | 9  | 14 | 9 |
| East         | 23 | 8  | 6 |

I also hand in the Rate-collector's list of unpaid rates for each riding. I have also to report that C. Laide has paid to myself the sum of 17/6 rates on 175 acres of land, late the property of James Mills, but that the same is entered in the ratebook as being 305g.

The map of the parish of Pompaupis, in which the land is situated, shows only 175 acres, and the rate-collector agrees that the latter is the correct area. Please insist in this matter, as the Treasurer declines to give a receipt until the Council has decided the matter.

On the motion of the President seconded by C. Hardy the report was received. On the motion of C. Gault the ratebook was allowed as suggested.

Engineer's Report

I have the honor to report that I have prepared new plans and specifications of the proposed bridge over the Lockdown at the Majors Crossing to meet the objections of the Government's engineers. I have prepared plans and specifications for two works in the par. of Tandana for which tenders have been invited.

The approaches to culvert near McKinnon's and the drain across the roads near Priestley's have been repaired by L. McKinnon. The approaches to the culvert near the Green Hills were repaired two months since as I before stated. The pump at Marks dam, Dingee has been wilfully damaged, but not so as to prevent its working. Some person has taken off and carried away the top rail of a Culvert in the same neighbourhood.

The works required in the swamp on the East and West roads near Mullays are a small culvert and 300 C. yd. of earthwork, the cost will be £55. Those required on the East and West roads near McLeods are a Pipe Culvert and 200 C. yd. of earthwork, the cost will be £15. The earth covering of two Culverts near the boundary of the South and North Ridings on the Swan Road, referred to by C. Hardy require renewing, as do several others through the Shire. In reference to the portion of the Slegwood and Swan Hill road from the Serpentine township to the Salisbury bridge 2 1/4 miles in length some portions, about 1 mile in aggregate length stand in need of immediate repair other portions 1/2 mile in length are not in good order but might be postponed for a time, the remaining 3/4 mile is in fair running order.

The repairs to the worst portions that I would recommend are covering the loose material forming the present surface with a bank of clay or soil containing very little sand, 18 feet wide at the top, one foot high on the sides, and 2 feet 3 inches high in the Centre, such an embankment will require 80 C. yds of earth per chain and would probably cost £5 per chain or £400 per mile. The cost of metal broken to a 2 1/2 gauge and spread 15 feet wide and 9 inches thick would be about 67 per C. yd. or £8.5.0 per chain or £660 per mile. Broken clay may possibly be



obtained at a cost of 4/- per C. yds or £5.10 per chain or £440. per foot, but it is certain to be of variable hardness and consequently wear badly. The sides of the road from the township to the bridge should be rendered available for traffic by clearing off all the stumps and fallen timber.

On the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Coutts seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Laird the report was received.

### General business

C<sup>r</sup> Coutts moved and C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean seconded That the sum of £6 be passed to Mr. N. Kerivan of the Galivil Railway League and £5 to Mr. Robert Jackson of Gallook towards their expenses in connection with railway extension through the shire.

Carried

On the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Coutts seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean That the sum of £10 be voted to the Engineer as a bonus for extra work in connection with the serpentine weir, subject to consent of the Swan Hill Council and that the same be paid out of the Govt grant for the weir.

Carried

On the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Coutts The Secretary was ordered to take the necessary steps for having the land in Gallook transferred.

Carried

C<sup>r</sup> Coutts brought up the matter of the weir and stated he believed £500 could be collected towards repairing the same. C<sup>r</sup> Hardy supported the statement, and trusted something would yet be done towards making the money already expended useful.

### Motions

C<sup>r</sup> Coutts moved by leave of the Council without previous notice That tenders be called for clearing the road from Serpentine township to Salisbury bridge of all stumps and dead wood, tenders to be in by Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> and opened by the members for the South Riding. Seconded C<sup>r</sup> Laird and

Carried

C<sup>r</sup> Potter moved by leave That tenders be called for clearing the road from the Serpentine township to the end of the parish of Jarllan of all stumps and deadwood. The same to be in by next meeting. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Hardy and

Carried

C<sup>r</sup> Gill That tenders be called for clearing road 1/2 chain wide from Mr Hardy Lur. to allotment 111 parish of Galivil. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Hardy and

Carried

C<sup>r</sup> Laird That tenders be called for clearing road 1/2 chain wide from C. Miller's to the boundary of the parish of Pompaipel. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Coutts and

Carried

### Instructions to officers

The Secretary was instructed to notify all ratepayers in arrears that if the amount was not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> April proceedings would be taken.

The Secretary to write the Korong Council asking them to join in improving crossing at Lurien on the Loddon.

The Engineer to report on works mentioned in the petition from the North Riding.



Accounts

The following accounts were on the motion of  
 C<sup>r</sup> Laird seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean passed for  
 payment

|                    |     |    |    |
|--------------------|-----|----|----|
| Engineer           | 20  | 16 | 8  |
| Secretary          | 12  | 10 |    |
| Rate Collector     | 5   | "  |    |
| Geo Hardy          | "   | 11 | 6  |
| C. Hutton          | 35  | 5  | 9  |
| J. A. Podleck      | 13  | 18 |    |
| Urquhart & Jackson | 2   | 5  | 3  |
| Samuel Clothier    | 2   | 5  |    |
| L. Mackinnon       | 1   | 10 |    |
| John Taylor        | 14  | 1  |    |
| P. O'Loughlin      | 140 | "  |    |
| A. H. Roberts      | 31  | 8  | 10 |
| A. O'Neill & Co    | 17  | 10 |    |
| Joseph Heil        | 2   | "  |    |
| A. H. Roberts      | 58  | "  |    |
| E. Hecker          | 10  | "  |    |
| Thomas Vincent     | 1   | 15 | 9  |
| Mackay & Co        | 3   | 2  |    |
| J. I. Robertson    | 2   | 2  |    |
| A. H. Roberts      | 13  | 10 | 9  |
| Robert Jackman     | 5   | "  |    |
| D. Kirwin          | 6   | "  |    |

Notice of Motions

By C<sup>r</sup> Bissett "That tenders be called for  
 forming embankment on the road running North  
 & South and East & West near Mr. Neill's dam  
 and making a drain on the East road"

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned  
 to April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
 It was

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afterwards found that Friday April, 15<sup>th</sup> was "Good  
 Friday" and the president postponed the meeting until  
 the following Friday April, 22<sup>nd</sup> 1881

Conferred  
 Shire Hall  
 Serpentine  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1881

Wm. Potter  
 President



22 Apr 1881

# Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1881

## Present

Councillors Potter (president) John Raleigh, D. Coult, W. Bissett, W. Hardy, J. E. Lethlean and Patrick Gill.

## Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of J. E. Raleigh and seconded by J. E. Lethlean.

## Correspondence

No 1 Arnall and Jackson. Melbourne. Soliciting subscriptions to New Municipal Map of Victoria. On the motion of J. E. Coult seconded by J. E. Lethlean one copy, price £3. 0. 0 was ordered.

2 J. Williams & Co. Inglewood. re account for 10/3 On the motion of J. E. Coult seconded by P. Gill the Council declined to pay the account and referred Messrs Williams & Co to the late Secretary, Mr. Robertson.

3 Shire of Korang. re Bridge over the Loddon at Mays crossing

4 Shire of Korang. re the same subject. Received

5 Public Works Department. withdrawing objections to the plans of the bridge over the Loddon Received



Correspondence Continued

No 6 Shire of Swan Hill. Stating that the proposal to vote Mr Barker, the engineer, a bonus of £10 out of the Government subsidy for the Serpentine Weir, would not be entertained

Received

7 Bank of Victoria. Inglewood. with H. form for £35 drawn by W. Hey & Co

Received

8 Bank of Victoria. Stating the Council was at present charged 8 per cent on the overdraft

Received

9 Joseph Meggs. Pompanish. requesting time to pay rates. On the motion of E. Hardy seconded by E. Gill time was allowed, on the understanding that this case was not to be used as a precedent

10 Shire of Swan Hill. Forwarding petition asking for repairs to road within this shire

Received

11 Thos Lethlean. Yallock. re rates

Received

12 Hay Brothers. Eaglehawk. re rates and requesting information.

Received

13 Shire of Barwon. re tolls.

Received

14 Department of Mines. Forwarding voucher to sign re subsidy to Weir. The Secretary stated the voucher had been signed and returned

Received

15 A. Hester. Pompanish. re rates.

Received

16 Annie J. Robertson. re compensation to Mr Robertson

ReceivedCorrespondence Contd.

No 17 G. N. Burrows. rate collector. re priestley rates.

Received

18 Catherine Wilson. Pompanish. re rates. On the motion of E. Coutts this case was referred to the rate-collector

19 John Cheyne. Jarrahlau. Complaining of gate on road leading to his mile water hole. E. Coutts moved that the resolution previously passed relative to close roads, be carried out and the gate removed.

20 Petition from Ratepayers of Yallock. Asking for a subsidy of £25 towards expenses incurred by the Yallock Railway League. E. Hardy moved and E. Gill seconded that the request stand over until later on. Carried

Reports

The Secretary reported on having notified all ratepayers in arrears of rates and that a number had already paid same. The report, also, explained the cause of Hay Bros letter to whom he had forwarded a letter giving an explanation of the matter. He had also made out fresh vouchers for the Serpentine Weir had them signed and returned to the Department. He had <sup>also</sup> received a voucher from the Department for £250, the amount of the subsidy claimed, to be signed and sealed, this had been done and the voucher returned to the Department. On the motion of E. Gill seconded by E. Lethlean the report was

Received

The Engineer reported having drawn four specifications for different contracts and had forwarded tracing of proposed bridge at Turners Crossing to the Horong Shire Council. He also reported on works generally throughout the shire. On the motion of E. Coutts seconded by E. Lethlean the report was

Received



Reports Continued

The rate Collector reported the amount of rates collected since last meeting as follows

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| North Riding | 14. 7. 0          |
| South "      | 6 " "             |
| East "       | 48. 17. 9         |
| Total        | <u>£ 99. 4. 9</u> |

Treasurer reported a debit balance of £440. 9. 4. On the motion of the President seconded by £ Raleigh the rate Collectors and the Treasurer's reports were

Received

£ Boutts reported that himself and £ Bissett had let a tender at 2/6 per chain to Robert Cannock for clearing the roads from the Serpentine Township to Salisbury bridge. The work had since been completed.

The Council then went into Committee for the purpose of opening

Tenders

On resuming £ Raleigh reported that the Committee recommends that the following tenders be accepted

N<sup>o</sup> 1 Clearing 220 chains par. of pump-pipe  
Deposit £1. 0. 0 A. Burrows 14. 13. 4 Cont<sup>d</sup> 241

N<sup>o</sup> 2 Clearing 195 chains par. of balivis  
Deposit £1. 0. 0 R. A. Roberts 12. 13. 9 Cont<sup>d</sup> 242

N<sup>o</sup> 3 Clearing 607 chains par. of Lancaster  
Deposit £0. 8. 0 H. Smith & Co 6. 6. 5 1/2 Cont<sup>d</sup> 243

N<sup>o</sup> 4 Clearing 520 chains par. of Sacklaw  
Deposit £0. 10. 0 A. Burrows 8. 13. 4 Cont<sup>d</sup> 244

Tenders Cont<sup>d</sup>

£ Boutts moved That the tenders as recommended be accepted seconded by £ Lethlean and Carried

General business

The President brought forward the matter of the petition from the Swan Hill Council. He moved That the Secretary write to that Council stating that so soon as funds are available the necessary repairs would be attended to. Seconded by £ Hardy & Carried

On the motion of £ Boutts the petition was referred to the members for the North Riding to report

The letter from Mr. A. J. Robertson relative to Compensation to the late Secretary was then considered. At the request of the President the Secretary stated that he had not found anything incorrect, so far as the finances were concerned, but that the books had not been written up.

£ Hardy moved That the sum of £150. 0. 0 be paid to the late Secretary, Mr. Robertson, as compensation, and as full satisfaction of all claims he may have against the Council and that no further allowance will be considered by the Council. Seconded by £ Lethlean and Carried

Moved by £ Boutts and seconded by £ Bissett That Mr. Robertson be informed that the Council decline to purchase anything further from him, and that the Secretary be empowered to deliver to Mr. Robertson, such articles as he may claim, and are now at the Ship Hall.

Carried

£ Boutts moved That the rate book be altered in the cases of Messrs. Priestly and John Doyle the latter's rate to be reduced to 8/- Seconded by £ Lethlean and

Carried



General business Contd.

The petition from the ratepayers of Yallock applying for the sum of £25.0.0 towards liquidating outstanding accounts in connection with Railway extension through the Shire.

Mr Lethlean moved That the sum of £25.0.0 as requested, be voted to the Yallock Railway League

Mr Coutts seconded the motion and Mr Hardy and Raleigh supported.

Carried

Mr Hardy moved that the sum of £7.0.0 be voted to the Loddon Valley Railway League towards expenses incurred also that £5.0.0 be passed to Mr Gill as deputation expenses on Railway extension

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Mr Coutts moved That the Secretary write to the Minister of Railways protesting against any deviation of the Eaglehawk and Kerang line eastward of the survey made during the Commissionship of the Hon. John Wrook and that the president and Secretary sign the protest under the seal of the Council.

Mr Hardy seconded the motion and

Carried

Mr Raleigh protested against the motion

Mr Coutts moved that the Secretary make an inventory of all articles belonging to the Shire the same to be prepared at the next meeting of the Council

The members for the East Riding were empowered to take the necessary steps to repair Culvert near Fishers in the East Riding

Motions

By Mr Bissett. That tenders be called for forming embankment on the road running North South and East and West near McMinnows dam and making a drain on the East road

Seconded by Mr Coutts and

Carried

Accounts

|                                        |     |    |   |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Engineer                               | 20  | 15 | 8 |
| Secretary                              | 12  | 10 |   |
| Rate Collector                         | 5   | "  | " |
| W. & Tolhurst, Sandhurst Group Meeting | 1   | 10 |   |
| R. W. Trevis                           | 2   | 14 |   |
| Mr. Dunn                               | "   | 5  | " |
| Mr. Smith                              | "   | 5  | " |
| J. Rolshew                             | 2   | 10 | 8 |
| Municipal Association (Melbourne)      | 3   | 3  | " |
| J. G. Hornbourn & Co                   | 15  | 13 | 7 |
| R. Cannon                              | 18  | 12 | 6 |
| P. O'Loughlin                          | 2   | "  | " |
| Thomas Connaughton                     | "   | 7  | 6 |
| James Muller                           | 1   | 10 | " |
| Edward Hester                          | 40  | 8  | 3 |
| R. H. Roberts Junr                     | 71  | 19 | 8 |
| J. O'Loughlin                          | 52  | 6  | 9 |
| David Dow                              | 15  | "  | " |
| J. S. Robertson (Compensation)         | 150 | "  | " |
| Yallock Railway League                 | 25  | "  | " |
| Loddon Valley Railway League           | 7   | "  | " |
| Councillor Gill. Deputation expenses   | 5   | "  | " |
| George Bailey                          | 4   | 4  | " |
| Total                                  | 457 | 10 | 7 |

On the motion of Mr Coutts seconded by Mr Lethlean the accounts as read were passed for payment



Instructions to Officers

By C<sup>o</sup> Coutts That the Secretary make an inventory of all articles the property of the Shire, the same to be produced at the next meeting of the Council.

By C<sup>o</sup> Hardy. That the engineer attend at the Shire Office one day in each week for the convenience of Contractors and others. Agreed too.

Notice of Motion

By C<sup>o</sup> Hardy. That tenders be called for erecting a bridge over the Loddon at Majors line in the North Riding.

A letter was read from H. Smith & Co the successful tenderers for No 3 Contract stating that he had made a mistake and would forfeit his deposit.

C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh moved that the next lowest tender be accepted, that of R. Cannon at £7.9.6 and that Smith's deposit be returned. Seconded by C<sup>o</sup> Hardy and

carried

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Confirmed

Shire Hall

Serpentine

May 20 1881

Robert Coutts

Chairman

20 May 1881

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall  
Serpentine

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1881

Present

Councillors Laird, Coutts, Hardy, Pentreath  
M. Bissett and Lethlean

On the motion of Councillor Laird seconded by Councillor Lethlean Councillors Coutts was voted to the chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Lethlean seconded by C<sup>o</sup> Pentreath were

Confirmed

The president, C<sup>o</sup> Potter, here took his seat

Correspondence

No 1 Secretary to Shire of Korang - re bridge at Turners Crossing  
Stating that that Council was unable to assist in it at present. Received

2 J. P. Woods - Sandhurst. referring to his appointment as Secretary in December last and asking for compensation for loss time. The letter was received and

consideration held over until next meeting

3 A. M. Coffey. asking for information re exchange of roads on the Taudanna estate. The Secretary stated he had seen Mr Coffey on the subject who stated it was only necessary to have the new road proclaimed. The letter

was

Received

4 Secretary Korang Shire - re bridge over Loddon at Majors Crossing - Stating that that Council object to tenders being called for three months.

Received



Correspondence Continued

- No 5 Arnall & Jackson - Melbourne - Forwarding Municipal Map. Received
- 6 Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital - Melbourne - Requested donation - On the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Lethlean £1. 6. 0 was passed.
- 7 Royal Insurance Company - Melbourne - repayment of Policy - Ordered to be paid.
- 8 Railway Department - Acknowledging receipt of protest against the survey of Eaglehawk Merang line of Railway going so far to the Eastward. Received
- 9 Exchange - Melbourne - Forwarding map of Victoria Received with thanks.
- 10 Department of Mines and Water supply - returning vouchers re Serpentine Weir. Received
- 11 Stutterhauks & Co. - Offering to rent land on which Council at made a dam at Bullah Creek at a yearly rent of 5/- or to sell same. C. Coutts stated that the price asked was £10. C. Pentreath moved that the Council purchase the land at the price stated provided that a proper transfer be given - seconded by C. Lethlean and Carried
- 12 Bank of Victoria - Enclosing vouchers. Received
- 13 Treasury - Melbourne - Stating in reply to letter from Council, that the Government subsidy for the present half year would soon be made. Received
- 14 Department of Mines and Water supply - Notifying that £250 had been passed for payment as subsidy to the Serpentine Weir. Received

Correspondence Continued

- No 15 H. Henderson - Initiator - Complaining of overvaluation. The Secretary was instructed to explain the matter.
- 16 J. J. Mathew - Applying for £3. 14. 0 to defray balance of expenses of Calvert Railway League. On the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Pentreath the claim was not recognised.

Reports

The Secretary reported having made an inventory of all articles the property of the Shire and handed the same into the Council, he also handed in a statement showing the financial position of the Shire and of each riding. On the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Laird the documents were Received.

The Engineer reported on the satisfactory progress of the different Contracts, with the exception of B. Neash's for draining in Taudara, E. Hester's for Culvert at Yallock and M. E. Lethlean's Culvert at Taudara. He also reported that the Contract for the finger post was in a very unsatisfactory state.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Contractor for the finger post requesting him to complete same.

On the motion of C. Pentreath seconded by C. Lethlean the report was received.

The Treasurer's report showed a Debit balance of £894. 17. 11. The Secretary stated that the Government subsidy, now due, if granted on the same basis as last year would amount to about £1200.

On the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Coutts the report was Received.

The rate collectors return of unpaid rates was laid upon the Council table.



Tenders

The Council then went into Committee for the purpose of opening tenders. On resuming the Committee recommended that R. H. Roberts' tender for the following work be accepted.

Formulation and drainage parish of Pouprius at 10° per yard.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Coutts, R. H. Roberts' tender was accepted.

Accounts

|                     |                     |       |    |   |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------|----|---|
|                     | Engineer            | 20    | 16 | 8 |
|                     | Secretary           | 12    | 10 | " |
|                     | G. H. Burrows       | 5     | "  | " |
| Contract 235        | Wm. P. H.           | 35    | "  | " |
| " 235               | Wm. P. H.           | 50    | "  | " |
| " 235               | Wm. P. H.           | 50    | "  | " |
| " 235               | Wm. P. H.           | 32    | 16 | 6 |
| " 227               | Joseph Cruse        | 7     | 3  | " |
| " 227               | Joseph Cruse        | 5     | 17 | " |
| W. & L.             | Wm. P. H.           | 1     | 6  | 6 |
| Contract 239        | R. H. Roberts       | 14    | "  | " |
| " 242               | R. H. Roberts       | 8     | "  | " |
| " 243               | R. Cannon           | 5     | "  | " |
| " 244               | A. Burrows          | 9     | 3  | 4 |
| W. & L.             | M. Davern           | 2     | 5  | " |
| Stamp & Cheque Book | C. Sutton           | 2     | 2  | " |
| Map                 | Cornall & Jackson   | 3     | 1  | 3 |
| Out. Subscriptions  | Melbourne Exchange  | 5     | 5  | " |
| Stimwood            | Robert Cannon       | 1     | 16 | " |
| Contract 237        | David Doid          | 10    | "  | " |
| Land expenses       | John Potter         | 1     | 1  | " |
|                     | Total               | £ 282 | 3  | 3 |
|                     | Royal Insurance Co. |       |    |   |

On the motion of Mr Pentreath seconded by Mr Laird the accounts as read were passed.

General business

The president brought under the notice of the Council a complaint made by Mr A. Leakey relative to excessive rating of land in the South Riding. The matter was referred to the rate collector to report to next Meeting.

The application of Thomas Henderson for a donation to the Eaglesham and Harrow Railway League was, on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy, not entertained.

The consideration of the petition from the North Riding for road clearing in the parish of Calvill was again held over.

Instructions to officers

The engineer was instructed to report upon the boundary road between the North and East Riding, also upon Duffys road.

By Mr Hardy - Engineer to report on what drains are necessary for Calvill tank.

By Mr Coutts - Engineer to report upon what repairs are necessary between Serpentine township and Levens'.

By Mr Lethlean - Secretary to write to Mayor Thim Council requesting that Council to join in clearing road upon their boundary.

Motions

Mr Hardy moved - That tenders be called for erecting a bridge over the Loddow at Mayors crossing, tenders to be in by the July meeting. Seconded by the president.

Mr Coutts moved as an amendment That tenders be in by the August meeting. Seconded by Mr Laird.

For the amendment Mr Coutts, Laird, & Bissett.

For the motion Mr Hardy, Potter, Lethlean, and Pentreath. The motion was carried. The Secretary was instructed to notify the Harrow Council to this effect and request that a deputation be appointed to assist in open the tenders on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>.



Notice of Motion

- No 1 By P. Davis. That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing road known as Sharns road. - Distance about 90 chains, to be cleared one third of a chain wide. Also small Culvert between Shire Hall ground and Turner land in the Serpentine Township.
- 2 By J. Rissett. That tenders be called for repairs and other works on road from Serpentine Township to Surveys.
- 3 By J. Potter. That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing,  $\frac{1}{2}$  chain wide, about 2 miles of road running North and about one mile West of Mr. George Mossop's parish of Lamber West.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1881

Confirmed

Shire Hall  
Serpentine

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1881

John Potter  
President

17 Jun 1881

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1881

Present

The President J. Potter J. Coult, Bissett  
Lethlean, Gill, and Pentreath

The minutes of the last Meeting were on the motion  
of J. Lethlean seconded by J. Pentreath

ConfirmedCorrespondence

No 1 C. E. Barker. Engineer. apologising for absence through illness and requesting leave of absence. Leave granted.

No 2 C. E. Raleigh requesting leave of absence from June and July meeting. On the motion of J. Lethlean leave was granted.

No 3 Treasury Melbourne. requesting per centage on Licensing fees. The Secretary stated that the per centage was 5% per cent on £125.0.0 viz £6.5.0.

The amount was ordered to be paid.

No 4 Hugh Cheape & others. Arkham. re obstruction on road. On the motion of J. Gill seconded by the President. The Secretary was instructed to write to the manager of the Serpentine Station requesting him to remove the obstruction complained of.

No 5 Lands Office. Sandhurst. re Selection of land on Serpentine Creek by J. Lawson and asking if Council had any objection. The Secretary stated he had written requesting the Land board to postpone the consideration of the matter until the Council's next meeting. The subject was ordered to stand over for the present.

No 6 Suglenwood Hospital. applying for annual donation. On the motion of J. Lethlean. Seconded by J. Coult £10 was voted.



Correspondence continued

N<sup>o</sup> 7 St. Cunningham - Mitiamo - Stating that he was not in arrears for rates, but had paid all rates for which he had received notice. - On the motion of Mr. Coutts seconded by Mr. Peabrook. The consideration of the matter was allowed to stand over until after the revision court. The Secretary in the meantime to communicate with Mr. Cunningham, stating that the 320 acres of land, Lake Hesse, and now owned by him was liable for the rates claimed.

N<sup>o</sup> 8 J. P. Woods - requesting consideration of his claim for compensation. - On the motion of Mr. Coutts seconded by Mr. Lethlean. The matter was left in the hands of the President to see Mr. Woods and arrange the matter.

N<sup>o</sup> 9 Rev. A. S. Hadow - requesting use of Shire Hall. The Secretary stated the request had been complied.

N<sup>o</sup> 10 Ellen O'Brien - requesting to have her name placed upon the rate roll. The Secretary stated the matter had been attended to. Received

N<sup>o</sup> 11 M. Blackburn - Bank of Victoria - re subsidy to Perpetuities. Received

N<sup>o</sup> 12 Boro of East Maines - requesting Council to support the proposition to run trains on Sundays. Received

N<sup>o</sup> 13 Shire of Horang - re Lodden bridges. Received

N<sup>o</sup> 14 The Royal Insurance Policy Co. With policy. Received

N<sup>o</sup> 15 Treasury - Melbourne - With voucher to sign for half year's subsidy for £1106. 4. 3. The voucher had been duly signed, sealed, and returned to the department. Received

Reports

The Secretary reported that the subsidy for the Perpetuities had been paid. He also handed in a rough list of the names of those ratepayers whose names will appear on the next Ratepayers Roll.

The rate collector reported the amount of rates collected since last report as follows -

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| North Riding | 27. 8. 6           |
| South "      | 35. 13. 9          |
| East "       | 37. 11. 6          |
| Total rates  | 100. 13. 9         |
| Dog fees     | 2. 15. -           |
|              | <u>£ 103. 8. 9</u> |

The Treasurer reported a Debit balance of £812. 4. 5. On the motions of the President seconded by Mr. Peabrook the reports were

Received

General business

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr. Coutts The Secretary was instructed to amend Mr. H. Kirwan valuation.

On the motion of Mr. Coutts seconded by the President Mr. Leahy rate was ordered to be reduced.

Mr. Peabrook brought under the notice of the Council the necessity of having the embankments throughout the Shire rolled.

Mr. Coutts suggested the desirability of employing surface men to fill in ruts. The President moved that the matter of rolling embankments be left in the hands of the members for the East Riding seconded by Mr. Gill and

Carried

Mr. Lethlean requested the approval of the Council to his action in letting a piece of work in the East Riding.

He also asked on behalf of Mr. Raleigh to have a necessary piece of work done in the same riding under his own supervision. On the motion of Mr. Gill seconded by Mr. Laird the request was agreed to.



General business continued

Mr. Coutts moved That the President be authorised to represent the Council at a deputation to the Minister of Railways to urge that the Boxted line of Railway be brought as near the Lockdon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Pentreath and

Carried

Mr. Coutts suggested to the President, that while in Melbourn he should wait upon the Minister of Water supply and learn what action was being taken with regards to water supply. Mr. Gill supported the suggestion. The President agreed to see the Minister and obtain all the information in his power.

Accounts

|              |                               |     |    |    |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|
|              | Engineer                      | 20  | 16 | 8  |
|              | Secretary                     | 12  | 10 | "  |
|              | G. R. Burrows                 | 5   | "  | "  |
| Donation     | Eye & Ear Hospital            | 1   | 1  | "  |
| Contract 238 | William Lethlean              | 10  | "  | "  |
| " 239        | R. H. Roberts                 | 6   | 13 | 10 |
| " 240        | R. H. Roberts                 | 13  | "  | "  |
| " 241        | A. Burrows                    | 14  | 13 | 4  |
| " 242        | R. H. Roberts                 | 5   | 3  | 9  |
| " 243        | R. Cannon                     | 2   | 9  | 6  |
| N. & L.      | Thomas Old                    | 7   | 1  | "  |
| Donation     | Inglewood Hospital            | 10  | "  | "  |
|              | Australasian                  | 1   | 6  | "  |
|              | Bendigo Evening News          | 2   | 10 | 6  |
|              | J. A. Goddard                 | 9   | 1  | "  |
| Carriage     | Thomas Kelly                  | "   | 15 | "  |
|              | Small & Jackson               | 3   | 9  | 9  |
|              | Charles Medcalf               | "   | 10 | "  |
|              | Treasurer 5% on disbursements | 6   | 5  | "  |
|              | MacKay & Co                   | 3   | 19 | "  |
| N. & L.      | Thomas Old                    | 1   | 12 | "  |
| Contract 235 | David Dow                     | 7   | "  | "  |
|              | Total                         | 144 | 17 | 4  |

On the motion of Mr. Coutts seconded by Mr. Pentreath the accounts as read were

PassedInstructions to officers

By Mr. Gill - That the Engineer be instructed to examine the drains at the dam near Millers and report on the necessity, or otherwise, of new drains being constructed.

By Mr. Laird That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Lands Survey Officer Sandhurst re Lawson's application for land on the Serpentine Creek, and apply for this a plan of the land for which application has been made.

By Mr. Coutts - That the Secretary write to the Swan Hill Council informing them that the subsidy to the weir had been paid and their portion would be paid, less £6.0.0 being 1/5 of the expenses incurred in obtaining the amount, on application being made for the same.

By Mr. Gill - That the Secretary, at the next meeting produce a statement of the receipts and expenditure for each riding for the present financial year.

By Mr. Coutts - That the Secretary, at the next meeting bring up a report of the estimates for the ensuing year.

Motions

By Mr. Laird - That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing road known as Oclan Harris road, about 90 chains by 1/2 chain wide.

Also Small culvert between Haire Hall and Turners land in Serpentine township. Seconded by Mr. Coutts and

Carried

By Mr. Bissett - That tenders be called for repairs and other works on Road from Serpentine township to Turners. Seconded by Mr. Coutts and

Carried



Motions Continued

By Mr Potter That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing about 80 or 90 chains long by half a chain wide running north and about one mile west of Mr G. Moscop's parish of Sanimber West  
 Seconded by Mr Gill and  
 Carried

Notice of Motions

By Mr Gill That at the next meeting of this Council I shall move that a rate of one shilling in the pound be struck on the next annual value of all rateable property within the Shire.

By Mr Gill That a road be grubbed and cleared on half chain wide leading East from the North West angle of allot 15 to the North East angle of allotment 10 in the parish of Calivil about 280 chains more or less.

The appointment of Returning Officers for the Annual Election in August next

Moved by Mr Coutts That Mr David be appointed Returning Officer for the South Riding  
Mr Potter " " for the North " "  
Mr Lethlean " " for the East " "  
 Seconded by the President and

Carried

The Annual Revision Court was ordered to be held on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock. The Secretary was instructed to give the necessary notices

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock

Confirmed

Shire Hall  
 Serpentine  
 July 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

John Potter  
 President

15 Jul 1881

# Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall  
 Serpentine  
 July 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

Present

Mr Potter (President) Pentreath, Gill, Lethlean, David, Coutts, Hardy and Bissett.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of the President and seconded by Mr Pentreath.

The Council then adjourned for the purpose of opening the

Revision Court

The Secretary produced the ratepayers List for the South Riding. There being no alterations on the motion of Mr Coutts seconded by Mr David the list was received and adopted.

The Secretary produced the List for the East Riding. Mr Lethlean moved and Mr Gill seconded That the valuation of Mr Thomas be increased to £25.0.0 per annum.  
 Carried

Mr Pentreath moved and Mr Lethlean seconded That the List produced for the East Riding, with the alteration be received and adopted.  
 Carried

The Secretary produced the List for the North Riding. There being no alteration on the motion of Mr Gill seconded by Mr Hardy the list as produced was received and adopted.

The lists being duly signed by the respective Councillors the Revision Court closed and the ordinary meeting of the Council was resumed.



Correspondence

- No 1 G. E. Fuhr, Serpentine Station - re obstruction on road near McLeod's in the North Riding, stating that the obstruction on the road did not inconvenience the public. On the motion of Mr. Coult seconded by Mr. Laird, the letter was received.
- " 2 Mr. Douglas, South Calivil. Stating that he had no objection connection with the publicans booth opened on his land in August last.

Received

- " 3 Petition of Ratepayers at Serpentine Creek, objecting to the application of Theodore Lawson for a selection of land upon the frontage of the Serpentine Creek.
- " 4 Sandhurst District Survey Office, stating that the application of Theodore Lawson would be heard on Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

On the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Hardy the request of the petitioners was acceded to, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the petition to the District Survey Office with the Council's opinion thereon.

- " 5 Bendigo Hospital. requesting donation. Mr. Lethlean moved that £5.5.0 be voted. Seconded by Mr. Pentreath and

Carried

- " 6 Iron Clerk, Hotham. requesting the Council's cooperation in obtaining an amended Health Statute.

Received

Mr. Hardy moved that the Secretary be appointed health inspector to the Shire. Seconded by Mr. Lethlean and

Carried

- " 7 Shire of Marong stating that the Council would join in clearing the road on the boundary of the two Shires the expense not to exceed £15.0.0.

ReceivedCorrespondence Continued

- No 8 Treasury Melbourne, notifying passing of £1106.3.4 half-year subsidy.

Received

- 9 Municipal Association of Victoria. re preparation of business paper.

Received

- 10 Shire of Korang stating that Mr. Coult and the Engineer would attend at the opening of the tenders for the bridge over the Poddon.

Received

- 11 Mr. Spears - Dinger - Complaining of obstruction on road erected by Mr. Mack. Mr. Coult suggested that the matter stand over until next meeting, the Secretary in the meantime to write to Mr. Mack informing him that a Complaint had been lodged.

- 12 Mr. Williams & Sugrue. re disputed accounts. On the motion of Mr. Coult seconded by Mr. Lethlean the account was ordered to be paid.

- 13 Shire of Swan Hill - Complaining of the non payment of their share of the Government subsidy. On the motion of Mr. Coult seconded by Mr. Laird the letter was received that the consideration stand over for one month. Mr. Hardy and the President supported.

Carried

- 14 Constable Timothy - Resigning appointment as inspector of slaughter yards and nuisances.

Received

- 15 Constable French, Serpentine. asking to be appointed inspector.

Received

- 16 George Marshall - Calivil. applying for slaughtering license.

Granted



Tenders

The Council adjourned for the purpose of opening tenders and were assisted by Mr Councillor John Coult's and Mr Stan, the engineer, of the Koroang Council in opening the tenders for the Bridge over the Loddon.

On resuming the president announced that J. W. Heron's tender for the bridge was recommended it being the lowest of five tenders received and

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by the president J. W. Heron's tender for the bridge at the bulk sum of £ 845. 2. 6 was

Accepted

No 1 Culvert over the creek near Shire Hall was withdrawn, tenders being considered too high.

No 2 Clearing road near Adam Shaws

Thomas Founaughton £5 12. 6

No 3 Clearing road near Geo Mossop's

Arthur Burrows £6. 0. 0

On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Coult's the tenders as reported were

accepted

Reports

The Secretary reported the receipt of the first instalment of the Government Subsidy amounting to £1106. 4. 3

He also reported that the net Annual value of rateable property within the Shire was as follows

East Riding 14091. 15. 0

South " 9650. 5. "

North " 8318. 0. 0

Total Net value £ 32060. 0. 0

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance in the Bank of £157. 1. 0

On the motion of Mr Coult's seconded by Mr Hardy the reports were

Received

15 JUL 1881

The engineer reported himself to be in a continued state of ill health and applied for one month's leave of absence and that his son, Mr Richard Barker, would act on his behalf.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr Lethlean leave of absence was granted to Mr Barker

The President reported that he had visited Melbourne as instructed. He had an interview with the Minister Railways who promised that the survey of the line to Boort should be proceeded with as speedily as possible. The engineer in chief also promised that the line should be brought as far easterly as possible to accommodate the residents on the east side of the Loddon. Mr Eldon also informed him that the sites for stations on the Eaglehawk and Kerang line would be fixed after a personal inspection of the district by himself. He had, also, as requested, waited on the Minister of Water supply re Messrs Gordons & Black's scheme. The Minister stated that the works proposed under the scheme would involve an outlay of £170,000, but that, he intended, before he left office, to place £30,000 on the estimates for the conservation of water, and that the Serpentine weir would be included in the works proposed.

Mr Coult's moved that the reports be received and the thanks of the Council tendered to the president for his exertions. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Mr Lethlean reported having expended the sum of 30/- in clearing at Hamarooka.

Approved of,



General business

With reference to Jostable French's application for the appointment of Inspector of Slaughteryards and Nuisance It was moved by L<sup>d</sup> Pentreath and seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Lettlean That Constable French be appointed Inspector for the North and South Ridings and Constable Satchwell for the East Riding, each to receive half the fees collected in their district.

Carried

M<sup>r</sup> J. Cunningham of Middlesbrough attended and complained of excessive charges in arrears of rates on land now owned by him.

The Council agreed to reduce the rates, as follows, to which M<sup>r</sup> Cunningham consented.

For the year 1878 from 2.2.0. to 1.12.0  
 For " " 1879 " 2.2.0 to 1.12.0  
£ 3.4.0

L<sup>d</sup> Pentreath moved That applications be called from persons willing to fill the office of dog inspector for each riding. The successful applicants to receive half the fee.

Seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Lettlean and

Carried

L<sup>d</sup> Coutts moved That applications be called for the appointment of Clerk of Works to the bridge about to be erected over the Loddon at Mayon Crossing at a salary of £2.10.0 per week.

Seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Pentreath and

Carried

The members for the North Riding were empowered to have certain drains constructed to Lanch at Calveit.

Instructions to Officers

By L<sup>d</sup> Lettlean That the Engineer be instructed to have Stumps removed from land near Gallock State School.

By L<sup>d</sup> Gill That the Engineer report on the necessary works required on road to Sandhills near Middlesbrough.

Striking of Rate

L<sup>d</sup> Gill moved That this Council do adopt and confirm the net valuation submitted of rateable property in thisshire of East Loddon amounting to £32,060 (net valuation made by M<sup>r</sup> P. Woods valuer dated June 1880).

Seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Lettlean and

Carried

By L<sup>d</sup> Gill That this Council do adopt and confirm the estimate submitted of receipts and expenditure for the year ending July 16 1882 showing that the sum of £1103 is required for the several purposes mentioned in the said statement.

Seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Laird and

Carried

Moved By L<sup>d</sup> Gill That to raise the sum required viz £1103, this Council make and levy a general rate of one shilling in the pound on the net annual value of rateable property within the shire of East Loddon for the period commencing this fifteenth day of July 1881 and ending the sixteenth day of July 1882 and that the said rate be due on and after the sixteenth day of July 1881.

Seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Pentreath and

Carried

Moved by L<sup>d</sup> Gill That George N. Burrows be duly authorised to demand and collect the rate made by the foregoing resolution.

Seconded by L<sup>d</sup> Hardy and

Carried



# Motions

E. Gill Moved That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing a road one half chain wide leading from the North West Angle of Joseph Carrithers 19<sup>th</sup> Sec. holding thence East 80 chains more or less in the parish of Calivil.

Seconded by Mr Hardy and Carried.

Fresh tenders were ordered to be called for the Culvert near Shire Hall, on a more modified scale.

# Accounts

|                      |                  |       |    |   |
|----------------------|------------------|-------|----|---|
|                      | Eugene           | 20    | 16 | 8 |
|                      | Secretary        | 12    | 10 | " |
| Rate collector       | J. H. Burrows    | 5     | "  | " |
| Ins <sup>r</sup> & M | M. Timothe       | 5     | "  | " |
| Furniture            | Joseph Reille    | 14    | 19 | " |
| Goods                | E. Williams & Co | 1     | 13 | 7 |
| Printing &c          | Hornblower & Co  | 9     | 9  | 3 |
| Court 245            | R. H. Roberts    | 6     | 2  | 6 |
| " 243                | R. Cannon        | 1     | 5  | " |
| " 241                | A. Burrows       | 1     | "  | " |
| " 239                | R. H. Roberts    | 3     | 6  | " |
| " 237                | David Doie       | 10    | "  | " |
| " 234                | B. Keast         | 15    | "  | " |
| " 231                | Edward Astor     | 20    | "  | " |
| " 227                | Joseph Cunn      | 16    | 10 | " |
| N. H.                | Wm. Turvey       | "     | 17 | " |
| N. H.                | Nelson           | 1     | 10 | " |
| Court 237            | David Doie       | 23    | "  | " |
| Carriage             | R. Cannon        | 7     | 9  | 9 |
| Messenger            | G. E. Rinder     | 1     | 1  | " |
|                      | Total            | £ 166 | 12 | 9 |

On the Motion of Mr Pentreath and Seconded by Mr Laird the accounts as read were Paid.

# Notice of Motion

By Mr Letticeau For the formation of a road running East and West between Allot<sup>s</sup> 92, and 93 and Allot<sup>s</sup> 140, and 139 parish of Dunge.

By Mr Letticeau That improvements be made on the boundary road at Mamarooona between this Shire and Marong Shire.

The Retiring Councillors were announced to be Mr Coutts, Pentreath and Gill.

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to such day as the President may appoint.

# Confirmed

Shire Hall

Serpentine

August 19 1881

Wm. Letticeau

President.



11 Aug 1881

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
August 1881

## Annual Election

### South Riding

David Coult Esquire being the only candidate nominated for this Riding I hereby declare him duly elected.

Donald C Laria  
Returning Officer  
South Riding

### North Riding

George Marshall Esquire of Catwib being the only candidate nominated for this Riding I hereby declare him duly elected.

John Potter  
Returning Officer  
North Riding

### East Riding

Nicholas Frederick Penheath of Haryanmi and James Coult of Dingee Esquires being duly nominated a Poll was taken on Thursday August 11<sup>th</sup> with the following result

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| James Coult    | 88 |
| N. F. Penheath | 90 |

I therefore, declare Nicholas Frederick Penheath Esquire duly elected Councillor for the East Riding

John E. Little  
Returning Officer  
East Riding

August 15<sup>th</sup> 1881



11 Aug 1881

## Election of Auditor

James Hird Esquire being the only Candidate  
nominated. I hereby declare him duly elected  
Local Auditor for the Shire of East Lothian.

Shire Hall  
Dorchester August 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

John ~~Edwards~~  
Returning Officer  
and President



19 Aug 1881

# Meeting of the Council

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
August 19<sup>th</sup> 1881

A Meeting of the Council was held this day.  
Present The President (H. Potter) C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh,  
Laird, Bissett, Hardy, Lethlean. The following  
newly elected Councillors, having made the usual  
declaration, took their seats C<sup>o</sup> Coult, Pentreath and  
Marshall.

The President stated that his term of office had  
now expired, and in accordance with the usual practice  
he briefly stated the present position of the Shire.

The amount of rates, and other revenue, received  
during his term of office for each riding was as follows

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| North Riding  | 900. 14. 7   |
| South         | 1085. 3. 2   |
| East          | 1494. 8. "   |
| Total Revenue | £ 3480. 5. 9 |

The expenditure for the same period was

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| North Riding      | 950. 11. 11    |
| South             | 840. 9. "      |
| East              | 736. 7. 10     |
| Total Expenditure | £ 3158. 10. 11 |

He considered the Shire was in a sound financial  
position. Their present liabilities were small and the  
second moiety of the Government subsidy if paid when  
due would give them a credit balance at the end of the  
financial year. He thanked the Council for the courtesy shown  
him during his term of office.

C<sup>o</sup> Coult proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the  
retiring President. C<sup>o</sup> Lethlean seconded the motion  
which was supported by C<sup>o</sup> Hardy & Raleigh and  
Carried

19 Aug 1881

## Election of President

C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh reported that C<sup>o</sup> Laird declined  
for private reasons, to accept the office of President. He  
therefore, had great pleasure in proposing that C<sup>o</sup>  
David Coult be appointed President for the ensuing  
year. C<sup>o</sup> Laird seconded the motion and  
C<sup>o</sup> Potter supported. The motion was

Carried

C<sup>o</sup> Coult on taking the chair returned thanks for  
the honor conferred upon him.

The usual

Ordinary Monthly Meeting was then  
held. The same Councillors being present.

## Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh seconded by C<sup>o</sup> Pentreath were  
Confirmed

## Correspondence

1. Public Works Department. re bridge over the Loddon  
Received
2. Lands Office - Louth. re Lawson's application  
Received
3. Francis Cunningham Britanno. re over charge in  
rates, explaining that he had made a mistake.  
Received
4. ditto with cheque for £3. 4. 0 for back rates  
Received
5. Lying-in-Hospital - Soliciting Subscription.  
Declined
6. Central Board of Health. re Vaccination  
Received
7. Brown & Ellison - Louth. re rates on moorheads  
Land  
Received
8. ditto stating that allot. 31 parish of  
Jawinter East belonged to M<sup>o</sup> Glynn  
Received



Correspondence Continued

- N<sup>o</sup> 9 Boort Agricultural Society - Soliciting donation.  
On the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Lethlean £1.1.0 was passed
- 10 Loustable French - re Inspector of Slaughteryards.  
C. Potter moved. That Loustable French be appointed Inspector of Slaughteryards and nuisances for the North and South Ridings, the salary to be half the fees collected, and half the fines received by convictions before a court of petty Sessions. The Council to pay half the expenses incurred in summoning and proving a case. Seconded by C. Laid and Carrick
- 11 Thomas Spear - Diuget. re closed roads. At the request of C. Lethlean the letter was withdrawn
- 12 Loustable Satchwell - Tricks. re Inspector of Slaughteryards &c. On the motion of C. Pemberton seconded by C. Lethlean Loustable Satchwell was appointed Inspector for the East Riding on the same terms as Loustable French
- 13 Southern Russia Jewish Relief Fund. Received
- 14 Redistribution of Manufacturing Electorate. requesting Council's Cooperation and assistance. On the motion of C. Potter The support of the Council was agreed to. Signatures to the petitions to be obtained. Seconded by C. Pemberton and Carrick
- 15 C. C. Barker - Engineer. requesting further leave of absence.  
On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Hays The months leave was granted and that Mr Richard Barker be appointed acting engineer.  
Carrick

Reports

C. Potter reported on the visit of the Commission of Water Supply and the Inspection of the Sanitation. The Commissioner had promised £100 towards the temporary repairs of the weir and if necessary to send an officer of the department to superintend the repairs

The Engineer reported on the several contracts completed during the past months. also on contracts at present in work. He also referred to three lengths of pipes in the pipe Culvert in N. C. Lethlean's Contract in the parish of Sandarra has been broken by the Shire Roller passing over them. He also reported having employed Thomas Jeff to clear about 50 chains, 1/2 a chain wide, in the parish of Yallock for the sum of £4.10.0.

On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Laid the report was received

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the Treasurer had received the sum of £72. 1. 0

From the rate collectors report it was shown that the outstanding rates for each riding for the year 1880-1881 was as follows

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| North Riding | 42. 11. 9        |
| South "      | 22. 7. 1         |
| East "       | 122. 1. 3        |
|              | <u>186 19. 6</u> |

The Acreage for 1879-1880 are

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| North Riding | 5. 7. 11           |
| South "      | 1. " "             |
| East "       | 30. 3. "           |
|              | <u>£ 228. 9. 6</u> |

On the motion of C. Laid seconded by C. Raleigh the report was

Received



Reports continued

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance to date amounting to £54. 13. 3

The report was

Received

Appointment of committeesPublic Works Committee

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Laird the following were appointed viz Mr Lethlean, Marshall, Raleigh and Peatbreath

Finance Committee

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Raleigh the following were appointed viz Mr Bissett, Mr Potter, Hardy and Laird.

The President to act on both Committees

The Council then adjourned for the purpose of opening

Tenders

On resuming

Mr Raleigh moved and Mr Peatbreath seconded that B. Perinon's tender for

N<sup>o</sup> 1 Clearing road in the parish of Calivil at  
of per chain, 80 chains more or less be accepted, £8. 0. 0

Carried

N<sup>o</sup> 2 Two furlongs, earthwork, and clearing on road from Serpentine township to Lurnea

Joseph Coleman

£72. 5. 0

On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Potter J. Coleman's tender was

Accepted

The President reported that the Committee recommended that Thomas O'Neil be appointed Clerk of Works to the Bridge over the Loddow at a salary of £4. 10. 0 per year

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Laird the recommendation of the Committee was

Confirmed

General business

The President moved That the sum of £150 be passed to the Swan Hill Shire Council being their portion of the Government subsidy granted towards the erection of the Serpentine Shire. Seconded by Mr Potter and Carried

The President brought under the notice of the Council the present position of the telegraph office, the master stating that he was contemplating resigning as the present receipts did not recompense him for his troubles. The President suggested for the consideration of Councilors the desirability of guaranteeing the telegraph-master £50 per annum. He believed Mr Hutton would continue to act if guaranteed that amount. He would leave the matter for their consideration, and bring the subject on again at a future meeting.

Mr Laird approved of the suggestion, and considered it would be a great inconvenience and loss to the inhabitants if the office was closed.

Mr Hardy moved That the members for the North Riding be empowered to select a site for a dam at the north end of the Shire and report on same at next meeting

Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

Mr Laird - Brought under the notice of the Council the present position of the State forest within Shire. He suggested that Councilors should consider the matter and he would allude to the subject again at a future meeting.

Instructions to officers

By Mr Hardy That the Secretary write to Messrs Raleigh, Blackwood & Co., through Mr Leckers manager for Mr R. Moffatt, re. exchange of Roads in the parish of Parklau Calivil.



Motions

Ref Mr Lethlean. That tenders be called for the formation of a road running East and West between allot 92 and 93 and allot 140 and 139 parish of Dingee

Seconded by Mr Raleigh and

Carried

Ref Mr Lethlean. That improvements be made on the boundary road at Kamarooka between this Shire and the Shire of Maroona. The cost not exceed £15.00

Seconded by Mr Raleigh and

Carried

Mr Hardy moved by leave. That tenders be called for clearing & four miles of road in the parish of Loxton

Mr Potter seconded

Carried

Notice of motions

N<sup>o</sup> 1 Ref Mr Laird. That tenders be called for removal of Culvert from Swan Hill Road and erecting it on road leading East from Swan Hill

N<sup>o</sup> 2 Ref Mr Lethlean. For Culverts and earthwork on road running East and West between Nicholas Thomas and Edward Camp and John Excell and Albert Mack in the parish of Tandanus

3 Ref Mr Lethlean. That the Council purchase half an acre of land from Edward Camp's allotment 43 parish of Tandanus for a dam.

4 Ref Mr Coutts. That tenders be called for supply metal or hard burnt brick. Separate tenders for each and to be started where required between the poor poor bridge and Salisbury bridge.

5 Ref Mr Coutts. That tenders be called for forming and draining on the boundary road between the three ridings, North of Mr Shopp.

6 Ref Mr Potter. That tenders be called for small culvert and earthwork on the two chain road between the North and East ridings West of Mr R. F. Penrose

Accounts

|                   |                          |       |    |   |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Rate Collector    | Engineer                 | 20    | 16 | 8 |
| Donation          | Secretary                | 12    | 10 | " |
| Office materials  | G. R. Burrows            | 5     | "  | " |
| Cont. 231         | Bendigo Hospital         | 5     | 5  | " |
| " 234             | John Robshaw             | 2     | 6  | 6 |
| " 248             | E. Hester                | 21    | 14 | 6 |
| " 237             | B. Heast                 | 5     | "  | " |
| N. & L.           | A. Burrows               | 5     | "  | " |
| " "               | D. Dowd                  | 7     | 15 | " |
| " "               | Thos Connaughton         | "     | 17 | 6 |
| " "               | George Mossop            | 1     | 15 | " |
| " "               | R. Bloomfield            | 6     | "  | " |
| " "               | E. Hester                |       | 18 | " |
| Dy. Acty Office   | R. Jackson               | 2     | 2  | " |
| " " "             | Joseph Davis             | 2     | 2  | " |
| poll clerk        | Mat <sup>r</sup> Vincent | 1     | 1  | " |
| Election          | Messengers               | 3     | "  | " |
| Rolling equipment | W. H. Bunning            | 6     | 6  | " |
| Refreshments      | J. A. Podleck            | 17    | 14 | 6 |
| Cont.             | Thos Connaughton         | 7     | 8  | 6 |
| "                 | Thos Connaughton         | 3     | 7  | 1 |
| N. & L.           | B. Day                   | 4     | 10 | " |
| Share of subsidy  | Share of Swan Hill       | 150   | "  | " |
|                   | Total                    | £ 292 | 9  | 3 |

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Hardy the account as read were

Passed

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> 1881

Confirmed  
Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
September 16<sup>th</sup> 1881

David Gault  
President



16 Sep 1881

# Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpentine  
Shire Hall  
September 16<sup>th</sup> 1881

## Present

C<sup>o</sup> Coult, President, C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh, Potter, Bissell,  
Hardy, Lethlean, Marshall and Pentreath

## Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
on the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Lethlean seconded by C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh  
were

## Confirmed

## Correspondence

1. Beudley Benevolent Society. Soliciting subscription.  
On the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Potter seconded by C<sup>o</sup> Pentreath  
£2. 2. 0 was voted.
2. J. Robshaw Sandhurst. acknowledging cheque.
3. Shire Swan Hill. ditto
4. Acting under Secretary. re. death rate of Dogs. referred  
to Secretary
5. Central Board of Health. with notice in Chinese.
6. John Burford. with return cheque stating that more  
money was due to him. On the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Hardy. Sec<sup>d</sup>  
by C<sup>o</sup> Marshall. the letter was received. The Council  
declining to interfere.
7. Secretary of Lands. Stating that the land applied for by  
Theodore Lanson on the Serpentine Creek had been permanently  
reserved.
8. Committee Marcus Clarke fund. Received
9. Crabb & Kirby, Sandhurst. re drain near Gentwell.  
On the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Raleigh seconded by C<sup>o</sup> Pentreath  
The Engineer was instructed to report on same.
10. Beudley Agricultural Society asking donation.  
On the motion of C<sup>o</sup> Lethlean and seconded by C<sup>o</sup>  
Marshall £5. 5. 0 was voted.



Correspondence Continued

- No 11 Secretary of Lands. re road in Parish of Calivil. Received
- 12 President of N. H. Agricultural Society. Soliciting donations. C. Lethlean moved and C. Hardy seconded that £3. 3. 0 be granted. Carried
- 13 A. Moffatt, Ravenswood. re exchange of road in the Parish of Calivil and Jarralem as per plan produced. C. Hardy moved and C. Lethlean seconded that the matter be left in the hands of the members for the North Riding and the President and C. Penneath to confer with Mr Moffatt.
- 14 Shire of Swan Hill. re weir. Carried  
Toll and over }
- 15 G. C. Hiatt, Sandana. requested that the decision be paid for a special success fee for the Galloos ploughing <sup>match</sup> be paid to the Society as a donation. On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Raleigh the request was complied with.
- 16 John Turner, Yarragun. asking for the use of the Shire Hall for a Ball. granted on the usual terms.
- 17 Petition from ratepayers in the East Riding. drawing Council's attention to Raywood and Lerrick roads and requesting repairs on same. C. Lethlean stated that the purpose giving notice of motion for works on said road.

Reports

C. Hardy reported that the members for the North Riding had selected two sites suitable for a Duna in North Calivil, the engineer to make the final selection.

The President reported that he had attended the frong meeting at Sandhurst.

Reports Continued

The engineers report referred to works complete and in progress also to works recommended in different parts of the Shire.

On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Raleigh the report was

Received

The Secretary reported on the receipts for the month also showing the present liabilities to be, including bank overdraft, tota £614. 19. 4. The assets, including Government subsidy, were £1322. 1. 0.

On the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Lethlean the report was

Received

The Treasurer reported a debit balance amounting to £173. 2. 0. On the motion of the President seconded by C. Penneath the report was

Received

The President reported that the engineer was now about to resume work, and intended to reside at the Serpentine.

Tenders

- No 1 Grubbing and clearing two miles more or less on boundary road parish of Sandana. No tenders.  
Fresh tenders to be called, to be addressed to the members for the East Riding, to be opened in a fortnight at the Galloos State School.
- 2 Two tubers with approaches parish of Dingee.  
A. J. Phillips. £42. 16. 8
- 3 Clearing four miles, half chain wide. parish of Ironbark.  
J. Riddle. £32. 0. 0

Moved by C. Lethlean seconded by C. Potter that the above tenders be

AcceptedCarried



General business

Mr Raleigh moved. That advertisements be inserted in the following papers: The Leader, Bendigo Advertiser, Evening News, and Hugheswood Advertiser, stating that action will be taken against all who pay in arrears after the first November next. Seconded by Mr Potter and

Carried

Mr Lethlean That the time for receiving tenders be extended to 12 o'clock at noon on day of meeting. Seconded by Mr Raleigh and

Carried

Mr Potter called attention to a dangerous hole on the road leading to Rogers, near Serpentine township. The engineer was instructed to have same filled in.

Mr Hardy moved. That the sum of £35 be voted to Mr Potter to recompense him for expenses incurred during his term of office as president. Seconded by Mr Pentreath and

Carried

Mr Laird here took his seat. The letter from the Swan Hill Council re Serpentine Weir was next considered and on the motion of Mr Potter the Secretary was instructed to reply that this Council is not prepared to expend money on temporary repairs but would assist in obtaining the Government grant and in making the work a permanent one. Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried

Mr Laird moved that the sum of Twenty pounds per annum be given to Mr Hutton the telegraph master as a bonus towards keeping open the telegraph office. The amount to be divided between the Ridings as follows: £10 to the South Riding, £4 to the North and £4 to the East. The Engineer to lay as many telegraph poles as may be necessary for the purpose. Seconded by Mr Hardy and

CarriedMr Potter dissentingGeneral business continued

Mr Potter asked permission to have certain clearing done near Silurian Downs in the North Riding. On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Lethlean the request was granted. Cost not to exceed £1. 10. 0

Mr Potter moved that certain repairs to the Shire Hall be done and that Joseph Coleman's offer to perform the work for £45 be accepted. Seconded by the President. An amendment was moved by Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Laird that tenders be called for the work in the usual way. The amendment was

CarriedInstructions to officers

By Mr Potter That the engineer be instructed to have the culvert on road from Four post to the Lockdown widened and rolled.

By Mr Pentreath That the engineer have drains leading into Tang Tang Swamp improved. Cost not to exceed £10

By Mr Lethlean That the engineer be instructed to report on Road near mines in the East Riding

Motions

By Mr Laird For removal and erection of Culvert on Swan Hill road. Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

By Mr Lethlean For culvert and approaches by the Carey and other parish of Sandarra. Seconded by Mr Raleigh and

Carried

By Mr Lethlean For the purchase of half an acre of land from Edward Carey from allotment 143 for the purpose of making a public tank. Seconded by Mr Raleigh and

Carried



Motions Continued

By C<sup>r</sup> Court. That tenders be called for supplying metal or hard burnt brick, separate tenders for each and to be stacked when required between the poor poor and salisbury bridges  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Laird and

Carried

By C<sup>r</sup> Court. That tenders be called for forming and draining the boundary road between the three ridings. North of Mr. Sharp  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lettman and

Carried

By J<sup>r</sup> Potter. That tenders be called for small Culvert, if required, and earthwork on the two chain road boundary between North and East Ridings and West of Mr. Pentreath  
 Seconded by Mr. C<sup>r</sup> Hardy and

Carried

By C<sup>r</sup> Hardy, with leave, That tenders be called for clearing 40 chains, more or less, on the East road allotment 100 Parish of Sarham  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Potter and

Carried

By C<sup>r</sup> Marshall. That tenders be called for fencing in the Launds at Calveit, and near Charles Miller also extra drainage to millstand  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Raleigh and

Carried

By C<sup>r</sup> Bissett, with leave. That the bridge near Miller be pulled down and reconstructed, in accordance with the engineer's suggestion  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Pentreath and

CarriedNotice of Motions

By C<sup>r</sup> Lettman. For a culvert and earthwork on the Raywood and Britains roads running North and South and known as Johnston Swamp.

By C<sup>r</sup> Raleigh. That tenders be called for the excavation of a bank of 4000 cubic yards in the parish of Hamarock.

By C<sup>r</sup> Raleigh. That tenders be called for the formation of about 6 chains, more or less, of road in Yallock opposite John Taylors selection.

By C<sup>r</sup> R. J. Pentreath. That tenders be called for the necessary improvements on the three chain roads at Britains between allotments 59, 61 and 60.

By C<sup>r</sup> Pentreath. That tenders be called for small Culvert, earthwork and clearing in the Parish of Hamarock near Hayes selection.

By C<sup>r</sup> Court. That tenders be called for fifty two guards to be delivered at the Shire Hall.

Accounts

|                     |                            |     |    |   |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----|----|---|
|                     | Engineer                   | 20  | 16 | 8 |
|                     | Secretary                  | 12  | 10 | " |
| Rate Collector      | C. R. Burrows              | 5   | "  | " |
| Donation            | Boort Agricultural Society | 1   | 1  | " |
| Printing & Advt     | J. G. Hornblower & Co      | 13  | 5  | 3 |
| "                   | Macfar & Co                | 10  | 17 | 6 |
| Court 248           | A Burrows                  | 1   | 6  | " |
| Law Expenses        | Blake & Riggall            | 6   | 5  | " |
| W. & L              | Richard Parker             | 2   | 18 | 8 |
| Spence as President | John Potter                | 35  | "  | " |
|                     | Total                      | 108 | "  | 1 |

On the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Potter seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Laird, the account read were passed.

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 1881

Confirmed  
 Shire Hall  
 October 21 1881

Wm C. Court  
 President



20 Oct 1881

Ordinary Meeting

Shire Hall,  
Serpentine  
October 20<sup>th</sup> 1881

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy were Confirmed

Correspondence

1. Shire of Rosedale - re Forest Culture. On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Hardy - Cooperation granted
2. Petition from Ratepayers of the East and North Redings to the President requesting him to call a meeting re Railway Station. The President stated that he had attended to the request and call a meeting.
3. Shier and Gillespie - re Sappograph Received
4. Brown & Ellison Solicitors Sandhurst. re J. Hutchinson's rates Received
5. Under Treasurer - Melbourne with account for signature. The Secretary stated that the account had been returned duly signed.
6. Secretary of Water Supply - Melbourne - with offer of Water Bore. Moved by Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Lethlean. That the Secretary write to the department urging on them to forward the report bore as early as possible. Carried
7. Brown & Ellison - Sandhurst. withdrawing Cheque for Hutchinsons rates. Moved by Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Potter that the matter be left in the hands of the President to see Brown & Ellison.



Correspondence Continued

- 8 M Blackburn. Bank of Victoria - requesting order to collect subsidy. Forwarded
- 9 Under Treasury. Stating that Government subsidy was forwarded for payment. Received
- 10 Public Works Department. Appointing Auditor
- 11 Shire of Marong. Agreeing to extension of clearing on boundary roads. Received
- 12 Brown & Ellison - Sandhurst requesting to know amount of rates due on St. Hadenham's allotment. Received
- 13 Public Works Department with Bill for Conservation of Water. Received
- 14 Power Rutherford & Co Melbourne. R. A & A Maats rates. Received
- 15 W. H. House. St. Donald. Announcing himself as Government Auditor. Received
- 16 W. J. Boyle. Hon. Secretary, Mining Water Conservation Committee, requesting cooperation. Received
- 17 Joseph Coleman. Serpentine. Applying for Slaughtering License. Granted
- Granted

Reports

Mr Lethbride reported having let a contract for clearing in the parish of Kaurarook at 2/- per chain. Motion approved on this Motion of Mr Pentreath seconded seconded by Mr Potter

Reports Continued

Mr Hardy reported having, in conjunction with Mr Potter assisted as a deputation with members of the Swan Hill Council to the Minister of Water Supply re the Serpentine Weir. After a discussion, in which the president Mr Laird, Hardy & Potter joined, the matter was allowed to drop.

The Engineer reported on the several works in progress and suggested the making of a dam on allotment 129 parish of Calveit. On the motion of Mr Pentreath seconded by Mr Lethbride the report was Received

The Secretary reported on the receipt of the second moiety of the Government subsidy, too late for use before the close of the financial year. He also requested instructions relative to defaulting ratepayers. On the motion of Mr Lethbride seconded by Mr Marshall the report was received.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £492.18.11. On the motion of Mr Pentreath seconded by Mr Marshall the report was Received

The rate collector submitted a list of defaulting ratepayers for cash riding. Mr Potter suggested that the list be examined by the members for the ridings.

A petition was received from the ratepayers of the East Riding, asking for the erection of a bridge over Bullock Creek on the main road from Serpentine to Mitiamo.

Mr Pentreath stating he should give notice of motion in the matter later on. Received



Tenders. The following tenders were accepted.  
 No 1 Fencing tanks at Calicut and Poupapail.  
D. Dow 18. 18. 0 ✓

2 Culvert & near Kauri Jamieba East  
T. Pounaughton 17. 14. 0 ✓

3 Culvert, tanks & near Duncan's, Sandhara  
W. E. Lethlean 87. 1. 6 ✓

4 Supplying 500 Cubic yards of Metal.  
J. Coleman 6/9 per yard ✓

5 Not tenders

6 Bridge over Poupapail Creek  
J. McLean 77. 8. 8 ✓

7 Small Culvert earthwork between Calicut & Hapannia  
Wm Lethlean 48. 5. 8 ✓

8 Grubbing and clearing. Parish of Larklau  
George Peck £ 6. 2. 6 ✓

9 Bridge over Poupapail Creek Parish of Poupapail  
Thos. McLean 95. 16. 6 ✓

10 Repairs to Pine Hall.  
Joseph Coleman £45. 11. 0 ✓

### General business

C<sup>r</sup> Potter reported that he had interviewed Mr J. P. Woods & had agreed to allow him £15. 0. 0 in full discharge of all claims as compensation.

C<sup>r</sup> Hardy moved that the action of C<sup>r</sup> Potter be confirmed. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean and  
Carried

### General business continued

The President reported that at a meeting held at Hapannia resolutions relative to Railway Station were passed and requesting the support of the Council.

C<sup>r</sup> Penneath moved that the support of the Council be granted. Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Marshall and  
Carried

The President brought under the notice of the Council the Water Conservation Bill now before Parliament and suggested that the President of the Sandhurst Municipal Group be asked to call a meeting of the group to consider the Bill.

C<sup>r</sup> Hardy moved that the Secretary be instructed to write asking that a meeting be called. C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean seconded the motion.  
Carried

The President was appointed a delegate with power to call in the assistance of other Councillors.

### Instruction to Officers

Ref to Lethlean. That the Secretary take steps to conduct valuation so far as regards the holding of McTouhies of Millers.

### Motions

17 Ref to Lethlean. For Culvert and earthwork on the Raywood and Mitiamo Road and Ruwra Johnston Swamp.  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Penneath and

2 Ref to Raleigh. Carried

For tank. To stand over  
 3 Ref to Raleigh. For formation of six chains of road in the parish of Galloo.  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Penneath and

Carried  
 4 Ref to Penneath. For improvements on three chain road at Mitiamo.  
 Seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Lethlean and  
Carried



Motions Continued  
 No 5 By Mr. Puckath For small culvert and earthwork  
 Parish of Hayman  
 Seconded by Mr. Lethlean and  
 Carried

6 By Mr. Louth For 25 tree guards  
 Seconded by Mr. Lethlean and  
 Carried

7 By Mr. Lethlean For repairs to culvert and 40 chains  
 of clearing between East South Ridge  
 Seconded by Mr. Marshall and  
 Carried

By Mr. Hard That notice be given by advertisement  
 that no obstructions or jacks will be allowed on cleared  
 roads within the shire  
 Seconded by Mr. Marshall and  
 Carried

Notice of Motion  
 No 1 By Mr. Puckath For Bridge and approaches  
 over Bullah Creek  
 2 By Mr. Puckath For Culvert and approaches  
 on road to Sand Hill

### Accounts

|         |                                 |    |    |   |
|---------|---------------------------------|----|----|---|
|         | Supplies                        | 20 | 16 | 8 |
|         | Secretary                       | 12 | 10 | " |
|         | G. H. Burrows                   | 5  | "  | " |
|         | Bendigo Benevolent Society      | 2  | 2  | " |
|         | Bendigo Agricultural Society    | 3  | 3  | " |
|         | North Western Agricultural Socy | 3  | 3  | " |
|         | Yallock Ploughing Society       | 2  | "  | " |
|         | J. M. Hancock & Co              | 9  | 10 | 9 |
| W. & L. | David Dow                       | 1  | 10 | " |
| W. & L. | Geo. Bloomfield                 | 1  | "  | " |
|         | J. A. Rodbeck                   | 8  | 1  | 6 |
| W. & L. | Thos. Couraughton               | 2  | 17 | 6 |
| W. & L. | Thos. Couraughton               | 3  | 15 | " |
|         |                                 | 75 | 9  | 5 |

### Accounts Continued

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Colt. 252 | James Riddle   |
| W. & L.   | Joseph Coleman |
| W. & L.   | Thos. Jeff     |
| Colt. 234 | B. Heath       |
| " 238     | A. C. Lethlean |
| " 222     | N. Howell      |
| " 2149    | B. Perinoni    |
| " 246     | J. C. Horne    |
| " 250     | Joseph Coleman |
| " 251     | A. J. Phillips |

|     |    |   |
|-----|----|---|
| 75  | 9  | 5 |
| 15  | "  | " |
|     | 12 | 6 |
| 4   | 10 | " |
| 17  | 16 | " |
| 6   | 4  | 4 |
| 3   | 2  | " |
| 11  | 2  | " |
| 10  | "  | " |
| 87  | 12 | 6 |
| 10  | "  | " |
| 291 | 8  | 9 |

On the motion of Mr. Pott seconded by Mr. Marshall the accounts as read were passed  
for payment

The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned  
 to Tuesday the 15 November 1881

Confidence  
 Then Hall  
 Suspension  
 Nov 13/1881  
 David Louth  
 President



15 Nov 1881

Annual Meeting

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

Present

Mr Coutts (President) Potter, Bissett,  
Hardy, Pentreath, Marshall and Lethlean

The Secretary presented the Audited balance sheet for the financial year ending September 30<sup>th</sup> showing that the Shire closed the year with an overdraft of £279.2.7. The expenditure for the year being £4108.10.7. The Auditor's report stated that the books were correctly and well kept by the Shire Secretary, who had given every assistance during the audit; spoke of the absence of the rate collector, and referred to the small amount received from dog registration.

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Hardy the balance sheet was passed and allowed, signed by the president and ordered to be printed.

Confirmed December 16-1881  
David G. W. W.  
President

15 Nov 1881

Ordinary Meeting

Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 1881

Present

Mr Coutts (President) Potter, Bissett, Hardy,  
Pentreath, Marshall, and Lethlean

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall were

Confirmed

Correspondence

- 1 Secretary Royal Commission on Tariff - requesting lists of all public companies within the Shire Received
- 2 Report from Infant Society - Melbourne. Received
- 3 Department of Agriculture - Melbourne - requesting information of the probable yields of grain. Received and the Secretary instructed to attend to the matter.
- 4 Orphan Asylum - Melbourne. Received
- 5 J. A. Teague - Sandhurst with Cheque for £. 14. 0. Harlinians rates. Received
- 6 J. G. Meddell. Sandhurst. Acknowledging cheque for £5. 3. 0 Donation to Agricultural Society. Received
- 7 Hon<sup>ble</sup> Secretary Sandhurst Group meeting. Calling meeting of Delegates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Province. The President and Councillors for each riding East and North were appointed. Not attended
- 8 A. B. Moore - with map of Victoria. Received with thanks
- 9 Secretary Bendigo Benevolent Society - with Ticket.
- 10 Hospital for Sick Children - Melbourne - requesting donation. Received
- 11 H. W. House. Auditor. Received



Correspondence. Continued

- No 12 Secretary N. H. Agricultural Society - Acknowledging for £3.3.0 Received
- 13 Secretary Water Supply. re Water Supply. Received
- 14 W. Dean Bros Millers re Water Supply. - " -
- 15 Brown & Elliott. Sandhurst. Authorising Cheque to be presented for Hutchinsons rates. Received
- 16 A. Moffatt. Ravenswood. Offering to give the Council two acres of land for dam parish of Calicut on condition the fence so as to allow his sheep to drink at it. On the motion of Mr Potter seconded Mr Hardy the offer was declined and the Secretary instructed to write Mr Moffatt & request him to state a price.
- 17 Petition from Ratepayers, Cooperative. requesting Council to form water hole where pump situated. The members for the riding to attend to the matter.
- 18 J. Raleigh. requesting motion standing in his name be allowed to stand over until next Meeting, also for leave of absence. Both requests were granted.
- 19 Petition from Ratepayers of Sandams. requesting that the proposed tank of 4000 yards at Kaurarooka be divided into two portions of 2000 each. On the motion of Mr Pentreath the consideration of the matter was allowed to stand over until next meeting.
- 20 J. Cleman. requesting extra on contract for dam &c. On the motion of Mr Pentreath the request was allowed.
- 21 Petition from Ratepayers of Harpuni & Calicut. re Railway Station. Mr Hardy moved and Mr Pentreath seconded that the President interview the Commissioners of Railways on subject and urge the suitability of "Aqueduct Corner" as the most convenient for the general public.
- 22 Shirl Swan Hill. re Weir. requesting Council to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee from that Council to inspect plans &c.

Reports

The President reported that himself and Mr Potter and Mr Pentreath had attended the Water Conference at Sandhurst and regretted that a unanimous vote had not been passed in favor of the main works being carried out by the Government. On motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Marshall a vote of thanks was passed to the delegates.

The Engineer reported on the progress of the different contracts throughout the Shire.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Pentreath the report was Received

The Secretary reported that the Annual Audit had been completed. The liabilities of each <sup>Group</sup> for current contracts was as follows

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| East Riding | 233. 6. 6   |
| North       | 395. 13. 10 |
| South       | 318. 10. 6  |
| Total       | 947. 10. 10 |

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall the report was Received

The Treasurer reported a credit a balance of £687. 11. 6

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by the President the report was Received

The Collector reported having collected rates amounting to £101. 17. 3 and regretted his absence from the Annual Audit.

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Pentreath the report was Received



Tenders

- On the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Bissett  
The following tenders were accepted
- N<sup>o</sup> 1 Culvert and earthwork Raywood and Britanno Roads  
P. Mahoney £43. 3. 9 ✓
- N<sup>o</sup> 2 Formation in Yallock  
R. Parker £8. 6. 8 ✓
- N<sup>o</sup> 3 Works on the chain road at Britanno  
Tender too high to be re-advertised
- N<sup>o</sup> 4 Culvert & Hayanini. No tenders re-advertised
- N<sup>o</sup> 5 Twenty five tree guards for Serpentine.  
Joseph Coleman £10. 12. 6 ✓
- N<sup>o</sup> 6 Repairs to Culvert & between East and South Ridings  
No tenders. To be re-advertised

General Business

The consideration of the Swan Hill Shire letter was taken into consideration and on the motion of C. Pentreath seconded by C. Lethlean the letter was received and further consideration adjourned until next meeting.

C. Potter introduced Mr. Thorpe who complained that 33¢ had been unfairly deducted from him by the engineer. C. Hardy moved that the matter stand over for one month and the engineer and members for the North Riding survey the ground and report.  
Seconded by C. Marshall and

Carried

The application of Mrs. Wilson, pumpapies, for an adjustment of rates and requesting one year's allowance as she was not in possession for the time charged.

The request was complied with and one year's rates allowed.

General business Continued

C. Marshall was authorised to employ labor to make drains to dam at pumpapies

C. Marshall requested information as to what was being done with the dam at Bullock Creek. after discussion

C. Marshall moved that Mr. Etteshanks be communicated with relative to title. seconded by C. Lethlean and

Carried

The President and C. Pentreath were empowered to purchase the necessary furniture for the Shire Hall

C. Hardy moved that Mr. Moffatt be notified that all previous proposals were abandoned and asked to allow the road to run straight and to take in exchange the road opposite Doolans seconded by C. Potter and

Carried

The consideration of the management of the Watercure resulted in the appointment of C. Hardy, Marshall and Lethlean and the President as a Committee of management with authority to appoint a working manager on the motion of C. Pentreath and seconded C. Potter.

Instructions to Officers

By C. Lethlean. That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Carey re purchase of land for dam purposes at Tandanya

By C. Hardy. That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Moffatt re exchange of road in parish of Haleville

By C. Pentreath. That the Secretary write to the Inspector of Nuisances for the East Riding re dog nuisance at Cullens

Notice of motions

N<sup>o</sup> 1 By C. Pentreath. That tenders be called for Bridge and approaches over Bullock Creek on the three chain road from Serpentine to Britanno.

N<sup>o</sup> 2 By C. Pentreath. Tenders be called for culvert and approaches on road running North from Sand Hills



Accounts

|              |                     |       |    |    |
|--------------|---------------------|-------|----|----|
|              | Enquirer            | 20    | 16 | 8  |
|              | Secretary           | 12    | 10 | "  |
|              | G. R. Burrows       | 10    | "  | "  |
|              | D. P. Woods         | 15    | "  | "  |
|              | H. W. House         | 13    | 5  | 6  |
| Auditors     | James Hinch         | 8     | 8  | "  |
|              | J. G. Horublower    | 8     | 17 | 6  |
|              | R. W. Insua         | 1     | 17 | "  |
| Contract 246 | J. C. Hearn         | 60    | "  | "  |
| " 251        | R. J. Phillips      | 10    | "  | "  |
| " 252        | James Riddle        | 19    | "  | "  |
| " 253        | B. Keast            | 6     | 9  | "  |
| " 256        | M. E. Lethlean      | 15    | "  | "  |
| " 257        | Joseph Coleman      | 15    | "  | "  |
| " 260        | George Hicks        | 4     | 7  | 8  |
| " 262        | J. Coleman          | 15    | "  | "  |
| W. L.        | Alex. Lethlean      | 10    | "  | "  |
| W. L.        | M. E. Lethlean      | "     | 6  | "  |
| W. L.        | J. Coleman          | 4     | "  | "  |
| W. L.        | Thomas Loughborough | 5     | "  | "  |
| Contract 222 | R. Howell           | 2     | 10 | "  |
| W. L.        | Alex. Lethlean      | 2     | 1  | 6  |
|              | Thos O'Niels        | 10    | 8  | 4  |
|              | J. Coleman          |       | 16 | 10 |
|              |                     | £ 271 | 4  | 7  |

The accounts as read were, on the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Lethlean,

Passed

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> 1881

Confirmed

Shire Hall

December 16 1881

David Coult

President

16 Dec 1881

Ordinary Meeting

Shire Hall.

Serpentine

December 16<sup>th</sup> 1881

Present

Mr Coult (President) Raleigh, Laird, Potter, Bissett, Hardy, Lethlean, Marshall & Pentreath

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, and on the motion of Mr Lethlean and seconded by Mr Marshall were

Passed & Confirmed

Correspondence

1. From Treasury - Melbourne. requesting statement of loans contracted. The Secretary has replied that no loans had been contracted by this Council.

2. Shire of Huntly. informing Council that eight chains of road had been inadvertently done in this shire and requesting that the amount £1.0.0 be refunded. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Potter the amount was ordered to be paid.

3. Secretary Water Supply. Melbourne. Notifying that Water Auger had been order for the shire

Received

4. A. J. Kelly. Terriers Station - requesting particulars of rates owing on Terriers property. Attended to.

5. Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institute. Melbourne. requesting subscription. On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Pentreath the consideration of the matter was allowed to stand over for one month.

6. D. Campbell. Calver. Forwarding rates £2.9.6 for year 1879-80.

Received



Correspondence Continued

- No 7 J. Fisher M.L.A. Excusing absence from Deputation  
Received
- 8 Shire Swan Hill - replans Serpentine River  
Received
- 9 A. J. Kelly - Luriers. Forwarding Cheques for Rates  
Received
- 10 Government Statist - asking returns.  
attended to
- 11 R. Moffatt - Ravenswood - re exchange of roads  
Referred to the Members for the North Riding to report  
at next meeting
- 12 Secretary of Agriculture - Melbourne - requesting information  
as to probable yields per acre in the Shire.  
attended to
- 13 Homeopathic Hospital - Melbourne, asking donation  
to stand over
- 14 Horwood Bros - Castlemaine - offering to supply  
the Council with a Roller  
Received
- 15 Municipal Association - re church road  
Received
- 16 James Watson - Sandara - asking the Council to request  
the Shire to sink and brick a well. On the  
motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Raleigh the  
Secretary was instructed to write the Shire on this matter
- 17 Society for prevention of Cruelty to Animals - requesting  
donation  
Received
- 18 J. S. Robertson - asking use of Shire Hall for election  
purposes.  
Granted
- 19 Newbound & Co. - Melbourne. Notifying that furniture  
had been forwarded  
Received

Correspondence Continued

- No 20 Jacob Gustav - Sandara. Applying for Haugh being  
donated. Granted, subject to approval of Inspector.
- 21 H. Grant - Applying for the use of the Shire Hall on  
Boxing night for holding a Ball. On the motion of  
C. Potter the request was complied with subject to a guarantee  
of £10 being produced. Seconded by C. Hardy and  
Received
- 22 W. H. Coffey - Snylenwood - re exchange of roads at Sandara  
Received
- 23 A. J. Phillips - Galloo - asking extension of time for  
Contract  
Granted
- 23 J. Macnamara - Serpentine - requesting to be rated  
for house. Referred to collector
- 24 C. Medcalf - Serpentine - requesting the patronage of the  
Council. On the motion of the C. Raleigh seconded  
by C. Lethlean the consideration of the matter was left over  
for a month

Reports

The President reported that himself and Councilor  
penhath had waited on the Commissioners of Railways  
asking that a station should be erected at Agnes Corner.  
The request was favorably received and a promise  
given.

He also reported that the water cover had been  
received and the Committee had appointed Mr. George  
Brosop Manager at a salary of £5.0.0 per week

C. Hardy reported on the Work done by the  
Machines in the North Riding

The Engineer reported having prepared plans &c.  
for various works in the Shire. Pole driving was nearly  
complete at the Major's line bridge. The engineer further  
reported on a complaint made by Mr. Burford, that he  
had been paid for all work done



Reports Received

Mr Lethlean moved and Mr Hardy seconded that the engineers report be received.

Carried

Mr Pentreath moved that the action of the Committee re Water bore and the appointment of Mr George Mossop as manager at a salary of £5 per week be approved. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

The Secretary reported receipts for last month as £266. 17. 6. The amount of arrears of rates at present outstanding was £73. 17. 11.

On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Lethlean the report was

Received

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £732. 3. 5. On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Raleigh the report was

ReceivedTenders

- 1 Culvert & parish of Mithiam  
Thomas Lethlean £19. 12. 8 ✓
- 2 Culvert & near Hayes parish of Haypenn  
J. Coleman £36. 13. 4 ✓
- 3 Repairs to Culvert & on road between Salisbury and Gallop.  
No tenders
- 4 Culvert and approaches on road between Haypenn & Mithiam.  
J. Coleman £44. 5. 0 ✓
- 5 Pile Bridge over Bullock Creek on Road from Serpentine to Mithiam.  
Loupton & Co £34. 1. 18. 6 ✓
- 6 Sinking Slabbing well shaft, parish of Pompadour  
Bloomfield and Bean 22. 10. 0

On the motion of Mr Potter Mr Laird seconded by Mr Potter It was decided to hold over this Contract and that a pump be purchased and laid in the event of this failing.

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a shaft be sunk

Carried

On the motion of Mr Pentreath seconded by Mr Marshall the tenders as read were

AcceptedElection of Dog tax Collectors

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Marshall, Hugh Chequer was appointed Collector for the North & South Ridings and Thomas Lethlean for the East Riding.

Reputation

Mr Hardy introduced a reputation from the Swan Hill Council consisting of Mr Savenor (President) and Keup who brought under the notice of the Council the necessity of repairing the Serpentine Weir in accordance with the plans prepared by Mr C. E. Albrecht. The reputation spoke at considerable length in support of the plans and proceeding with the work at once.

A long discussion ensued in which the President Mr Hardy, Laird, Raleigh, Potter, Pentreath & Marshall took part. It was ultimately decided on the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Pentreath that the consideration of the whole matter stand over until next meeting.

CarriedGeneral business

The President asked that the Council consider the propriety of granting a bonus to Mr Cannon the Carpenter for extra work performed during the cleaning of the Hail.

On the motion of Mr Raleigh the matter was allowed to stand over until next meeting.

Instructions to officers

By Mr Raleigh. That the Engineer be instructed to extend Contract near Taylors, East Riding.



Instructions to officers continued

By Mr Lethlean. Engineer to define boundary line Parish of Kinnarroch between the Shire and Shire of Huntly, also to communicate his decision re drain on road near Gunters to the parties interested.

By Mr Coutts. Engineer to call for tenders for <sup>Crossing</sup> over Cruch near Shire Hall as previously ordered

Motions

Mr Laird moved That the members for the North Riding be empowered to expend the sum of £10 in seeking to recover the boring rods lost down the bore in Calvill North riding. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

By Mr Raleigh. That tenders be called for two tanks of 2000 cubic yards each in the Parish of Sandana. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

It was decided that the water tower be set to work in the East Riding, when done with in the North Riding

Accounts

|                                   |                            |    |    |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----|----|---|---|
|                                   | Engineer                   | 20 | 16 | 8 |   |
|                                   | Secretary                  | 12 | 10 | " |   |
| Rate collector                    | G. R. Burrows              | 5  | "  | " | ✓ |
| Goods                             | Williams & Co              | 5  | 13 | 6 | ✓ |
| Railway freight                   | Peruvian Night & Co        | 5  | 16 | 6 | ✓ |
| Advertising                       | Bendigo Evening News       | 2  | 15 | " | ✓ |
| Care taker                        | Mr Cannon                  | 6  | 5  | " | ✓ |
| Quar <sup>ter</sup> S. R. Burrows | Victoria Life Insurance Co | 4  | "  | " | ✓ |
| Advertising                       | Macray & Co                | 11 | 16 | 6 | ✓ |
| N. & L.                           | J. Coleman                 | 2  | "  | " | ✓ |
| Refreshments                      | S. A. Pollock              | 8  | 6  | " | ✓ |
|                                   | Carried forward            | 84 | 19 | 2 |   |

Accounts

|                      |                    |       |    |    |   |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------|----|----|---|
|                      | Brought forward    | 84    | 19 | 2  |   |
| Carriage             | J. Coleman         | 1     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| C. of Dr.            | Thomas Neil        | 11    | 5  | "  | ✓ |
| W. & L.              | John Selby         | "     | 19 | 6  | ✓ |
| N. & L.              | J. Incey           | 3     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| N. & L.              | J. Coleman         | 1     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| N. & L.              | Thomas Founaughton | 3     | 10 | "  | ✓ |
| N. & L.              | Ch. Smith          | "     | 6  | "  | ✓ |
| N. & L.              | Ch. Smith          | 5     | 17 | 10 | ✓ |
| Cont 2 1/2           | J. Coleman         | 34    | 1  | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 1/0              | George Weeks       | 5     | 9  | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 5 5              | Thomas Founaughton | 18    | 15 | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 5 7              | J. Coleman         | 90    | "  | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 5 4              | D. Bow             | 15    | "  | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 5 3              | B. Keast           | 3     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 5 1              | W. E. Lethlean     | 21    | "  | "  | ✓ |
| " 2 4 6              | J. O. Hearse       | 200   | "  | "  | ✓ |
| N. & L.              | A. Burrows         | 2     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| Cont                 | R. Howell          | 3     | 16 | 5  | ✓ |
| Sweep Slaughteryard  | W. French          | 1     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| Making G. R. R. & Co | Secretary          | 5     | "  | "  | ✓ |
| Reputation           | Mr Coutts          | 7     | 7  | "  | ✓ |
| "                    | " Pentreath        | 6     | 6  | "  | ✓ |
| "                    | " Potter           | 1     | 1  | "  | ✓ |
| "                    | " Lethlean         | 1     | 1  | "  | ✓ |
|                      | Total              | £ 526 | 13 | 11 |   |

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Laird the accounts as read were

Passed

Confirmed  
Shire Hall  
Serpentine  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 1882

David Coutts  
President