

19 Jan 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
January 19th 1883

Present

Mr D. Louth (President) Laird, Bissett, Hardy
Potter, Lethlean and Marshall

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and on
the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Bissett
were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Railway Department re Yards at Duncan's
Received

From Shire of Korang. re proposed Bridge over
the Loddon parish of Salisbury West.

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Potter the
Members for the South Riding were appointed a Committee
to confer with any delegates that may be appointed by other
Shires interested.

Carried

From John Rogers, Yallock. Complaining of excessive
Rating. Referred to Secretary and Rate Collector
to arrange the matter

From Public Works Department re expense of Audit.

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Lethlean
The letter was not considered satisfactory and that this
Council lodge a protest against the excessive charges
made by the Auditor

Carried

From W. H. Coffey - enclosing receipts

Received

Correspondence Continued

From District Survey Office, Sandhurst. In reply to application from Shire, stating that the name of the applicant for a Garden and Residence Licence was Patrick Sheehan of the Corporation.

Moved by Mr. Laird and seconded by Mr. Lethlean that the Council decline to sanction the application. Mr. Potter moved as an amendment that the President and Mr. Hardy and Laird be appointed a Committee to visit the site and report at the next meeting as to whether the Council should object or otherwise to the application. Seconded by Mr. Marshall. The amendment was

Carried

From Secretary Railway Department. re application for erection of sheep and trucking yards at Duncan's, stating that the application was premature as the line is not yet open.

On the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Laird. It was agreed that the department be again written on the subject.

Carried

Secretary Shire of Horong. re bridge over Kingsmill Creek. Stating that no money was available for the work, but that the same would be considered in next year's estimates.

Received

From the Mayor of Melbourne requesting donation to Freshwater Relief Fund. On the motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Lethlean £5. 5. 0 was

Voted

From Town Clerk Sandhurst. Forwarding - petitions to be signed in favor of extension of line of Railway from ^{Kerang} Swan Hill to Swan Hill.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded the petitions to the East and North Riding. The petitions were ordered to be returned when signed.

Correspondence Continued

From Hugh Sheehan. Accepting the appointment of Dog Tax Collector for the North and South Ridings on the same terms as last year.

Received

The Secretary reported that Thomas Lethlean had verbally stated to him that he also accepted the appointment of Dog Tax Collector for the East Riding.

From H. H. Hafler Government Statist. Acknowledging receipt of Annual Statistical returns for the financial year 1882.

Received

Reports

Mr. Hardy and Potter reported that they, together with Mr. Lethlean, had met to consider the route to be adopted to the Melbourne Railway Station and had, also, held a meeting of the ratepayers on the matter. Three different routes were suggested when it was ultimately decided that the Engineer should report on the cost of the different routes suggested.

Received

The Engineer reported having relieved his predecessor on the 13th ult. Previous to which date he had made an inspection of the Shire Works. With regard to Contracts in hand, he pointed out that in many of the works the Contract time had been far exceeded. He also referred to the fact, that no deposits had been paid on several Contracts in hand and that Contracts had been allowed to remain unassigned for weeks after they had been let. He asked that in both cases for the future the rules might be strictly enforced. He reported on having inspected certain works passed by his predecessor and found them incomplete. He also referred to having inspected the Britains & Haywood Roads with a view to ascertaining the cause of the flood waters flowing down and injuring the same. He referred to certain works considered necessary throughout the Shire and on the motion of the President seconded by Mr. Lethlean the report was

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Mr Laid moved that all conditions of contracts be enforced and penalties attached to each be strictly carried out. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Mr Hardy moved and Mr Potter seconded that the Engineer carry out the suggestions mentioned in his report, and that tenders be called for the works considered necessary by him. Also that the late Engineer's settlement of Burrows & Holmans Contract, which had been let for £160 and ^{£150}, be adhered to

Carried

Mr Marshall moved and Mr Hardy seconded that the necessary repairs to Calvert dam be included in the tenders to be called for next Meeting

Carried

The Secretary reported that the receipts for the year 1882 were as follows

East Riding	451	1	9
South "	359	0	10
North "	372	15	3
Total	1212	17	10

Being £230.14.5 less than last year

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

Received

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £673.3.4

On the motion of Mr Enich seconded by Mr Bischoff the Report was

Received

The Rate Collector reported having collected the following rates since last Meeting of Council

South Riding	270	17	7
North "	268	17	0
East "	771	14	9
	711	9	4

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He also reported that William Sheehan had paid one rate on land held by him in the parish of Salcombe, whereas there were three years rates due, but, apparently by receipts produced, he has only had his license to occupy since the 28th March 1882

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Marshall the report was Received. Sheehan to be informed that the rate paid could only be acknowledged as an arrear, the other rates still being due on the property

Tenders

Fresh tenders were ordered to be called for the various works previously advertised, all those received being found to be informal

General business

Mr Sharkey, in reply to Mr Marshall, stated that Mr Moffatt was making satisfactory progress in fencing off enclosed roads

The President reported having attended the Conference of delegates from Water Boards held in Melbourne on the previous day. He thought it would be as well if the other Councils had also their say in the matter as they were greatly interested in Water Conservancy. After discussion it was moved by Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Potter that a Conference of Councils be invited to consider the Water Conservancy Act and its proposed amendments, and that the President and Secretary call a special meeting of the Council, if considered necessary, after the result of the present Conference was made known. Mr Laid supported the suggestion and the motion was

Carried

Instructions to officers

By Mr Lethlean. That the Secretary write to the Minister of Railways suggesting that a siding be erected at on the Raywood line at the 31 mile point instead of the 30 mile point as now intended. Also the Marong Shire Council re damage done to Roads by overflow of Water from Dam

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Instructions Continued

By Mr. Lethbride That the Secretary write to the Railway department asking for filling up of Railway drains at Millers Creek

By Mr. Lethbride That the Engineer with the members for the East Riding be empowered to get necessary repairs made near to Steel's

By Mr. Marshall That the Engineer report on the roads from Miller to Duncans and the expenses.

By Mr. Potter That the Engineer visit the parishes of Warfield and Lilliv and if necessary employ labor to rectify defective drainages near Roberts

By The President Engineer to report on cost of Crossing over Bullock Creek between Drinstap and McThorp

By Mr. Laird That Engineer report on works necessary on two chain road from Durham to and Rappahannock road to Duncans

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Potter the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	3
Secretary	12	10	"
G. N. Burrows	5	"	"
Treasurer, Mr. Hutton	55	1	3
Crutts & Jackson	2	4	6
J. Raley	5	"	"
Palmer & Douglas	20	"	"
Thomas Cunningham	33	7	6
J. C. Lee	35	"	"
J. H. Olerhead	15	"	"
P. Mahony	3	2	6
P. Mahony	1	6	8
P. Mahony	3	12	1
P. Mahony	11	6	8
J. Pearl		10	"
Palmer & Douglas	1	10	"
	245	18	3

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The Council then adjourned to Friday
February 11th 1883
Convened
Shire Hall
Serpentine
Feb. 16 1883
David Coates
President

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
February 16th 1883

Present

The President (Mr Coutts) Mr Raleigh, Laird, Bissett, Hardy, Potter, Marshall, Lethlean, and James Coutts.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and on the Motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr J. Coutts were Confirmed

Correspondence

From Shire of Swan. Drawing attention to injury to Jewell's dam, situated near the boundary of the Shire, and asking cooperation towards repairing same. On the Motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Hardy The matter was left in the hands of the members for the East Riding to report to next Meeting.

From Returning Officer for Wandurag, requesting use of Shire Hall as a polling Booth. On the Motion of Mr J. Coutts seconded by Mr Hardy the request was granted

From Maroon Shire. re obstructions on boundary roads and stating the matter had been referred to the Engineer to act where considered necessary.

From Under Treasurer. Forwarding forms to be filled in Received

From Lycaum Hor. Landhurst. Asking if Council would acknowledge order for goods supplied. The Secretary stated he had replied that the Council declined to acknowledge any orders. On the Motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy The action of the Secretary was approved.

Correspondence continued

From Public Works department - Requesting return of all dams or other works made for the Conservation of Waters within the Shire. The Secretary was instructed to furnish the necessary particulars.

From J. Coleman - Asking for reconsideration of extra on his Contract near Mossop and for payment for an extra Culvert put up by him, but overlooked when tendering for the work. The price asked was £7. 10. 0.

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Laird the request was not entertained.

From S. C. Lethlean - Applying for a Slaughtering License.

Franked

From Mr Engineer Norman - Suggesting certain alterations in roads on the Capehorn Mining Railway. On the motion of Mr J. Coult seconded by Mr Raleigh the Secretary was instructed to write to the Railway Dept. stating the Council agreed to the suggested alterations.

Reports

The President reported having visited the site of Mr Hepus' application for a garden license. He produced a plan showing that if Mr Hepus' application was allowed, he and his family would hold both sides of the Creek. He reminded the Council that they had previously objected to any further alienation of any more water frontages. Mr Marshall moved and Mr Potter seconded that Mr Hepus' application for a garden license be objected to.

Carried

Mr Lethlean reported that the dog tax collector for the East Riding desired authority to prosecute defaulters. After discussion it was decided to defer any action until report from collector was received.

The Engineer reported the completion of various Cuts, and that fair progress had been made with others, while some were progressing satisfactorily.

He also reported having visited the roads running from West to East approaching to the Midland Railway Station and gave an estimate of the probable cost of constructing each exclusive of the bridge across Bullock Creek. He further referred to several necessary works throughout the Shire. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Bissett the report was received.

The report was then considered serially. No 4 paragraph It was moved by Mr Potter seconded by Mr Hardy that tenders be called for the required improvements on Darkeston roads, tenders to be delivered at the Post Office Darkeston on Saturday March 3rd and opened by the members for the North Riding.

Carried

The Engineer, on the motion of Mr Marshall, was instructed to employ day labor and have the rough metal on the South side of the Poon Poon bridge broken and blinder. Seconded by Mr Hardy Carried.

In answer Mr Raleigh the Engineer stated that the Culvert at Tandaras Swamp, Thomas Lethlean's contract was too low. The members for the East Riding were authorized to report to next as to the cost of raising the same.

Agreed to

The Secretary's report called attention to an Article in the Argus reflecting on the Council as a body upon himself and brother officers and asked for a Committee to enquire into the charges made.

A long discussion followed. Mr Raleigh considered the Auditor's report a vexatious document and was opposed to the appointment of a Committee as he did not think there was the slightest need for it.

Mr J. Coult thought that, as the Secretary asked for a Committee & an enquiry he was entitled to it, but at the same time he did not believe in the charges. He moved that a Committee be appointed.

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

The President referred at length to each separate charge in the report and gave an explanation regarding each item complained of. He favored the appointment of the Committee of Hardy favored the appointment of a Committee and hope the Secretary would be able to clear himself.

So J. Coult's moved That the Committee consist of C. Laird for the South Riding C. Potter for the North Riding and the mover for the East Riding with full power to do as they thought best and to obtain legal advice if considered necessary. Seconded by C. Lettlean.

Carried

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £515.7.4. On the motion of the President seconded by C. Laird the report was

Received

The report from the Inspector of Slaughtering Yards for the North & South Ridings was

Received

Tenders

No 1 For Side drains and metal crossings parish of Mithams. On the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Bissett the tender of

Deposit 3.4.0
cheque

J. O'Hara for £66.1.9 was

accepted

No 2 Culvert and earthwork on road between Talamba & Galloon. On the motion of C. Laird seconded by C. Potter the tender of

Deposit 3.10.0

J. H. O'Leary for £70.0.0 was

accepted

No 3 Culvert and earthwork between Galloon and Tandara. On the motion of C. Bissett seconded by C. J. Coult's the tender of

Deposit 3.0.0

S. Taylor for £53.3.6 was

accepted

Tenders Continued

No 4 For Bridges over Ingers Creek and approaches

On the motion of C. Raleigh seconded by C. Lettlean no tender was accepted being considered too high.

No 5 For Painting and repairs to Serpentine bridge parish of Jacklam. On the motion of the President seconded by C. J. Coult's the tender of

Deposit 12/-

J. Whit for £12.0.0 was

Accepted

Instructions to officers

By C. J. Coult's Engineer to inspect and have repairs to Culvert near Duff.

By C. Raleigh Engineer to have embankment near Taylors Selection repaired.

By C. Laird Engineer to report on repairs necessary to Culvert near Wickham's.

By C. Hardy ^{Engineer} to inspect crossing near Serpentine Station.

By C. Potter Engineer to inspect Serpentine Creek two miles North of Jacklam Post Office opposite (high) with a view to construction of a Bridge or crossing.

By C. Lettlean Secretary to write to Marong Council re overflow of water from dam on boundary road.

By C. Potter Engineer to inspect road near Ketch Lagoons and make tracing with a view of proposing an exchange of roads with Messrs. Lethbrides & Co.

By C. Lettlean Secretary to ask Marong Council for half share of clearing on boundary roads.

Motions

By C. Raleigh That tenders be called for about three chains of embankment in Galloon near Taylors Selection being completion of work to be commenced by Parker. Seconded by Councillor Lettlean and

Carried

67. Dr. P. runs South - For ten chains of earthwork
and pipes culvert on the one chain road running
East from Dr. P. from and immediately forming
the North East Angle of Mc Namara's Section

No 3 By J^r Lethlean For filling up hole on
Moorehead's road parish of Talouche

No 3 By J. P. South Tenders to be called for
skinning and flabbing well.

11 By J. D. Laird - Fenders be called for draining
on the chain road from Haywood road to
Bullock Creek Bridge.

On the motion of Foxpottor seconded by C. Bissett the following accounts were passed for payment.

Enquirer	20	16	8
Standard	12	10	"
G. H. Burrows	5	"	"
Freswick Relief Fund	5	5	"
J. G. Hornblower & Co	8	19	"
Arnall Jackson	5	1	"
J. H. Cleese	64	14	9
J. H. Cleese	4	5	"
Thomas Lethlean	40	"	"
Thomas Couraughton	30	11	3
Thomas Couraughton	2	13	"
Palmer & Douglas	19	6	7
Palmer & Douglas	2	10	"
W. E. Lethlean	17	12	8
W. E. Lethlean	1	"	"
J. O'Hara	40	"	"
Douglas Palmer	10	"	"
Thomas Couraughton	5	"	"
Thomas Couraughton	1	5	"
Total	329	9	11

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday March 16th 1883

Louisville
March 16th 1883 Christy
President

16 Mar 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting.

Shire Hall
Serpentine
March 16th 1883

Present

The President (Mr D Coult) Mr Laird, Hardy, Potter, Marshall, Lethlean, W. Bissett and C. Coult

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read were on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Coult

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Secretary Bendigo Easter Fair. Soliciting donations.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Coult the letter was

Received

From Grattan and Stamp. Requesting to know what rates are due on Mr S. A. Lewis' lands

Attended to

From Shire of Echunga. Asking on what roads this shire would be willing to share in the cost of a bridge over the Peamung Creek. The president moved that the letter be received and referred to the members for the South East Riding to report. Seconded by Mr J. Coult and

Carried

From Inspector of Slaughteryards for the East Riding forwarding account for £4.0.0 Commission on Licence.

Amount to be paid

From Secretary Municipal Association. Notifying group meeting for the 31st March and forwarding copy of report and business paper and requesting appointment of delegates to group meeting. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Laird the president was appointed to attend as a delegate from this shire.

The various clauses in the business paper were

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considered - variation, where several of the suggestions were approved.

From Treasurer Melbourne. Asking for percentages on Licenses issued during year 1882.

Attended to

From Government Statist. requesting return of all Sheep, Cattle, Horses & pigs within the Shire, also return of all live stock slaughtered within the Shire during the 12 months ending January 1st 1883.

Attended to

From Mr. J. Hutton asking for the use of the Shire Hall for two hours every Sunday afternoon for Sunday school purposes. On the motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Laird the request was

Granted

From Thos. J. Olds. Asking for 10% additional on Contract, for extra labor in protecting crop. On the motion of Mr. J. Coult seconded by Mr. Lethlean the amount was passed for payment.

From J. Hannivell. Asking for consideration for extra work done on Contract. The Engineer stated he could not see where the extra work had been done. The letter was received, the Council declining to entertain the request.

Mr. A. Evans, Taudanna, asking the Council to make some provision to keep the water from her land caused by the overflow from Shire dam. On the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. J. Coult the Engineer was empowered to expend £5. in protecting the land from the overflow.

G. E. Hiatt, Secretary Gallatin Railway League.

Asking for a vote of £50 towards celebrating the opening of the Railway from Raywood to Murrumbidgee. The consideration of this to stand over until future business.

From Mr. E. Lethlean. Applying for reduction of 10% on Mr. Lethlean's land, there being no residence on the land. On the motion of Mr. J. Coult seconded by Mr. Hardy the request was

Complied with

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Reports

The Committee appointed to decide on a road to the Murrumbidgee Railway Station, reported. That a majority of the members favored the road leading due West, next to the Shire boundary. Mr. Hardy suggested the necessity of united action in placing the road in order. The report was Adopted.

Mr. Hardy reported that no tenders had been received for work near Roberts. The report was received fresh tenders to be called to be in by next meeting.

Mr. Lethlean reported that the members for the East had decided against spending any money on Jewell's dam, it being too far outside the Shire boundary. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Shire of Swan Hill to this effect.

The Engineer reported on several contracts completed also on works now in progress. He further referred to several works which he considered necessary to be done.

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

Received

The consideration of the report was then proceeded with

Clause 1 On the motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by the President The Engineer was instructed to pay O'Hern for the actual measurement, but that Contractors be informed that no extras will for the future be allowed unless directly ordered by the Engineer.

Clause 2 On the motion of Mr. Coult seconded by Mr. Lethlean. That £5 be deducted from O'Hern's Contract for non-completion of Contract on Echunga road.

Clause 3 On the motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Potter The Engineer was instructed to employ day labor for filling off dangerous waterholes and to effect road repairs. The Secretary report was on the motion of Mr. Coult seconded by Mr. Laird.

Received

The Treasurer's report showing a credit balance of £372.6.8 was on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Coult.

Received

The pub. Collector reported collections as follows

East Riding	54. 18. 9.
North "	19. 15. "
South "	23. 15. 8
Total	98. 7. "

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

Received

Tenders

No 1 Constructing timber apron to byewash, Calver dam. No tenders

" 2 Forming roadway near Taylor, Yallock

John Taylor

£ 13. 11. 0

Thos. S. Old

£ 13. 3. 2

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy The tender of T. S. Old was

Accepted

For No 1 tender On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Bissett That the Engineer have the work done by day labor.

Carried

Mr Potter and Coult opposed the motion

General business

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Potter leave of absence was granted to Mr Raleigh

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Marshall £30 was voted to the Yallock Railway League towards the expenses for celebrating the opening of the Raywood to Mithams Railway.

Carried

Mr Laird, Bissett & Potter voting against. The question of the legality of the appointment of Thomas Lethlean as Dog tax Collector, he being a Contractor. It was ultimately decided to leave the matter in Lethlean's hands, he expressing his willingness to resign if any difficulties existed to his fulfilling both offices, of Contractor & Dog tax Collector.

Mr Marshall was authorized to have windlass erected on Well at Miller's

Mr Laird brought up the report of the sub-committee appointed to examine the Books of the Council, with a view to see if there was any foundation for the charges made in the Auditor's report. The Secretary read the report.

Mr Laird stated that the Committee had called in the assistance of Mr Kirby Solicitor of Sandhurst.

Mr Lethlean moved "That the report be received and that the thanks of the Council be awarded to the Committee for their Comprehensive and satisfactory report" seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

On the motion of Mr Laird The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Hind, the local Auditor, asking for an explanation relative to no duty stamp being up upon his receipt for the last Audit fees and that he should be requested to explain his action in signing the Auditor's report. seconded by Mr Potter and

Carried March 16th 1883

Rates

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Laird "It was resolved that for the future no rates be remitted for to be made any current year after six months have passed from the after 6 months striking of the rates"

Instructions to officers

By Mr Bissett That the road from Barker's Corner to the Shire boundary be thrown open to the public. seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

By Mr S. Coult Engineer to remove and dispose of as he thinks best, pump and trough now standing at the Tank near Duncan's. seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

By same That the Engineer inspect the road from his lands to Mr Cronin's

By Mr Bissett That the Engineer employ labor to have all the wells covered in. Also to have Crossing near Serpentine School installed.

Mr Hardy wished his action confirmed in ordering extra sized timber for a Culvert near Calver at a Cost of £5.

Referred to Engineer

By Mr. Lethlean. Secretary to write to Railway depart-
ment damages done to roads by defective drainages, also re-
overflow from dam on boundary roads between Marong
and this Shire, also to prepare statement of receipts
and expenditure for each riding up to date.

By Mr. Potter. The engineer to again call for tenders
for works at North Calid, should he be unable to obtain
day labor.

Motions

- 1 By Mr. James South. For ten chains of earthwork
and pipe culvert on the one chain road running
East from Mr. Brown's and immediately forming
the North East Angle of McManis's Section.
- 2 By Mr. Lethlean. For filling up hole on Moorheads
road, parish of Calamba.
- 3 By Mr. J. South. For sinking and slabbing wells
at Farmouth, Raywood Road.
- 4 By Mr. D. Laird. Tenders be called for drainages on
two chain road from Raywood Road to Bullock Creek
bridge.

Motions by leave

- 5 By The President That tenders be called for repairs
to one chain road near Rogers parish of Pomperub.
Seconded by Mr. Bissett and Carried.
- 6 By Mr. Laird. That tenders be called for the
necessary repairs to Culvert near Michham's.
Seconded by Mr. Bissett and Carried.
- 7 By Mr. Potter That fresh tenders be called for works
near Roberts parish of Clasklan.
Seconded by Mr. Marshall and Carried.
- 8 By Mr. Lethlean. That fresh tenders be called for
bridges over Ingers Creek. Amount not to exceed £250.
Seconded by Mr. J. South and Carried.

Notice of Motions

- 1 By Mr. J. South. For Bridge over Bullock Creek on
direct road to Williams Railway Station.
- 2 By Mr. Hardy. For drainages and forming works on
same road.

Application was made on behalf of the Serpentine Hospital
Fete for the usual donation for the Inglewood Hospital.

On the motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Lethlean
the sum of £10-10-0 was voted to be handed over to the
Treasurer of the Fete.

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. Marshall the
following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	12	10	"
G. M. Burrows	5	"	"
C. Medcalf	"	14	"
Williams & Co	9	12	"
Arnall & Jackson	3	7	5
Government Printer	"	5	"
John Taylor Contract 16	30	"	"
J. H. Elderhead " 15	20	"	"
Douglas & Palmer " 13	35	"	"
Thomas Lethlean " 1	10	"	"
John O'Hern " 200	20	"	"
Deposit John O'Old " 296	5	"	"
Thomas O'Old " 296	46	13	4
Deposit John Namivelt " 292	"	12	6
John Namivelt " 292	13	10	8
Maintenance Thomas Loughman J.	10	"	"
McLannan, Cantabur.	3	15	"
Mr. Pollack	11	10	6
W. E. Lethlean	2	15	"
per centage on Licenses	6	7	"
Carried forward	267	3	1

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Accounts

Brought forward	264	3	1
H. Chequer	1	15	.
J. W. Satchell	4	.	.
J. O'Hern C. H.	7	10	.
J. O'Hern C. H.	106	7	4
Wm Thomas W. H.	1	.	.
Englewood Hospital	10	10	.
Total	£ 403	5	5

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday April 20th

Conferred
Shire Hall

April 21 1883

Rev. B. B. B.

President

Shire Hall

Serpentine

April 20th 1883

There not being any members present at the time appointed for the meeting of the Council I as Secretary, adjourned the meeting until the following day at the usual hour

Rev. B. B. B.

Shire Secretary

21 Apr 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall

Serpentine

April 21st 1883

Present

The President (Mr D. South) Mr J. Raleigh, D. C. Laird, Mr Bissett, W. Hardy, J. C. Lethlean & James South

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr James South were

Conferred

Mr Laird apologised for the absence of Mr Potter who was suffering from a severe affliction of the eyes. He moved that leave of absence be granted. - Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Correspondence

From Grafton & Stairp, Sandhurst. Asking for information as to rates due on land in the parish of Haynam

The necessary information has been given

From Government Statist Acknowledging receipt of agricultural Returns

Received

From Secretary Shire of Marong. Stating that teachers had been called with object of remedying the effects of the overflow from dam on the boundary road between the two Shires.

Received

From Mr Macosbury. Lands Officer Sandhurst. re C. Macosbury's application for a piece of land on the Serpentine Creek parish of Sandhurst East.

On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Lethlean The Secretary was instructed to apply for a postponement of the application for one month. The South Riding

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members together with C. Hardy to inspect the lands and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Carried

From Railway Department. Referring to defective drainage on the Williams Railway.

Received

From Lands department. Notifying rent in arrears

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by C. J. Coult The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the payment of the full amount payable on all the small blocks recently purchased by the Council and obtain the Crown grants for the same.

Carried

From Hugh Cheape dog inspector for the North and South Ridings resigning his appointment. On the motion of Mr Laine seconded by C. Bissett The resignation was not accepted, The Secretary to apply to Mr H. Cheape for a return of all those who had refused to pay for their dogs.

Carried

Railway department. re defective drainage on Railway to Williams stating that instructions had been given to remedy the causes of complaint, so far as they can be ascertained.

Received

Railway department. re erection ^{of station} at 31 miles instead of the 30 mile point on the Williams line stating that the Engineer in Chief reports that site at 30 miles is the most suitable, but that it is not proposed to proceed with the erection of a station there at present.

Received

The President reported, with reference to those letters that he had in company with the Engineer, pressed these matters personally upon the attention of the Minister along with the necessity for sheepfencing yards and weigh-bridges at Duncan's and works necessary at Williams.

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Mr Laine moved that a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the prompt action he had taken in the matter of Mr Raleigh seconded the motion.

Mr Hardy would support the motion but considered a former deputation equally deserved the thanks of the Council for their exertions in the matter of Water Conservation.

Mr Lethlean supported the motion. The Council would save money by the President's action.

The motion was Carried unanimously.

From B. L. Hall. Applying for a Slaughtering License.

On the motion of Mr Laine seconded by Mr Lethlean the request was

Granted

From Landowners on Serpentine Creek asking for small amount of clearing on reserve on the West bank of the Creek.

Mr Laine moved that the Engineer be empowered to expend not more than £5 in having the obstructions cleared. Mr Hardy seconded the motion.

Carried

Reports

The President reported that he was unable to attend the recent Group Meeting owing to an accident to his brother.

Mr James Coult reported that the Committee of the East Riding Members had not met to consider the best site for a Bridge over Piccanniny Creek but would move that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Echuca Council stating that the Members for the East Riding of this Shire would meet would meet the three Members of the South West Riding of the Echuca Shire, on a day to be appointed by them, to decide on a site for the proposed bridge.

Agreed to

Engineers report. Referred to the completion of several works throughout the Shire. He also reported on several contracts which had considerably exceeded the contract time for completion. He further referred to contracts in progress and having called for tenders for several works as per motions. He called the Council's attention to this

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Foranoughton account for day labor on the main road from Poon Poon bridge to Salisbury bridge, as the amount was largely in excess of what he had anticipated. The report also drew attention to the dilapidated and dangerous state of the outhouses connected with the Shire Hall and also to the faulty condition of the rowa spouting around the main building.

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Lethlean the report was received.

The consideration of the various clauses in the report were then decided on. That penalties for delay in completing contracts be stringently enforced after next meeting of Council. That Foranoughton claim for £40. 6. 3 be paid on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Raleigh.

Carried

The Secretary presented a report upon the financial expenditure of the Shire since the commencement of the financial year, and called attention to the present unsatisfactory state of the position of many of the allotments of land in the Shire especially in the East Riding. He also alluded to the dog tax collector ^{for the East Riding} having failed to make any returns for the present year, whereas the collector for the North South Ridings had returned £15. 10. 0.

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Laidlaw the report was received. The Secretary was instructed to amend Mr Laidlaw's rating, and to renew the notice to the dog tax collector for the East Riding that he must furnish returns monthly and act with more energy.

The rate collector reported having collected rates since last month to the amount of £45. 5. 9. He also referred to the necessity for a readjustment of the valuation. On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Hardy the report was

Received

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The Treasurer reported a credit balance amounting to £17. 17. 0. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Bissett the report was

Received

Tenders

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr James Coutts the following tenders were accepted.

1. Constructing timber apron to Beye Wash at Malind dam.
John Taylor ✓ £35. 0. 0
2. Laying 40 chains of side drains and filling in pits &c. between parish of Malind & Barkham near Robert.
Caro Ricardo ✓ £20. 19. 3
3. Laying 80 chains of side drains & spreading stuff on two chain roads from Raywood East to Bullock Creek parish of Pampapil.
Tenders too high; to be readvertised.
4. Repairing culvert near Thicketham par. of Jamieson East.
No tenders; to be readvertised.
5. Constructing Bridge and forming approaches at Jeffers Creek on three chain roads parish of Tandana.
W. E. Lethlean ✓ £295. 7. 0
6. Forming 10 chains road and pipe drains on one chain road between Talamb and Haymanne.
W. E. Lethlean ✓ £32. 13. 4
7. Forming 4 chains on 1 chain road near Moorheads, parish of Talamb.
Thomas S. Old ✓ £5. 0. 0

General business

The matter of the rearrangement of the Shire valuation alluded to by the Secretary & collector's report was considered. On the motion of Mr James Smith seconded by Mr J. E. Lethlean. The Secretary was instructed to readjust the valuations when considered necessary; the rate collector to assist the Secretary. Mr Coutts and Lethlean agreeing to give any information in their power. The plans required to be obtained.

Carried

The President moved that the Secretary prepare a list of all waterworks executed in the Shire and their cost & that the Council should consider whether the works should be handed over to the Water Trust or not. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and Carried.

Motions

Ref for James South. That tender be invited for the purchase of pumps, troughs and pipes &c. now lying at Duncans. Tender to be in by next meeting seconded by C Hardy and

Carried

Ref for J. South. That tender be called for erecting bridge over Bullock Creek on one chain road running west from Britains Railway Station seconded by C Lethlean and

Carried

Ref for Hardy. For about 3000 yards of earthwork and Culvert on the same road seconded by L Lains and

CarriedNotice of Motion

Ref for Hardy. For 140 chains of clearing on North and South roads towards Gillespie and near allottments 149

Ref for Hardy. For repairing fencing and three Culverts on three chain roads near Tarpurkin Station parish of Dorklan

The President brought under the notice of the Council, the necessity of Conference of Shire Councils interested in Water Conservation, in order that suggestions from Shire Councils' point of view upon the proposed Amended Water Conservation Act, might be laid before the Minister of Water Supply. He suggested that the Secretary write to the Councils interested asking them to appoint delegates to meet at Hugheswood or St Arnolds.

C Hardy supported the suggestion

C Lains moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to the neighbouring Shires asking if they are willing to assist if they are willing in holding a Conference at an early date with a view to submitting suggestions respecting the proposed Amended Water Conservation Act. Seconded by C Lethlean +

CarriedInstructions to Officers

Ref for Lethlean. The Engineer to see that obstructions removed from the boundary road cleared by Office.

Ref for Lethlean. The Engineer to see to the fence at Bullock Creek dam

Accounts

On the motion of J. South seconded by L Lains the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	11	8
Secretary	12	10	"
G. N. Burrows	5	"	"
Bendigo Evening News	3	10	6
Crabbe & Kirkby	9	1	6
J. Meade Junr	5	5	"
J. Taylor	1	4	"
Thos Coomanshott	30	1	3
Thomas S. Old	"	6	"
Thomas S. Old	"	13	6
Thomas S. Old	13	3	2
John White	"	12	"
John White	12	"	"
John Taylor	3	"	"
John Taylor	23	3	6
J. H. Olerhead	35	"	"
J. O'Hern	35	"	"
Douglas Palmer	2	8	"
Douglas & Palmer	57	12	6
Joseph Davies	1	17	"
Joseph Davies	19	18	"
Thomas Lethlean	10	"	"
John O'Hern	3	3	"
John O'Hern	24	"	10
J. S. Old	"	10	"
Douglas & Palmer	15	"	"
G. N. Hussey	1	1	"
M ^{rs} Medcalf	"	14	"
£	340	16	5

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Brought forward	340	16	5-
John Potter	1	1	"
James Gault	1	1	"
Total	342	18	5-

The Meeting then adjourned closed and
the Council adjourned to Friday May 18th

Confirmed
Shire Hall
Serpentine
May 18th 1883

David Gault
President

18 May 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
May 18th 1883

Present

Mr D. Gault (President), Raleigh, David Bissett,
Hardy, Potter, Marshall and Lethlean

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were on the Motion
of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr David

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Secretary of Railways. Stating that alterations in
roads leading to the Melbourn Railway Station were in progress

Received

From Secretary Shire of Leicestershire. Stating that the
14th May had been appointed as the date for holding a
Conference at Millers School North or South for Bridge over
the peanney brook.

Received

From Treasury Melbourn. Forwarding account for
£792.13.5 for Completion

Attended to

From Constable Satchwell. resigning his appointment
as Inspector of Staghards and Misdemeanors for the East
Riding and suggesting that Constable Glenney be appointed
to the office. On the Motion of Mr Lethlean seconded
by Mr David the resignation was accepted

On the Motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall
Constable Glenney was appointed to fill the office.

From Secretary of Shire of Marong. requesting Cooperation
of Council in obtaining the passing of a measure to protect
Municipalities against actions for damages consequent upon
accidents occurring upon unformed or uncleaned portions of roads

On the Motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Raleigh
Cooperation granted

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From Shire of Norong. Re Conference of Shires & Councils suggested Amendments in Water Conservancy Act, and intimating agreement to certain suggestions and opposed to others. On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Lethlean the Secretary was instructed to reply and ask that delegates be appointed as the clauses referred to were merely suggestions to be submitted to the conference.

Carried
From Shire of Norong approving of Conference and appointing Councillors Hall & Redwood to attend the Conference.

Received
From Shire of Swan & Hills. Referring to same and appointing the President (Mr Governor) and Mr Kemp to attend Conference.

Received
From Brown & Nisao. Forwarding Transfer for signatures - in P. to Councils to forward.

To be attended to
From James Bennett. Requesting payment of £2 for work done and ordered by the last Engineer Mr Barker. On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Lethlean the amount was ordered to be

Paid
From P. Hepburn or Mr Redcaff application for Land on Serpentine.

Alleged to stand over
From H. Cheyne. Withdrawing his resignation as dog tax Collector.

Agreed to
From Thomas Loughnan. Asking consideration of account for extra work on Peppermint Road near Robinson amounting to £18. On the motion of Mr Hardy the amount was ordered to be

Paid

18 May 1883

Reports

Mr Raleigh reported that at a Conference of Members for the East Riding with Members from the Essex Shire it had been decided to recommend the erection of a bridge over Peanning Creek on the three chain road leading from Rochester to the Lang Lang, the East Lothian Shire to pay one third of the cost and the Essex Shire two thirds. It was also agreed that a deputation from the two shires should be appointed to interview the Government and ask for a grant towards erecting the bridge and the formation of the road to the Wickham Railway Station. The Essex Shire to erect the bridge.

Mr Raleigh suggested that the President and Mr Lethlean be a deputation from this Council to act with the Essex Shire. Mr Lethlean endorsed the report submitted by Mr Raleigh.

Mr Hardy moved that the action of the Committee be confirmed. Seconded by Mr Bissett and

Carried
On the motion of the President, Mr Raleigh and Mr Lethlean were appointed as a deputation. The President agreeing to assist in his position as a Member of Parliament. Seconded by Mr Laid and

Carried
Mr The Engineer reported on Contract completed also on R. O'Neill No 2 Contract for clearing in Yallock not being complete, at the time for completion had expired on the first December last. He recommended that the Contract be cancelled and fresh tenders called for the completion of the same. He further referred to the completion in R. O'Neill contract on the boundary roads. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Raleigh the report was

Received
The separate clauses in the report were considered separately. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Raleigh one month was allowed to O'Neill to complete his Contract.

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On the motion of C. Raleigh The Secretary was instructed to write to Obell for the sum of 7/- over paid on Contract 293. Seconded by C. Lethlean Carried

The action of the Engineer relative to the removal of dead timber from roads was

Approved
The Secretary reported the receipt of the first half years Government Subsidy amount to £792.13.6 being £305.0.0 less than last years. He also produced a list of the expenditure in public tanks, dams drains and wells amounting to £1403.7.2

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

Received
The Treasurer reported a debit balance of £307.7.5. On the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Marshall the report was received

The Rate Collector reported collection amounting £16.8.0. On the motion of the President seconded by C. Lethlean the report was

Received
Reports were also received from the Dog Tax Collectors.

The Council then went into Committee to open

Tenders

On resuming the following tenders were accepted on the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Lethlean
No 1 Cutting 50 chains of side drains and spreading stuff on two chain road from Raperwood road east to Bullock Creek parish of Prepfield

Thos. S. Old ✓ £24.0.0

" 2 Repairing Culvert near Nickham parish of Arumbar east

Thos. S. Old ✓ £9.4.6

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Tenders (continued)

No 3 Timber Culvert, 28 chains of formation in embankment and clearing 28 chains on east and West road to Nickham Railway Station, Parish of Calioth

John Chequer £113.5.0

4 Pier Bridge and approaches over Bullock Creek, east of Nickham Railway Station, Parish of Myanmi

John O'Hern ✓ £115.1.2 1/2

5 For purchase of Water trough, pump and piping erected near Dunams

No tenders - Engineer to arrange for the disposal thereof.

General Business

The President stated that the Committee appointed to inspect and report on the land applied for by Mr. C. Medcalf saw no objections to the sale of the blocks of land as laid out in the Township, but would recommend to the Council to object to any further alienation of the land reserved on the fringes of the Serpentine Creek. The recommendations were adopted - The Secretary to forward same to the Lands Office Sunderland.

C. Raleigh moved that the members for the East Riding, together with the engineer, be empowered to expend the sum of £10 in the construction of a pipe drain on the three chain road to Raperwood seconded by C. Lethlean

Carried

By C. Lethlean - Moved that the members for the North Riding, with the assistance of the Engineer, be empowered to purchase a piece of land, on the road leading to the Nickham Railway Station, for dam purposes, the spoil to be used for road formation

Seconded by C. Lethlean and

Carried

The President brought under the notice of the Council the additional works necessary on the northern road to the Railway Station, caused by the Station being erected at the Sandhills in place of Agnew Corner as

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suggested by this Council. He suggested that the deputation already appointed to interview the Government should ask for assistance in carrying out the works necessary. The road being within a mile of the boundary would be but little used by the rate-payers of the Shire and the cost would be from £1000 to £1500.

Mr Hardy supported the suggestion and Mr Raleigh suggested that as the work was in the North Riding Mr Hardy's name be added to the deputation.

Mr Laird moved that Mr Hardy be appointed to accompany the deputation.

Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried

The president referred to the list of waterworks made by the Council throughout the Shire and suggested that the Secretary should produce the vouchers for the works and the Council would at a future meeting be able to decide whether the works should be retained by the Council or disposed of to the Water Trust. The suggestions were approved of.

It was decided not to fix the date for holding the Conference at Loughwood or Water Conservancy until next meeting.

Motions

N^o 1 By Mr Hardy That tenders be called for 40 chains of clearing on road near Gillespie's parish of Larnlan. Seconded by Mr Marshall.

Carried

N^o 2 By Mr Hardy That tenders be called for repairing fences and culverts on main road near Serpentine Station. Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried

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Notice of Motion

By Mr Bissett For tenders for ~~clearing~~ and repairing road from Lurnen to Shire boundary.

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Hardy The Engineer to see and have all obstructions removed from roads required for public traffic.

Mr Potter Reminded the Councilors that the estimate and new valuation must be submitted at next Meeting.

Accounts

On the Motion of Mr Marshall. Seconded by Mr Lettlean the following accounts were passed for payment.

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	12	10	"
G. N. Burrows	5	"	"
Insurance on Hall	4	"	"
Amogh. Jackson	11	12	2
MacKay & Co	6	16	"
J. D. Horublower & Co	6	18	"
R. M. Trevis 1 st 2 nd 4 th	3	6	"
Alfred Spooner N. H.	1	1	"
Alfred Spooner N. H.	3	10	"
Thos. L. Old N. H.	4	"	"
W. E. Lettlean N. 1. A.	5	"	"
W. E. Lettlean Cont 22	5	"	"
Carlo Giesendo Cont 20	15	"	"
J. H. Okehead " 15	10	"	"
J. O'Hara " 14	23	"	"
Douglas & Palmer " 13	3	5	"
Douglas & Palmer " 13	2	2	6
Thos Lettlean " 1	20	"	"
H. Cheyne p. 25 p. 1882	1	7	6
Douglas & Palmer N. H.	2	10	"
Total	£ 165	14	10

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The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned To Friday June 15th 1883

Confirmed
Shire Hall

Suspension

June 15. 1883

David Leggett
Procurator

15 Jun 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Suspension
June 15th 1883

Present

The President (C. D. Houtts) / C^{rs} Raleigh, Laird, Bissett, Hardy, Potter, Hardy and James Houtts

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of C^r Laird seconded by C^r James Houtts were

Correspondence

From Shire of Korang - re extension of Railway from Inglewood to Dunolly

Received

From same re Rabbit infested districts

Received

From Royal Insurance Company. Acknowledging receipt of cheque for renewal of premiums

Received

From Under Treasurer. Notifying that the half year subsidy had been forwarded

Received

From Shire of Bet Bet. Stating that delegates had been appointed to attend Conference at Inglewood

Received

From Arncliffe Jackson. Forwarding plans of Shire

Received

From Shire of Echuan. re Conference at Inglewood

Received

From same. re Deputation to Melbourne

Received

From Shire of St. Arnaud. re Conference at Inglewood

Received

From Boro of Dunolly re Railway extension

Received

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From Shire of Maranga Stating that delegates had been appointed to attend Conference at Inglewood

Received

From O. Edmunds. Stating that he was no longer occupier of land of the late P. Pentreath but that John McAlister now rented same

Attended to

From Shire of Maranga. Stating that delegates had been appointed to attend Conference at Inglewood

Received

From Ratpayers of the North Riding. Asking for Bridge over Serpentine Creek near Allotment 129 parish of Larkham

Referred to members for the North Riding and Engineer to report

From G. Minto. Applying for use of Shire Hall Granted on the usual terms

Reports

The President reported having, in company with Councillor Potter, attended Railway Conference at Dunolly and also as a deputation to the Minister of Railways to urge that a line from Inglewood to Dunolly be included in the next Railway Bill

On the motion of Or Hardy seconded by Or Jamesforth a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the President and Or Potter for the action taken and that their expenses be paid

Carried

Or Hardy reported that the Committee appointed to arrange for the purchase of a piece of land on the North Road leading to the Railway Station at Williams had purchased an acre of land from J. McAlister for 6£.

The President moved that the arrangement be approved. Seconded by Or J. Coult & Carried

15 Jun 1883

The President reported that John Cheyne whose tender was accepted at the last meeting for a timber Culvert and formation & had requested to be allowed to throw up his tender he having made a serious mistake in his calculations

He had agreed to the request but left it to the Council to decide whether the deposit should be forfeited or not. He had further instructed the engineer to accept the next lowest tender viz that of M. Kinnear & Co at £

On the motion of Councillor Ralph the action of the President was approved Cheyne deposit to be returned

The Engineer reported on the completion of several Culverts and on the satisfactory progress of others

He also referred to the complaint of M. E. Lethlean stating that he had in the most reckless manner ignored his designs for formation and pipe drain

On the motion of Or Hardy seconded by Or Potter the report was

Received

The Secretary reported on having completed the valuation and laid on the table a list for each Riding.

On the motion of the President seconded by Or Laird the report was

Received

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £164. 14. 2

On the motion of the President seconded by Or Coult the report was

Received

The rate Collector reported receipt as follows

East Riding	215. 9. 0
North	27. 16. 6
South	41. 16. 0
Total	283. 1. 6

On the motion of Or Laird seconded by Or Hardy the report

Received

Tenders

- No 1 For repairing fences &c on road from Serpentine to Larkham. No tenders. The members for the North Riding authorized to have the necessary repairs done by day labor.
- " 2 Grubbing and clearing parish of Larkham near allotment 169. J. Cheyne $\sqrt{7.10.0}$ was accepted on the motion of Cr Potter seconded by Cr Laird.

General business

The president brought under the notice of the Council the necessity of appointing a day for the Conference of delegates re Amendment of Water Conservancy Act and the appointment of delegates to attend same. On the motion of Cr Hardy seconded by the president the 30th June at 10 o'clock was fixed.

On the motion of Cr Potter seconded by Cr Laird the president and Cr Hardy were appointed delegates to attend on behalf of this Council.

Cr Hardy moved that the engineer prepare plans and bring up a report at the next meeting for repairs to the Shire Hall and outhouses.

The members for the South Riding were instructed to expend a sum, not exceeding £16, in pavelling the footpath from Serpentine townshipp to the State School.

On the motion of Cr Potter seconded by Cr Coult the deputation, appointed to be in Melbourne on the 14th July were requested to interview the Minister of Lands and ascertain if the dam in Bullock Creek near Mr Shays is on Crown Lands or not.

Instructions to officers

By Cr Laird That the engineer report on best site for bridge over Serpentine Creek near Mossops by Cr Hardy Called the engineers attention to the closed roads in the North Riding.

Cr J. Coult called the engineers attention to the bad state of roads near Spears parish of Dinger and other places.

Motions

By Cr Bissett That tenders be called for drainage and formation on road from Lorness to Shire boundary.

Seconded by Cr Laird and

Laird

Tenders were also ordered to be called for earthwork and Culvert near Mr Steel in the East Riding.

Notice of motion

By Cr Coult That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing on one chain road running East from Pyramid.

By Cr Laird That tenders be called for draining and Culvert on road leading to Bullock Creek from Raywood near Rogers farm.

By Cr Marshall That tenders be called for embankment and pipe drain between James Herds and Treises allotment.

By Cr Potter That rate of one shilling in the pound on the Net Annual Value of the Rateable property within the Shire be struck.

Appointment of Returning Officers

On the motion of the president seconded by Cr Bissett the following returning officers were appointed for the ensuing year.

For the North Riding	Councillor Potter
" East "	" J. Coult
" South "	" D. Laird

Accounts

On the motion of Cr Potter seconded by Cr Bissett the following accounts were passed for payment.

15 Jun 1883

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	12	10	"
G. R. Burrows	5	"	"
Arnold Jackson	9	14	6
Bendish & News	2	4	"
R. H. Jansie	1	14	"
Mr. Cannon	3	18	"
John Chapple	1	14	"
Thos S. Old	"	10	"
Thos S. Old	9	7	6
H. E. Lethlean	21	"	"
Mr. H. H.	10	"	"
Carlo Giconde	1	"	"
Carlo Giconde	6	14	3
John Taylor	25	"	"
John O'Hern	3	6	"
John O'Hern	8	1	9
Thos Lethlean	3	12	8
Christie Meyers	5	7	3
J. Connaughton	"	16	8
J. Bennett	2	"	"
D. Coult	7	"	"
J. Potter	7	"	"
J. Coult	1	10	"
Total			

The meeting then closed and the Council
adjourned to Friday July 20 1883

Confirmed
Shire Hall
July 20 1883

W. H. Coult
President

20 Jul 1883

Ordinary
Monthly meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
July 20th

Present

Mrs D Coult (president), J. Coult, Lethlean
Marshall, Potter, Hardy, Bissett, and Lind

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting being read were
on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr D Coult
approved

Review Court

The Secretary presented the water rates for each riding

John Marshall applied to be placed on the roll for the
east riding

The request was not agreed to as he had not
paid any rates

The Rate collector applied to have the name of John Rodgers
placed on the roll for the South riding

On the motion of Mr Lind seconded by Mr Coult the request
was complied with

The Rolls as produced were passed

The East riding on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded
by Mr Coult

The South riding on the motion of Mr Potter seconded by
Mr Marshall

The North riding on the motion of the president seconded by
Mr Bissett

Review Court closed and the Ordinary meeting was resumed

Correspondence

From Shire of Murrumbidgee, pointing to the scarcity of agricultural and other laborers and asking for co-operation in advocating a scheme of immigration.

On the motion of Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Hardy, that co-operation be granted so far as assisted immigration is concerned.

Carried

From the North-Western Water Conservation and Irrigation League, asking for information.

On the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Lettice, the secretary to give all the information possible.

Carried

From the Shire of Echuca asking if an estimate of cost of bridge over Peaminy Creek had been prepared. The secretary had replied that the understanding was that the Echuca Council would carry out the works.

From Governor Macdonald's Nursery, forwarding list of trees sent to council.

Received

From Shire of Murrumbidgee, also advising of the Australian Exhibition in London. Mr. Laird moved that council joined in a scheme for assisted immigration but opposed the holding of an Exhibition. Seconded by Mr. Booth and

Carried

From Constable Glynn, Murrumbidgee, stating his willingness to accept position of inspector of slaughter-yards etc.

Received

From Geelong and Western District Fish Acclimatizing Society on the motion of Mr. Laird, seconded by Mr. Booth, assistance and cooperation granted.

Carried

From John Lyle, Murrumbidgee, requesting opening a road adjoining his station. On the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the engineer was instructed to have obstructions removed.

From Shire of Murrumbidgee, return on dogs. On the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Lettice, cooperation granted.

From Matthew Lyndell, Murrumbidgee, requesting council to appoint a delegate to the Minister of Railways, re-allocation of time-table. On the motion of Mr. Lettice, seconded by Mr. Hardy, Mr. Booth was appointed to represent the Council. From P. O'Donovan, Yarraman, asking reduction in rating, a portion of his land having been levied for railway purposes.

From Granted. From

H. Smith, asking council to sanction the selecting a portion of serpentine bench for outcrop. On the motion of Mr. Laird, seconded by Mr. Lettice, consideration was postponed.

From Secretary Yallock railway League, asking for council's vote.

To be Forwarded.

From W. J. J. asking on account of extension of time on bridge contract.

Granted

From P. O'Neil, requesting payment of 17 for carting gravel. Refused to Mr. Lettice.

From Henry Cathorne, Yallock, forwarding plans of portion of road which he wished to purchase. Mr. Lettice moved that the council raise no objections. Mr. Booth seconded the motion.

Carried

From Joseph Davis, Yallock, complaining of engineer's measurements moved by Mr. Booth that the engineer measure the works seconded by Mr. Potter. An amendment proposed by Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Hardy. That the letter be read and a motion taken for amendment. Mr. Laird, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Bissett, Mr. Marshall and the president against Mr. Potter. Mr. Booth and Mr. Lettice amendment.

Carried

From Douglas and Baluc, asking for three pounds a ton on timber supplied. An amendment proposed to measure and report.

From J. Littlean. Forwarding measurement of road work done to him.

Referred to Engineer

Records

Councillor Laird reported that E. Bissett and himself had, with the Engineer, ~~and~~ inspected with a view of selecting a site for a bridge over the serpentine creek.

The President reported having, in conjunction with Mr Hardy, attended the Conference at Longwood to consider the question of Water Conservation from a Shire Council's point of view. He also reported that they, with Mr Littlean, had acted with a deputation from the Echuca Shire in asking the Minister of Public Works for a grant towards road works leading to the different Railway Stations.

The estimates having been closed their efforts were unsuccessful.

On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Court a vote of thanks was passed to the delegates.

The Engineer reported on the general progress of the works throughout the Shire and that he had found it necessary to employ day labor on Contract No. 19 owing to the faulty manner in which the filling in of the earthwork had been done.

Also that he had employed day labor, at a cost of £2.14.0, to repair a culvert near Bears Lagoon that had been damaged by the recent floods.

The proposed bridge over the serpentine creek he estimated would cost from £420 to £470.

On the motion of Mr Littlean seconded by Mr Court the report was received and the ~~report~~ ^{report} was made approved of.

The Secretary presented an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year showing a probable income of £3,285.15.6 - The Amount for public works he estimated at

South Riding	£700.0.0
North Riding	600.0.0
East Riding	900.0.0

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Hardy the report and statement were

The Collector reported the collection of £25.7.6 Received

The Treasurer's Statement showed a Credit balance of £405.14

The reports were received

Tenders

On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Bissett the following tenders were accepted

- No 1 Draining and repairing the serpentine road to Bridgewater from Turners to South boundary of Shire
Thomas S. Old. ✓ 6/11.14.7
- 2 Box drain and formation on the three chain road to Raywood near Mrs Steels and repairs to crossing at Myers Gully
Thomas S. Old. ✓ 18.17.6

Striking as Rates

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Littlean that this Council do adopt and confirm the re-valuation submitted of rateable property in the Shire of East Loddon amounting to 31,574.9.0 re-valuation made by the Valuer and dated June 1883.

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Hardy that this Council do adopt and confirm the estimate submitted of receipts and expenditure for the year ending July 20th 1884 showing that the sum of 3,285.15.6 is required for the several purposes mentioned in the said Statement

Laird

Councillor Potter moves and Mr Lethlean seconded
That to raise the sum required viz £3235.15.6
this Council make and levy a general rate of
one shilling in the pound on the net Annual
value of rateable property within the Union of East
Lothian for the period commencing this 20th July
1883 and ending the 19th day of July 1884 and
that the said rate be due on and after the 21st
day of July 1883

Carried

Councillor Potter moves and Mr Marshall seconded
That the rate collector be duly authorised to demand
and collect the rate made by the foregoing resolution

Carried

General business

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Hardy
Lethlean's Complaint was referred to the members
for the East Riding to visit the Engineer and measure
the work and report to next meeting

Carried

A Petition was presented from the ratepayers of the
North South Riding asking for a bridge over Serpentine
Creek near Mossops; the views of the petition were
supported by a deputation consisting of Messrs
Mossop and Leaby. After considerable
discussion the matter was, on the suggestion of
the President, deferred to a future meeting

Mr Potter remarked that the Engineer's estimate
of the cost of a bridge over the Serpentine at Jarvillan
had put it out of the power of the members for the
North Riding to undertake the work at present

Instructions to officers

By Mr Coult. That the Secretary notify ratepayers
who are in arrears that all rates must be paid
within two months or legal proceedings will be taken

Seconded by Mr Hardy

Carried

The President moves that the Engineer prepare the
necessary plans for the dam at Bullock Creek in
accordance with clauses 353, 354 and 355 of the Local
Government Act; and that notice be given to Messrs
J. H. Hardy & Co that the Council intend to take action
under the said clauses -

Seconded by Mr Hardy

Carried

Council Coult moves That the Secretary write to the
Minister of Lands for the reservation as a State Forest
an area of 240 acres in the parish of Dungee near
to the Salcombe Railway Station

Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

By Mr Caird. That the Secretary take the necessary
steps to have a foot path proclaimed in the Serpentine
township -

Seconded by Mr Coult

Carried

By Mr Lethlean That the Secretary insert a notice
in the papers warning persons from felling or burning
trees on their roads -

By Mr Lethlean That the Secretary write to the
Marine Council requesting that a Councillor be appointed
to meet them at Lishers Hotel re roads

Councillor Benwell moves seconded by the President
That the action of Mr Potter in having falling timber
removed from the roads be confirmed

Councillor Potter That the South Riding members
be empowered to expend £8 to level and roll
the road near Mossops -

Seconded by Mr Hardy

Carried

Councillor Coult moves That the Secretary be
allowed £5 for his extra services as balancer
The matter was allowed to stand over

Motion

By J. Coult. That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing one and a half miles north of Lethbridge. Seconded by C. Lethlean.

Carried

By O. Laid. That tenders be called for draining and culvert on road to Bullock Creek from Ragsdale road. Seconded by C. Bessett.

Carried

By C. Marshall. That tenders be called for embankment and draining between Hurd's area and Preside's.

Seconded by C. Potter.

Carried

By J. Hardy. That tenders be called for repairs and additions to Shiner Hall and Office. Seconded by C. Bessett.

Carried

Notice of Motion

By J. J. Coult. That tenders be called for earthwork on chain road leading from Medicine Railway Station to the Medicine township 30 chains more or less.

By J. J. Coult. For sinking and shabbing wells near Tarmouth on 3 Chain road.

Accounts

Coult	20	16	8
Laid	12	10	"
C. H. Bessett	5	"	"
Brown & Allison	2	10	"
Williams & Co	1	10	"
Machay & Co	8	7	6
C. Hettie	15	9	6
Hornblower & Co	10	12	6
J. Lethlean C. H. 1	14	19	"
R. O'Hall C. 2	3	"	"
S. H. Clark & Co C. 15	4	"	"

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Brought forward

Wm. P. L.	C. 21	30	"	"
Thos. L. Old	C. 23	6	6	"
Thos. L. Old	C. 24	10	"	"
H. Mirman & Co	C. 26	15	"	"
J. O'Hern	C. 27	10	"	"
J. Chequer	C. 28	6	"	"
P. H. Hursey	Terming	7	17	6
J. O'Hern	N. H.	5	"	"
Wm. Survey	N. H.	3	19	6
Wm. Survey	N. H.	2	14	"
J. Palmer	N. H.	7	15	9
H. Mirman & Co	N. H.	1	15	"
Thos. L. Old	N. H.	1	"	"
Wm. Thomas	N. H.	"	12	"
Alex. Lethlean	N. H.	2	"	"
Samuel Rinder	C. of H.	5	10	"
John Taylor	C. 19	8	6	3
John Taylor	C. 19	2	"	"
Alex. Stewart	N. H.	"	15	"
Wm. Tansley	N. H.	"	6	"
Const. French	1/2 diem. for	4	"	"
Gallord Railway League		30	"	"
J. Lethlean	1/2 day for	14	7	6
George Hacking	N. H.	"	15	"
D. Coult	Travelling exp	4	"	"
J. Lethlean	"	7	"	"
H. Hardy	"	7	"	"
B. Rinder	"	1	1	"

Total

378. 18. 8

Cour. Lethlean moved that accounts, as read be passed for payment. Seconded by J. Coult. & Carried. The meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday August 17th.

Forfeited
August 2nd 1883

J. H. Hardy President

9 Aug 1883

Shire Hall
 Perpetual
 August 9th 1883

Annual Election
South Riding

There being two candidates nominated for this Riding and a poll being demanded the following was the result

James Bailie 44

William Bissett Junr 56

I therefore declare William Bissett Junior of Yarway duly elected Councillor for the above Riding

D. C. Laird
 Returning Officer
 for the Riding

North Riding

William Hardy Esquire of Yorkham being the only Candidate nominated for this Riding I hereby declare the said William Hardy duly elected Councillor for the above Riding

John Potter
 Returning Officer
 for the Riding

East Riding

John Raleigh Esquire of Tandanus being the only Candidate nominated for this Riding I hereby declare the said John Raleigh duly elected Councillor for the above Riding

John Coates
 Returning Officer
 for the Riding

9 Aug 1883

Election of Auditor

There being two candidates nominated for the office of Local Auditor the following was the result of poll

Ag J Driver 62
James Rogers 91

I therefore declare James Rogers of Limerick East duly elected Local Auditor for this Shire

(James Coult) President & Returning Officer

President & Returning Officer

20 Aug 1883

Ordinary
Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall,
Serpentine,
August 20th 1883

Present

Mr D. Coult (President) Mr Raleigh, Laird, Russell, Hardy, Potter, Marshall, Lethbrow, & J. Coult.

The president announced that his term of office had expired and it devolved upon them to elect his successor. Before finally vacating his position he made a brief statement as to the position of the Shire, showing that he left the chair in a good financial position & should the next branch of the Government be paid when due the financial year would close with a credit balance. He also gave a full account of the receipts and expenditures for each riding during the passed eleven months. He thanked the Councillors for their courtesy to him during his term of office, and then vacated the chair.

Councillor D. Coult was then voted to the chair. The Chairman requested the Council previous to the election of President to fix the amount to be allowed for the expenses of the president for his term of office.

Mr James Coult considered the suggestion a good one and moved that £60 be allowed to the incoming President. Seconded by Mr Raleigh and Carver.

Election of President

Mr Raleigh moved that Councillor Hardy be elected President for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr J. Coult and supported by Mr Potter and Carver.

Mr Hardy then took the chair & thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him.

The President proposed a cordial vote of thanks

to the retiring President. Seconded by Mr. Leigh
and

Carried
The President returned thanks and the
ordinary business proceeded.

Minutes

The minutes of the last Meeting were read,
and on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by
Mr. Coates were

Correspondence

From Shire of Barrow requesting Council's
Cooperation to certain Amendment in the proposed
New Local Government Bill.

On the motion of Mr. D. Coates seconded by
Mr. Laid the Council agreed to ^{grant} Cooperation so
far as Clauses No 1 and 3 in the suggestions were
concerned, referring to the alteration of the date for
closing the municipal financial year.

From Under Secretary requesting Shire Secretary's
close attention to the necessity of great care being
taken in making out the Ratepayers Rolls for
the Council and Assembly.

From Secretary Central Board of Health - Melbourne
forwarding form of Report of Health for the Shire
for the year 1882.

From Roost Agricultural Society asking for
Subscription.

From Sandhurst City Council - Asking Council's
Cooperation in support of the Hon. D. C. Stamps'
proposed Amendment in the New Local Government
Act Amending Bill.

Grants - Support
having been given at a previous meeting.

From Shire of Kyneton - requesting Cooperation and
assistance towards obtaining a resumption of Assisted
Immigration and requesting that a petition from the
Council to the House of Parliament in favor of the
movement be at once forwarded.

Cooperation granted
From Secretary Law Department - Asking Council
opinion with reference to a petition forwarded asking
for the proclamation of a special Licensing Area at
Mariano Railway Station.

On the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by
Mr. J. Coates the Secretary was instructed to reply
That this Council, as representing the ratepayers generally,
are in favor of a special Licensing district being
proclaimed within a radius of half a mile round
the Mariano Railway Station in accordance with Section
44 of the Act No 566. Seconded by

From Shire of Marong - stating that the matter of
improvements on boundary roads he was referred to the
members of the North E. Riding.

Received
From Graham Webster requesting, as mortgagee, that
the sum of £1.10 be paid to Edwards Carey for half an acre
of Land bought by the Council.

Ordered to be paid
From Theodore Lawson, Inglewood - R. H. Smith's
application to be allowed to select Land at Serpentine &
stating that he had made a prior application for the
same Land. Mr. Lawson to be informed that
the Land referred to was permanently reserved by
the Lands department.

From John Taylor, Yallood - asking Consideration
respecting his Contract at Calicut. On the motion
of Mr. Marshall seconded by Mr. Lethlean was

No Action to be taken
From Secretary of Lands - Stating that Bathorne's
application to purchase the road at Salambie could not
be entertained.

From John Lethbride. Calver. Stating that the fates complained of by him had not been answered.

To stand over

From James Barry - Crown Lands Bailiff, Goomorrah. Hoping his intended visit to Denison to inspect land applied for as a State forest.

On the motion of James Lethlean seconded by C. Coult the Secretary to inform Mr Barry to wait on Mr Councillor Lethlean would visit the site with him.

Agreed to

From Councillor J. Coult. Returning Election papers and securing on behalf of our Spence for return of deposit 50/- The engineer explained that he had expected Spence calling for the money, but, as he had not come he had forwarded a p. o. order for the amount.

From Crabbe & Kirby. Solicitors, Sandhurst. Claiming on behalf of J. Davies the sum of £6.8. and 15/- cost for extra earthwork alleged to have been done by him.

On the motion of C. Laid seconded by C. J. Coult the letter was received no action taken.

Edith Shanks Easterton & Co East Ladbroke. Requesting the erection of a bridge over Serpentine Creek on the East & West Road, South of their premises section.

After a lengthy discussion in which C. Laid, D. Coult & Potter joined C. Lethlean moved that the members for the South Riding report upon the application at the next meeting seconded by C. James Coult and

Laminie

From A. Turner Manager for Robert Moffatt's Serpentine Station asking for erection of bridge over same Creek in the Parish of Sackville.

On the motion of C. D. Coult seconded

by C. Bissett the matter was referred to the members for the North Riding to report at next meeting.

From Mr Thomas. Secretary of Yallock, Sandhurst & Inverness Association for the return as a donation of the fee paid for special licenses. It appeared the fee had been paid to Sandhurst and the Secretary was instructed to write and enquire if such was the case, if so, to apply for a refund.

R. Meill. Sandhurst. Claiming three days wages for removing fences. The engineer reported that the work was in Meill Contract and he was not entitled to any extra.

Received no action to be taken

From Secretary to Eye & Ear Hospital Melbourne Soliciting Subscription.

To be Considered with the Charitable votes.
From Chairman of the Austin Hospital for Lunatics requesting Contribution.

To be Considered with Charitable votes.
From J. O'Hare, Contractor. Applying for six months extension of time on Bridge Contract at Bullock Creek.

On the motion of C. Potter seconded by C. Lethlean. One months extension of time was granted, penalties to be enforced if work not completed in that time.

Reports

C. James Coult reported that with the engineer he had inspected J. Lethlean's Contract at Yallock.

He also reported having represented the Council on a deputation to the Minister of Railways on alteration of Victorian time table that they were very successful.

On the motion of C. D. Coult moved a vote of thanks to C. J. Coult. C. D. Coult stated that the deputation had also received a promise that rails & shoots would be provided for sheep trucking again at Yallock, the Council to erect the yards. The

Motion was seconded by Mr Lethlean and
Carried

On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by
 Mr Lethlean a vote of thanks was passed to
 the parliamentary representatives for their
 assistance special mention being made to the
 Hon. D. C. Stuy

Engineers Report

The Engineer reported on the several Contracts
 completed since last meeting. Other contracts in
 work are progressing satisfactorily except No 2 of
 O'Hern's for Bridges over Bullock Creek & R. O'Neill for
 clearing in Gallooh. He further referred to
 several matters which had been referred to him
 to report on. On the motion of Mr Lethlean
 seconded by Mr J. Coult the report was

Received

Clause 2 The clauses in the report were considered
 On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr
 J. Coult the Engineer's request and suggestions
 be carried out

Carried

Clause 4 By Mr J. Coult seconded by Mr Lethlean
 That the Engineer's report be approved and
 no more money paid on Contract

Carried

Clause 5 By Mr D. Coult That the Engineer have the
 obstructions removed from road as applied for by
 Lyich

Clause 9 By Mr D. Coult seconded by Mr Lethlean
 That the matter be left in the hands of the
 Members for the North Riding and Engineer

Carried

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance
 amounting to £69. 13. 6

The report was received

The State Collector reported collecting
 £5. 14. 0 during the month

On the motion of Mr D. Coult seconded by
 Mr J. Coult the report was

Received

Election of Committees

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr
 Laird the following Committees were appointed
Finance Committee - Mr Laird, J. Coult, Potter
 and Bissett

Public Works - Mr D. Coult, Raleigh, Marshall
 and Lethlean

The president to act on both Committees
Carried

Tenders

No 1 Forming 37 Chains and constructing Culvert on
 Old chain East & West Road North of Rogers farm
 pump pit.

Open till 11. 89. 0. 6

2 Forming 9 chains and constructing box drain near
 Hird's and Innes's sections, pump pit

H. Kirwan 25. 2. 6

3 Grubbing and clearing 1 1/2 miles of Road, half chain
 wide near D. Upton's parish of Salawke

R. H. Journeis 13. 8. 4

4 Additions to Shire Offices, Serpentine - Tender
 too high, fresh tenders to be called

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by
 Mr J. Coult the tenders as read were

Accepted

General business

Mr Marshall stated that seeing the necessity
 of repairs to a bridge near Williams Railway
 Station he had sent word to Mr J. Coult, who
 reported that he had employed labor to effect
 the necessary repairs. On the motion of Mr
 Lethlean seconded by Mr Potter Mr Coult's action
 was

Approved

Mr D. Coutts moved That the plans submitted by the Engineer for land required for tanks - proposed at Bullock Creek be adopted, and that the Secretary give the necessary notices in accordance with Sections 350, 354 and 355 of the Local Government Act.

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried -
Mr D. Coutts moved That notice be given that the Secretary would attend at the Shire Office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 Am. to 12 P.M. Seconded by Mr Laidlaw and supported by Mr Potter and

Carried

Charitable Vote

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr J. Coutts the following amounts were passed to the Institutions named

Deaf and Dumb Asylum	1	1	"
Hospital for Sick Children	1	1	"
Eye & Ear Hospital	2	2	"
Bendigo Hospital	10	10	"
Bendigo Benevolent Society	5	5	"
Ingledwood " "	2	2	"
Lying-in Hospital	1	1	"
Orphan Asylum	1	1	"
Austin Institute	2	2	"
For Agricultural Societies			
North Western Province	3	3	"
Bendigo Agricultural Society	3	3	"
West " "	2	2	"
Total £	34	13	"

Instructions to officers

By Mr Potter That the Secretary write to Messrs. E. H. H. H. asking if they are prepared to allow exchange of road near Meloh's Lagoon.

Motions

By Laidlaw

That tenders be called for clearing and grubbing road leading to Winkham's farm commencing at Swan Hill Road and ending at the South side of the East Loddon. (presumptive right) 50 chains more or less

Seconded by Mr Russell and

By Laidlaw

Carried

By Mr Lethlean For completing and extending Richard O'Neill's grubbing and clearing contract near Alexander Lethlean's

Seconded by Mr Raleigh

Carried

By Mr James Coutts Tenders be called for earthwork and one chain road leading from Britains Railway Station to the Britains Township 30 chains more or less

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

By Mr J. Coutts That tenders be called for sinking and stalling well near Farmouth on 3 chain road.

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Notice of motions

By Mr Raleigh That tenders be called for draining and filling up on Main Raywood and Britains roads running South from Culvert at Tishers to South boundary of this Shire

By Mr Raleigh That tenders be called for a topping of red earth on Mr Lethlean's embankment in Sanderson say 12 feet wide bins in centre about 32 chains

By Mr J. Coutts That tenders be called for formation on one chain road running West from Britains Railway Station about 9 chains more or less

By Mr Lethlean For approaches and pipe drains or culvert on the North and South roads between Hatchetts and Raleigh Brothers

By Mr Lethlean That a dam be taken out on a road adjoining Raleigh Bros paddock a portion of the claim to be taken out of the said paddock (say 2000 yds) with same to be fenced off with post & rails. Messrs

Maligh Bros agreeing to pay £50 towards the Cost

By Mr Lethlean That approaches and pipe drain or culvert be made on the chain road boundary between Ufalook and Salamba and opposite John Harris land leading to Salamba Railway Station

By Mr Potter That tenders be called returnable at the November meeting for a pile bridge over Nelson's Lagoon parish of Sanicumber West

Motion

By Mr James Potts That the Secretary call for applications for the office of Rate Collector, Valuer and Dog Tax Collector at a Salary of £90 per Annum Applications to be in by next meeting

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and
Carried

Accounts

On the Motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Lethlean the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	12	10	"
C. H. Burrows	5	"	"
Mellourn Exchange	5	5	"
Mackay & Co	8	6	"
Christie Meyers	1	19	"
H. Cheyne, J. de G. J. de G.	1	2	6
J. G. Hornblower & Co	15	"	3
R. W. Ireside	1	16	"
R. W. Ireside	5	"	"
Wm Survey	13	1	"
Douglas Hallam	3	"	"
Thos J Old	8	"	"
John O'Hern	50	"	"
W. Kierman & Co	45	"	"
	£ 195	16	5

20 Aug 1883

Brought forward

Thomas S. Old

Wm E. Lethlean

Wm E. Lethlean

Wm S. H.

J. H. Clerhead

J. H. Clerhead

R. O'Neill

George Rinder

Election Expenses East Riding

Thomas Founaughton

R. O'Neill

Election Expenses N. Riding

Election Expenses S. Riding

James Potts Deputy Expenses

Total

£ 380 19 4

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday September 21st 1883

Witnessed
Perpetine
September 21st 1883

Wm H. H. H.
H. H. H.

21 Sep 1883

Ordinary
Monthly MeetingSerpentine
September 21st 1883PresentThe President (Mr Hardy), (Mr Laird, Bissett,
Potter, D. South, Marshall, Bissett, Lethbrun and
James South,
MinisterThe Minutes of the last meeting were read
and on the motion of councillor Lethbrun
seconded by Mr J. South wereConfirmedCorrespondence

From Secretary of Municipal Association

ReceivedFrom N. W. Province asking donation. £3. 3. 0
NotedFrom Rev. Melbourne Orphan Asylum, Melbourne
Reformatory Asylum, Eye and Ear Asylum, lying in
Hospital, Homeopathic Hospital. for donations.
Amounts passed as per accounts.From Govt Statist asking to be supplied with voter
rolls, attended toFrom ~~Mr~~ Mr A. W. Carey, complaining of flooding
of his land, on the motion of Mr J. South, sec'd
by Mr Marshall, the Secretary was instructed to
communicate with the Railway Department relative
to the matter.From Mr Rolinson enclosing cheque for £2.8.0
for rates, receivedFrom Mr Moore M.L.A. promising to present petition
in favor of assisted immigration, receivedFrom Mr Mudd's Treasurer, asking for fees under the
Licensing Act attended to

21 Sep 1883

Ordinary
Monthly MeetingSerpentine
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Potter, D. Smith, Marshall, Bissett, Lethbride and
James Smith,MinutesThe Minutes of the last meeting were read
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Licensing Act attended to

From A. F. Kelly, complaining of dangerous state of road near Mitama Railway Station, the Engineer instructed to take immediate action on the matter on the motion of C. J. Coult, Sec^d by C. Lethlean. Carried

Petition from ratepayers in Yallock, asking for improvements to road near the Harp & Las Lethlean, Engineer instructed to report on same at next meeting, on the motion of C. Coult, Sec^d by C. Lethlean. Carried

Petition from ratepayers in Arklaw, asking for Bridge over Kelch's ravine, Moved by C. J. Coult Sec^d by C. Lethlean. That the petition be received and the members of the North and South Ridings, with the Engineer, be a Committee to inspect the site and report at next meeting.

From Public Meeting at Calver, asking the Council support in obtaining postal communication from Mitama to Arklaw, Moved by C. Marshall & Sec^d by C. Potter. That the request be complied with.

From H. Hanson Esq. asking for extension of time on Contract No 26, granted

From S. D. Priestly asking Council's consent to sale of road through his land in Talamb, The Secretary to inform him that the request could not be complied with.

From J. S. Old asking for extension of time on his Contract near Tarners, granted

Reports

The Engineer reported on various works and his suggestions were approved of on the motion of C. J. Coult, Sec^d by C. Lethlean

C. J. Coult reported that the Committee of the South Riding recommended after inspection that two bridges be erected

over Serpentine Creek, report received and adopted on the motion of C. Marshall Sec^d by C. Lethlean.

Secretary's Report, was received and adopted on the motion of C. Lethlean, Sec^d by C. J. Coult.

Motion By W. H. President. That no accounts be received by the Secretary after 10 o'clock of the day of meeting. Sec^d by C. J. Coult and Carried

Resolutions Report, was received and adopted on the motion of C. J. Coult, Sec^d by C. Lethlean.

Tenders

No 1	P Loughlin	✓ 84. 0. 0
Deposit £44. 4. 0		
No 2	J B Old	✓ 15. 2. 0
Deposit 15/-		
No 3	No tenders, to stand over	
No 4	B Shaw	✓ 97. 0. 0
Deposit £5. 0. 0		
No 5	A Spooner	✓ 6. 5. 0
Deposit 6/-		

Moved by C. J. Coult Sec^d by C. J. Coult That the tenders as read be accepted

Carried

General Business

Moved by C. Lethlean That weight bridges be erected at Talamb & Mitama Railway Station tenders to be in by next meeting & the cost be charged to the Ridings pro rata, Sec^d by C. J. Coult Carried

Moved by C. J. S. Gault. That the Secretary write to the Railway Department asking them to unlock Cataraugus gates now closed,
 Sec'd by C. Lethlean Carried
 Moved by C. J. S. Gault. That Secretary write to the Railway Department asking that a siding be erected at the 31 miles point in place of the 30 mile point
 Sec'd by C. Lethlean Carried
~~Moved by C. Marshall. That the~~

Instructions

By C. J. S. Gault. That the Engineer employ day labor in repairing embankment north of Milkeno Railway Station

By C. Lethlean. That the Engineer have the Culvert near Spears altered and improve

Motions under Notice

By C. Bissett. That Tenders be called for the erection of a Bridge & approaches over Serpentine Creek near Allotments 176 177, 167 & 91. Parish of Lancelin East, & near Moscrop.

Motion by C. Potter for Bridge at Melba Lagoon and by C. Lethlean for earthwork on 3 chain road to Stalamb Station, allowed to stand over till next meeting

Motion by C. Lave. by C. Laird. That Tenders be called returnable at next meeting for Bridge over Serpentine CK south of East to show P.R. Sec'd by C. Lethlean
 Carried

Accounts

	Engineer	20	16	8
	Secretary	12	10	"
	J. N. Burrows	5	"	"
	J. G. Hornblower	6	10	"
	Bendigo Mining Works	7	3	9
	Nelson & Mackinnon	1	6	"
	Jas. Mc Aleer	6	"	"
	W. Sly & Co	70	"	"
	R. Heill	3	"	"
Charitable vote	Deaf & Dumb Asylum	1	1	"
	Hospital for Sick Children	1	1	"
	Eye & Ear Hospital	2	2	"
	Bendigo Hospital	10	10	"
	Bendigo Renal Asylum	5	5	"
	Sydney Asylum	2	2	"
	Lying in Hospital	1	1	"
	Orphan Asylum	1	1	"
	Asylum Institute	2	2	"
Agricultural Soc ^y	N. W. Prosser	3	3	"
	Bendigo "	3	3	"
	Boort	2	2	"
Caretaker	Mrs. Cannon	3	15	"
	Mr. Pollock	21	7	6
	Hornblower & Co	4	11	3
	W. Sly & Co	3	7	"
	"	14	14	"
	J. B. Old	"	16	"
	"	1	4	"
	N. Kinnear & Co	30	"	"
	Iron Store	70	"	"
	J. B. Old	18	"	"
	"	4	10	"
	R. H. Loukin	5	"	"
	B. C. Rinder	15	"	"
	H. Smith	"	15	"
	W. Coleman	"	15	"

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B Shaw	3 10 "
Isaac Palmer	11 19 "
N. H. W. H.	15 " "
Isaac Palmer	4 36
J. Connaughton	9 10 "

Moved by C. Lethlean and Sec'd by C. H. S. Court. That the accounts as read be passed for payment Carried.

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday the 19th October 1883

Confrimed
Serpentine
Oct 19th 1883

Wm Hardy
President

19 Oct 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
October 19th 1883

Present

The President (Mr Hardy) Mr W. Court, Potter, Marshall and Lethlean

Correspondence

From Lands and Survey department, enclosing list of monies due by Council for lands transferred to it
Mr D. Court moved that the accounts be paid
Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

From Mr C. Hill, Melbourne, Government Auditor - Asking when Shire accounts would be ready for audit.
The Secretary had replied that the books would be ready after the first week in October

From Mr James Court - giving the locality of Railway gate as being to be left open.

Received

From Victorian Infants Asylum, Melbourne - Soliciting donation on behalf of this Institution. One pound one shilling was

Noted

From Public Works department - Announcing appointment of Mr H. C. Hill as Government Auditor and stating remuneration to be paid each auditor

Received

From Post Master General - Notifying that the request for the establishment of a mail three days a week between Brisbane & Warialla will receive due consideration

Received

From Mr. Blackburn - Acknowledging receipt of Cheque for £40 on Mr. H. H. account

Received

From North Western Agricultural Society. Acknowledging donation of £3. 3. 0

Received

From Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution. Acknowledging receipt of donation of £1. 1. 0

Received

From Melbourne Orphan Asylum. Acknowledging receipt of £1. 1. 0

Received

From Shire of Marong. Returning voucher for £21. 3. 0 to have Contractors signature attached

Received

From Railway Department. re opening of gates on Murrumbidgee line

Received

From Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital. Acknowledging receipt of Cheque for £2. 2. 0

Received

From Bendigo District Hospital. Acknowledging receipt of Cheque for £10. 10. 0

Received

From Railway Department. re remedying defective drainage on line from Raymond to Murrumbidgee

Received

From Same. re erection of Railway Station at the 31 mile point on same line

Received

From Shire of Ripon. Suggesting that a clause be inserted in the Local Government Act to regulate the width of Lanes

Received

From Treasury. Stating that the account for £79. 10. 0 had been passed to the Cyclopedia Treasury for payment

Received

From Railway Department. re J. O'Brien's applicⁿ to lay pipes from Railway main at Murrumbidgee to his house. Stating that the department declined to work with private individuals

Received

From Municipal Association. requesting annual Subscription. On the motion of Mr Lethlean. Seconded by Mr Potter the amount was ordered to be paid.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean that the Council sever its connection with association, not receiving no benefit therefrom. Seconded by the President and supported by Mr D. Coutts. The motion was carried. Mr Potter dissenting.

From Mr Thomas. Secretary to Yalloon & Farmers Association. requesting refund of Special License fee paid by J. Duncan at last ploughing match. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr D. Coutts the request was complied with.

From Shire of Murrumbidgee. Forwarding resolution passed by that Council in favor of the reestablishment of Assisted Immigration and suggestion that a conference of delegates from Municipalities be held in Melbourne at an early date. The letter was received. And on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Potter the President was appointed to represent this Council at the Conference.

Carried

From Treasury. Melbourne. with refund of Special license fee £2. 0. 0

Received

From Constable Gleung. Asking if he had been appointed Inspector of Slaughteryards &c. The Secretary had replied and forwarded his appointment under seals.

From Same. Asking Cost of Slaughtering License for a quarter. Replied that no quarter license are issued.

From G. H. Burrows. Stating that he had filled in rate books & was issuing notices with all possible dispatch.

Received

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From J. Minto Engineer. Asking for two weeks leave of absence. On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Lethlean the request was granted

From J. O'Brien Mithams asking for Culvert on East West Road at Mithams Railway Station.

Ordered to stand over until the members for the East Riding reported on the matter

From Otterlands & Co. re taking possession of land for dam at Bullock Creek stating they would agree to part with the land required at £10 per acre & the same to be fenced off with a substantial sheep and cattle proof fence to be kept in repair

Consideration allowed to stand over until the legal notice of 40 days had expired

From James. Stating that they could not assent to the proposed exchange of road near Kelshs Lagoon.

Received
Petition from Ratepayers parish of Yallock. Asking for erection of Weighbridge at Yallock Railway Station
Consideration deferred

Reports

The South Coast President reported that a Contractor named Davies had sued the Council in the County Court. South Coast, but had been nonsuited with costs. The President further stated that the Council had been sued in the wrong Court, but had declined to raise the point at the hearing as the Council had no wish to persecute the plaintiff.

Mr D. Coult supported the action taken by the President

Mr Lethlean also supported the President's action

The thanks of the Council were passed to the President for his attention to the matter.

The Engineer reported on the satisfactory completion

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of several Contracts. Other Contract for Bridge over Bullock Creek would be finished in about a week. He had taken the necessary levels on roads opposite Harry and James Lethlean's and found it impracticable to drain the water off, there being no fall to the Westward, little if any to the Eastward. He had arranged for improvements to culverts near Spears, in Dinger, and to embankments on one chain road north of Mithams Station. He recommended that the weighbridge at Talamba be fixed on the three chain road West of the Railway line. He was in doubt as to the best site for the Mithams weighbridge. He had, in company of the President and Mr Potter visit the two sites for the proposed bridge over Kelshs Lagoon. One would cost at least £300 and the other not less than £350. He also stated that he had visited Sandhurst on three occasions in the region Davis & Council.

On the motion of Mr D. Coult seconded by Mr Lethlean the report was

Received
The Engineer states that the fines against Other would amount to about £16

With regard to the road near Harry the work was allowed to stand over there being no funds available

On the motion of Mr D. Coult seconded by Mr Potter the site for the weighbridge at Mithams was left in the hands of the President and the members for the North East Ridings together with the Engineer

The Treasurer's report showed a Credit balance of £264. 2. 8. On the motion Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall the report was

Received
The Secretary stated that the accounts were already for Auditing but had received no intimation when the Auditor would be here

The Council then adjourned for three hours for lunch.

On resuming Mr Laird and Bissett took the
Leads
Tenders

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by
Mr Laird the following tenders were

Accepted

- No 1 Cutting 80 chains of side drains and filling cuts
 from Mr Fisher's to South boundary of Shire
A Jamieson £60. 0. 0
- No 2 Topping up with red earth 35 chains of an
 embankment on three chain road from Mr Fisher's
 to Sang Sang Swamp
J. S. Old £19. 19. 7
- No 3 Forming 10 chains in embankment on the one chain
 road from Bullock Creek to Britians Railway Station
P. O'Loghlen £28. 0. 0
- No 4 Fifty Chains of formation in embankment and
 culvert on two chain road between Raleigh's and
Matchet's land, parish of Sandana
A. Jamieson £216. 0. 0
- No 5 Constructing pile bridge and approaches over
Serpentine Creek, South of East Loddon pre-emption
 section
J. H. Dixon £377. 18. 6
- No 6 Supply and erection complete of two Fairbanks
 10 ton weighbridges, at Britians and Salambe
Railway Stations, on the Kerang line.
McLean Bros & Co £90. 0. 0 each,
 timber included, delivered at Melbourne

Annexation

The President moved the following resolution in
 favor of the annexation of the islands in the Pacific.
 "That this Council desires to give its hearty support
 to the policy of the present Ministry in its efforts
 to secure the annexation to the British Empire, of the
Kau-Aheides group, New Guinea, and other islands in
 the Pacific, deeming it in the highest degree dangerous

to the various Australian Communities, that any of
 the islands aforesaid should fall under the control of
 the French or any other European power and become
 "penal settlements"
 Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried Unanimously

The resolution to be forwarded to the Premier
General business

The petition for the erection of a weighbridge at
Yalloon Railway Station was next considered.
 Councillors generally objected to the multiplication
 of the weighbridges until it was seen whether or not they
 would pay.

On the motion of Mr D. Goutts seconded by Mr
Marshall the East Riding members were requested
 to report on the subject at the next meeting.

Mr Potter mentioned that there was included in
 the accounts a claim from the rate collector for £3. 3. 0
 for assistance rendered to the valuator while adjusting
 the present valuation. He moved that the matter
 stand over to allow of the attendance of Mr James Goutts
 who had moved previously in the matter. Seconded
 by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

On the suggestion of Mr Goutts & Mr Potter the engineer
 was instructed to employ labor to remove certain
 dangerous trees and branches from roads.

Mr Marshall moved that the ~~forest~~ forest be thrown
 open for selection in 100 acre blocks, with the exception
 of 100 acres on the east side of the road between Presides
land and road from Duffys to Caruthers. Seconded
 by the President. The motion was

Carried

Mr Laird and Bissett objecting

Instructions to Officers

By Mr. Coult That Engineer give notice to Luttrell and
Office of additions to their office. See by Mr. Lettlean
Larrie

By Mr. Marshall That Engineer visit Counaughton
late contact on two Chain Pyramid roads to report
 on what best to be done and remove path near
Roberts

Seconded by Mr. Larrie &

By Mr. Potter Engineer to have roads repaired near
Major's low bridge Larrie

By Mr. Lettlean Engineer to visit road by Jackson
 to Yallock Station and report

By Mr. Marshall That the Secretary obtain rough
 minute book and take minutes for the future in it

By Mr. Lettlean That the Secretary present a
 statement of the liabilities of each Meeting at
 next Meeting Seconded by Mr. Marshall &
Larrie

Motions

1. The motion standing in Mr. Potter name for a bridge
 over Welsh's Lagoon was allow to stand over for
 a month.

2. By Mr. Lettlean That tenders be called for earthwork
 and pipe drain or culvert on a chain road to Luttrell
 Station near John's Swamp. Seconded by Mr. Marshall
See Mr. Bissett Larrie

3. That tenders be called for bridge and approaches
 over Serpentine Creek near Mossop's & near John's
177, 177, & 91 to be returned at December Meeting
 Seconded by Mr. Coult &
Larrie

Notice of Motion

By Mr. Potter That application be made to the London
United Water Trust for a refund for the amount of money
 expended by this Council in obtaining water supply
 previous to the formation of the Trust.

Mr. Coult moved That the next Meeting be held
 on the day appointed for the Annual Meeting viz
 the third Tuesday in the month

Seconded by the President and

Larrie

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. Marshall
 the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	10	8	"
Secretary	12	10	"	"
G. H. Burrows	10	"	"	"
J. Minto attending	5	5	"	"
Court at Sandhurst				
Municipal Association	5	3	5	"
Machey & Co	13	19	6	"
H. Kirwan & Co	54	14	"	"
Deposit	10	"	"	"
John O'Brien	145	"	"	"
J. J. Old	29	40	"	"
H. She & Co	31	70	"	"
R. H. Tourneur	38	7	"	"
P. C. Doughlin	34	40	"	"
B. Shaw	36	40	"	"
A. Spooner	37	11	"	"
Deposit	"	6	6	"
J. J. Old	2	"	"	"
J. C. Rinder	1	10	"	"
President attending Court	5	5	"	"
at Sandhurst				
President first quarters	15	"	"	"
allowance				
	507	9	8	"

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The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to November 16th to be then further adjourned to November 20th

Conferred
November 20 1883

Wm Hardy
President

20 Nov 1883

Annual Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
November 20 1883

Present

The President (Mr Hardy) Mr Laird, Bissett, Potter, Marshall & James Coult

The Secretary presented the Audited Balance Sheet for the financial year ending September 30th 1883 which showed that the financial year closed with a debit balance of £681.6.10, owing to the transmittal of the Government subsidy in time for entering before the close of the financial year. The amount expended during the year amounted to £4458.8.9. The report from the Auditors was also read by the Secretary, which stated that, after examination, they found that the whole of the documents and Books were correct and in good order, and acknowledged the courteous assistance of the Secretary and other officers during their labors.

Mr Laird moved that the report be received, it being of a very satisfactory nature. Mr J. Coult seconded the motion. The President and Mr Marshall agreed with the motion. The result of the Audit was satisfactory to both Councillors and Officers. The motion was carried unanimously. The Annual Meeting then closed.

Conferred
Serpentine
December 21 1883

Wm Hardy
President

20 Nov 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Perpetua
November 20th 1883

Present

The President (Mr Hardip) Mr Davis, Bissett
Potter Marshall, James Coutts

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting having
been read were on the motion of Mr Marshall
seconded by Mr J. Coutts were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Government Statist. re Collection of Agricultural
Statistics

Received

From S. H. Newish. re payment of rates.

Held over

From Post Office Department. Stating that the mail
service between Hayman Railway Station and Calivil
would, from the 1st prox, be thrice weekly in lieu
of twice as at present.

On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Coutts
The Secretary was instructed to write again to the
Department calling attention to the necessity of the
Mail Communication being extended to Warburton
via Calivil.

Carried

McLean Bros & Co. Melbourne. re Neighbidges.
Stating that the same would be forwarded to
their destination immediately on their arrival in
Colony.

Received

From Shire of Korang. re Rabbit extermination.
and that it was proposed to hold a conference in
Melbourne to consider the matter.

Received

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From Secretary to the Premier. Acknowledging receipt
of resolution in support of the policy adopted by the
government in the matter of annexation of adjacent Islands.
Received

From Mr Dobbin and J. Steel. Complaining of
being ~~to~~ to obtain expense in clearing obstructions from
cleared roads and requesting refund of same.

The president moved that the Engineer inspect the
roads complained of and report to next meeting on the
necessity of having the complained of obstructions removed.
Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried

From Royal Insurance Co. re additions to Shire
Hall and stating that the building would not prejudice
the policy, the letter to be attached to the policy as proof to
that effect.

Received

From Raseparker. asking for the use of the Shire Hall
on the night of the 26th December. Moved by
Mr Davis seconded by Mr J. Coutts that the request be
granted on the usual terms.

Carried

From J. C. Horn. Contractor requesting reconsideration
of fine imposed upon him for noncompletion of work
at Bullock Creek in specified time.

Held over

From Charles Metcalf. Applying for the patronage
of the Council.

Moved by Mr J. Coutts seconded by Mr Davis that
the matter be left in the hands of the President,
to appoint the place for holding the Councils dinner &c.

Mr Potter moved ^{as an amendment} that the matter stand over
until the opinion of the majority of the Council can
be taken seconded by Mr Bissett.

For the amendment Mr Potter, Bissett and Marshall
for the motion the President, Mr Davis and James
Coutts. The president gave his casting vote in favor
of the motion & declared

The motion Carried

From A. Palmer asking for payment of £3.0.0 for clearing done by order of the president.

On the motion of Mr Marshall, seconded by Mr James Coult the action of the president was approved and £3.0.0 passed for payment.

Carried

Report

Mr J. Coult reported on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last Meeting to select a site for the weighbridge at Hitham. The Committee recommended the site offered by Mr Keily.

Moved by Mr Potter that the site as recommended by the Committee be approved of. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

The Engineer's report was on the motion of Mr Bissett seconded by Mr Potter

Received

The Secretary reported on the completion of the Annual Audit and the cause of the delay in commencing same.

On the motion of Mr Marshall, seconded by Mr Potter the report was

Received

The rate collector reported the following amounts as collected for each riding during the month

	Current rate	Ariens
East Riding	22 " 14 " 6	84 " 5 " 6
North "	5 " 2 " 0	17 " 1 " 6
South "	61 " 3 " 0	99 " 12 " 6
Total	£ 88 " 9 " 6	£ 60 " 19 " 6

He also referred to the outstanding ariens and stated that after the present harvest most of the ariens would be paid. He referred more particularly to three Hotels in the outlying districts as the largest defaulters. On motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr J. Coult the report was

Received

With reference to summoning the defaulting rate-payers it was moved by Mr Potter seconded by Mr Laird that the matter be left in the hands of the president and

Carried

The Treasurer's report showed a debit balance of £191.2.2

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

Received

The Secretary laid on the table a statement showing the Assets and Liabilities for each Riding for the current year

Tenders

For earthwork and pipe drain or culvert on three chain road to Salamb Station near John Harry's land.

On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Coult the following tender was accepted

Deposit £2

D. S. Old 40. 3. 1

General business

Mr J. Coult referred to the appointment of the Clerk of Works to the two bridges lately erected in the East Riding and asked by whom he had been appointed.

The Engineer gave the necessary explanation.

Mr Marshall referred to the reserve in pou-papils and pointed out on the plan the piece of land to be recommended to be reserved from selection amounting to acres.

The president mentioned the probable necessity of appointing a Clerk of Works to the bridge now being erected over Serpentine Creek, prior to the next Meeting of the Council.

Mr Potter moved that the president and Engineer be empowered to appoint a Clerk of Works, if necessary, for the Serpentine bridge. Seconded by Mr J. Coult and

Carried

By the President That one months extension of time be granted to all Contractors during the harvest season. Seconded by Mr Potter and

Carried

With reference to O'Hara's application for remission of the fine imposed upon him. The President asked the favorable consideration of the fair matter and moved that the fine be reduced to £4. Mr Laird stated that the President must first rescind the previous resolution by notice of motion. The President stated he would table a resolution to that effect.

Mr James Coult moved That a bonus of £5.5.0 be passed to the Secretary and £3.3.0 to the rate collector for extra work done in connection with the re-adjustment of the valuation. Seconded by the President and

Carried

Mr Potter objecting

Mr Potter asked That the motion standing in his name for a claim being made against the Water Trust for refunds be held over

Agreed to

Instructions to officers

By Mr J. Coult That the Secretary write to the Railway department asking upon what terms they will allow O'Brien to obtain water from the Railway Tank at Mitiamo.

By Mr J. Coult. That the Secretary write to the Postal department asking for a post office at Dinger Railway Station. Seconded by Mr Marshall and

Carried

By Mr Laird That the Secretary obtain a rabbit Act and give notice to the owner of the land situated near the Carragee Cemetery and Moffatt's farm in the parish of Larrolan. Seconded by Mr Bissett and

Carried

By Mr J. Coult That the engineer inspect and report on the cost of repairing the road at McDonald's Swamp

By Mr J. Coult That the engineer inspect and have the Shire put in possession of the proposed new roads at Kelby parish of Mitiamo.

By Mr Bissett That the engineer be empowered to make a crossing at McGrath's Sheep yards, cost not to exceed £3.0.0

Motions

Mr Potter moved That tenders be called for erecting a Bridge over Kelski Lagoon January next on the North and South two Chain roads. The President seconded the motion.

Mr Laird asked before the motion was carried for a report from the engineer on the whole matter. Mr Marshall also objected to the motion in its present shape. After further discussion Mr J. Coult moved and Mr Marshall seconded That Mr Laird and Mr Potter together with the engineer be appointed to inspect and report upon the best site to the next meeting

Carried

Notice of Motion

By Mr J. Coult That tenders be called for small pipe Culvert and earthwork between allotments 31 and 30 parish of Dinger

By Mr J. Coult That tenders be called for pipe Culvert and earthwork at O'Brien's also 3 or 4 chains of earthwork at North angle of allotment 64 parish of Mitiamo

By the President That the motion passed fixing the fine against O'Hara at £16 be rescinded

Moved by Mr J. Coult Seconded by Mr Laird That the usual fee of £5.5.0 be passed to the Secretary for making out the Government Rolls for the Assembly and Council

Carried

21 Dec 1883

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
December 21st 1883

Present

The President (C^o Hard) Mr Raleigh, Laird,
J. Potter, D. Loutts and Lethlean

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and
on the motion of Lethlean seconded by C^o Raleigh were
Confirmed

Correspondence

From Government Statist. Asking for return for
Municipal district

Attended to
From Shire of Wimmera. Stating that Conference
in favor of assisted Immigration had been abandoned

Received
From Victorian Infant Asylum. Acknowledging
Receipt of Donation

Received
From Hugh McCall. With printed Circular re
Irrigation

Received
From Central Board of Health. Forwarding Copies
of Public Health Act

Received
From Secretary Railways. Acknowledging letter re
O'Brien application to be allowed to lay down pipes from
dams at Mikhams

Received
From Secretary Municipal Association. Asking for
suggestions on endowment propositions. Received.
The Council having severed its connection with the
Association

From Secretary Railway department. Expressing regret that Mr O'Brien request to be allowed to obtain water from the Railway Tank at Britiamo could not be complied with

Received

From Thiers of Bainesdale. Asking the cooperation of the Council to maintain the present duty on grazings

On the motion of Mr Raleigh seconded by Mr Laird The request was not complied with the Council considering that the duty on farming implements should be removed.

From Central Board of Health. Stating that it had been reported to the Board that Scarlet Fever had broken out in the South Calioil School.

Reply sent that no such disease was known to exist there.

From Lands department. Enquiring if the allotments in Poupapaki asked to be thrown open for selection were not required for the growth and supply of timber

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Potter The Secretary was instructed to reply that the land referred to was not required for timber purposes

Laird

From Ratepayers in the Serpentine. Asking for the use of the Thiers Hall on New Year's night

From Mrs Cannon, Cantabar. Asking for a donation for extra work. On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Lethlean £1. 10. 0 was voted

From Constable French. Stating that he had to destroy three runaway a bullock left by a drover on the main road near Salisbury Bridge.

Report

The Engineer read a Special Report stating that he in company with Mr Potter and Laird had examined the roads leading to the proposed Bridge at Kelahe Lagoon and gave an estimate of the cost and of the Bridge and approaches at each side

On the motion of Mr D. Louth seconded by Mr Lethlean the report was

Received

The Engineer also read a report bearing upon the completion and general progress of the Contracts in work.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Laird the report was received and the clauses considered separately

Clause No 1 referring to J. S. Old Contract for sinking and slabbing well &c near Dinger Railway Station One month's extra time was allowed.

With reference to A Jamieson's Contract in the parish of Sandanas near Mrs Fishers The Engineer was instructed to see the Contractor and obtain a guarantee in writing, to complete the work and if not able to secure this to call for fresh tenders

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Raleigh this resolution was

Agreed to

On the motion of Mr Lethlean R. H. Louth's Contract was left in the hands of the Engineer to arrange

Clause No 2 re Weighbridges. The arrangement made was agreed to

The Treasurer's report showed a debit balance of £436. 5. 1

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

Received

The Rate Collector reported having collected during the month £136. 6. 0

Received

Tenders

On the motion of Mr D. Coutts seconded by Mr Laird the following tender was accepted

For erecting Bridge over Loughan Creek
R. Jacobson £238. 4. 0

General business

Mr D. Coutts moved and Mr Raleigh seconded
That an extra £3. 3. 0 be paid to Mr W. H. Coffey
for defending the case of Davies & the Council

By the President That the Secretary write to
the Lands department stating that the Lands reserve
in pourapapil is not required for timber purposes
Seconded by Mr Potter and

Mr Laird voting against

Mr D. Coutts moved That this Council
recommend to the Government that a tax be levied
on all wax or other matches not guaranteed as
safety matches. Seconded by the President &

By Mr D. Coutts That Dr Adams of Inglewood
be temporarily appointed health officer for the time
being that he be asked to accept the permanent
appointment. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Mr D. Coutts referred to the report of the last
meeting of the Council with reference to his attendance
at a Conference in Melbourne re Rabbit extermination

Mr Coutts explained that he did not attend as
a representative of the Council, but merely by
invitation, as a member of Parliament

The explanation was considered satisfactory

Mr Raleigh moved That the members for the
East Riding be empowered to expend the sum
of £5. 0. 0

By Mr Raleigh That Mr Lean Bros & Riggs be
informed that if the 'High bridges' ordered be not
delivered within a fortnight from date the order
be cancelled

By Mr D. Coutts That one week's holiday be
allowed to the officers commencing from the 24th
of December to the 2nd of January Seconded
by Mr Laird and

Instruction to Officers

By Mr Lethlean That the Secretary write to the
Railway Department asking that a bridge be
erected one mile north of the Galloo Station

By Mr Lethlean That a special valuation be
made of houses recently erected at Minkins and
Dingee

Motions

By Mr Lethlean for Mr D. Coutts That tenders
be called for small pipe Culvert and earthwork between
allotments 31 and 30 parish of Dingee
Seconded by Mr D. Coutts and

By Mr Lethlean for Mr D. Coutts That tenders
be called for pipe Culvert and earthwork at O'Brien
also for 3 or 4 chains of earthwork at the North angle
of allotment 64 parish of Minkins

By Mr D. Coutts That tenders be called for
fencing in dam at Bullock Creek parish of
pourapapil

By Mr D. Coutts That tenders be called for
Constructing bridge at Kelshe Lagoon on boundary road
between the parish of Kelshe & Jamnab
Seconded by Mr Potter and

Notice of Motion

By Mr. Said That Mr. G. R. Burrows
the present Rate Collector be informed that his
services as Rate Collector be dispensed with

The following order under the Local Government Act 1874
Section 658 was on the motion of Mr. Douth's second to

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the 558th
Section of the Local Government Act 1874 the Council
of the Thire of East Lothian hereby order that a
portion of land, one acre in extent, four chains
long and 2 1/2 chains wide be taken from allotment
4th parish of Pomphrey, Thire of East Lothian on
the site according to the admeasurements, and in
the manner shown and described in the maps
plans and specifications approved by the said Council
on the Twentieth day of August 1883 which were
deposited for inspection at the Thire Office, as
advertised in the Government Gazette dated the
twenty first day of September 1883

Signed John Hardy President
John Dalrymple Councillor
Benjamin Secretary

Accounts

On the motion of Mr. Douth's seconded
by Mr. Bethune the following accounts were
passed for payment

Engineer
Secretary
G. R. Burrows
B Shaw
B Shaw
A Jamieson
H. Kirwan
H. G. Bethune
Mr. Cannon

20	16	8
12	10	"
5	"	"
22	"	"
5	"	"
75	"	"
"	19	6
"	6	"
3	15	6
145	7	8

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Brought forward	145	7	8
Petty cash	10	0	0
Mr. Cannon	1	10	"
Dr. Coffey per Thire	3	3	0
	160	0	8

The Meeting then closed and the Council
adjourned to Friday January 18th 1884
Confirmed
January 18th 1884

John Hardy President

18 Jan 1884

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Serpentine
January 18th 1884

Present

The President (Mr Hardy) Esq. Raleigh, Laird
Potter, J. Coutts, G. Marshall, V. Lethlean, and
James Coutts

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and
on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr J. Coutts
were.

Confirmed

Correspondence

From T. S. Olds. Applying for one month's extension
of time on Contract near Dingee Railway Station

Held over

From Victorian Guarantees Society. Stating that
premium on Rate Collector's guarantee was due.

Held over

From A. Jamieson, Contractor, Stating that he was
unable to complete Contract at Tesher's as he was
compelled to proceed with previous Contracts under
the Loddow United Water Trust and asking that £5
for work done on the Contract be paid and that his
deposit £3 be refunded him

Held over

From Dr. Adams. Inglewood. Stating that he would
act as Health Officer for the River on the following terms
viz £20 per annum and 5/- per mile one way for every
Case he was called to attend

Held over

From Constable French Stating that he had incurred
an expense of 12/- in having a boat removed from the
Salisbury Road stating that he intended giving the owner
of the boat. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded