

Polling Booths Shire of East Lothian

South Riding — Shire Hall Perpetual

North Riding — State School Scurkham
Calwid — do — South

East Riding — State School Yallock
— do — Haynam

16 Jan 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
January 15th 1885

Present

C^{rs} Mansbuths / President / Raleigh, David Bissett,
Hardy, Potter, Marshall, Lethlean and Doughty
Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r
Raleigh were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Secretary Lands, re publication of Accounts
re Commons. No commons under control of Council

Received

From Secretary Railway department. Stating
that provisions would be made for loading sheep at
Dingee Railway Station

Received

From Post Office department. re Telegraph office
at Dingee

Received

From Frederick Dunn, Melbourne. Stating terms
under which he would act as Analyst to the Local
Boards of Health

Received

From H. S. Palmer, Superintendent of Police. re
careless use of fire stating that the police had
been instructed to pay particular attention to the
detection of persons so offending

Received

From W. A. Hardy, acknowledging receipt of
£1.1.0

Received

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From Secretary Royal Humane Society - Acknowledg
receipt of £1.1.0

Received

From Shire Swan Hill. Forwarding Cheque for
£27.11.1 half cost of clearing re. on boundary lands

Received

From Shire of Leuca. Acknowledging receipt of
Cheque for £181.13.4 being our third cost for Bridge
over peacany Creek.

Received

From Sh^r Henderson. Secretary Swan Hill Railway
League. Acknowledging receipt of £5.0.0 as a donation
to League

Received

From McLean Bros & Rigg. Stating that the cost of
adjusting weighbridges would be £3.0.0 per machine
and travelling expenses

Received

From same. Forwarding Certificate as to the correct-
ness of the weighbridges

Received

From John Duncan. Forwarding monthly returns
for Dingee weighbridge

Received

From same. Stating that the weighbridge was not
so well patronized this year as last and that M^r
Lethlean will not weigh at the bridge

Received

From J. O'Brien. Forwarding monthly returns for
Mithians weigh bridge

Received

From O. Edwicks. Stating that he had commenced
exterminating Rabbits and requesting that adjoining
land owners be compelled to do the same

Received

From Constable French. With report of Stock
Slaughtered in N. & S. Riding

Received

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From Secretary Shire of Korang. Forwarding resolutions passed at last Council Meeting re Rabbit extermination and requesting this Council's co-operation

held over

Reports

C^t Marshall reported that the Committee appointed at last meeting had unanimously agreed to recommend that the pump and pipe reserve near a place known as M^t Ilhoy be selected as a site for a Shire pump.

Received consideration deferred

Engineer's report was read, and on the motion of C^t Letham seconded by C^t Hardy the report was

Received

The Consideration of the clauses were disposed of as follows

No 1 re Blackwater Contract

1 re Highbridges - Inspector reported them correct

2 Completed mending at Dinger Weighbridges at a cost of £10.0.0

Approved

3 re purchase of pick drivers at a cost of £26.0.0

Approved

4 repairing Culverts East of Bean Lagoon Hotel. The cost will not exceed £5.0.0

On the motion of C^t Laird seconded by C^t Bissett the Engineer was instructed to expend £5 on the work considered necessary.

5 re Agreement with caretakers of weighbridges and with names of persons willing to become guarantors

On the motion of C^t Raleigh seconded by C^t Letham the names as submitted were approved

7 re T. Mossop's application for £3.3.0 for fencing down at Mossop's bridge. C^t Pollock moved that the matter stand over until next meeting seconded by C^t Hardy. The president stated he thought the matter was out of order. C^t D. Coult moved that the account be paid as he had seen the work.

The President ruled the discussion out of order, as no instructions

had been given for the work to be done

The Secretary reported that the rates for the year 1884 had been satisfactorily paid. The principal drawback was in the East Riding where by some oversight a sum of £106 had not been received. This meant a loss exclusive of the rate, of about £120 in the Government's subsidy. He further reported, that, according to instructions, he had called meetings of the ratepayers to consider the propriety of opposing or otherwise the proposal of the Lockton Recycled Water Trust to borrow a further loan of £25,000. The ratepayers had almost unanimously gone against any further loan.

He also stated that he had received from the Shire Solicitor a Cheque for over £70 collected by him for arrears of rates.

He also called the Council's attention to necessity of putting the Rabbit Act in force and that landowners or occupiers must be notified to have all rabbits exterminated under a penalty. The Council should if considered necessary appoint a rabbit Inspector or Inspectors to see that the different clauses of the Act are properly carried out.

The pump on the Serpentine Creek being entirely out of repair I have requested Mr. Tinsley to see that the same put in working order.

C^t Raleigh in moving that report be received stated that if a previous motion of his had been carried out re payment of rates at an earlier date the loss referred to in the East Riding would not have occurred. C^t Laird seconded the motion.

And regretted the loss of revenue which had occurred.

C^t Hardy wished that earlier notice should be given this year of the intention of the Council to collect the rates.

He hoped the Secretary would closely follow, in the future, his instruction. The president stated the Secretary was not to blame as it was fully understood the resolution should not be enforced. C^t D. Coult suggested that the rate be struck a month earlier.

The rate Collector reported the collection of rates for the month as follows

East Riding	110. 4. 6
North	39. 10. 6
South	260. 17. 6
Total	410. 12. 6

He further reported that the amount of rates paid to the Treasurer up to the 31st December on rate for 1884-85 are

East Riding	389. 12. 3
North	341. 2. 3
South	381. 12. 3
Total	1111. 6. 9

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

Received

The Treasurer reported a credit balance of £363. 4. 10

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

Matters

No. 1 For formation, pipe Culvert &c. on road to Adlam Road Tharvis, South Riding

I. S. Old 27. 11. 84

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

Accepted

The Council then adjourned for the purpose of holding a meeting of

The Local Board of Health

The same Councillors were present
The Secretary reported that from enquiries made the general health of the Shire is good, with the exception of the children of two families in the Terpenhain being afflicted with whooping cough.

He had received no notice of any nuisances within the Shire. He also reported that the Inspector of Nuisances & Slaughteryards had left the East Riding &

no Constable had been appointed to his place

C. Lethlean moved that the report be received seconded by C. Hardy and

(Carried)

C. Hardy considered the Secretary had used a wise discretion in not reporting the cases referred to & thereby saving the Council considerable expense

C. Potter thought that when a contagious disease broke out it was the duty of the Secretary to report same & the services of the Medical Officer called in

C. D. Coult partly agreed & trusted a report from the Secretary would be presented monthly

C. Marshall called attention to no report being received from the Medical Officer. He requested that the Secretary be instructed to write the Medical Officer asking for monthly reports

The meeting of the Board then closed and the Council resumed

General business

The President mentioned having instructed the Secretary to call meetings of ratepayers in different parts of the Shire. He had attended two meetings in the East Riding at each meeting a resolution was unanimously passed against the proposal of the Loddon W. M. Trust to borrow a further loan of £25,000, except water could be made available for irrigation purposes

C. Laird stated he had attended a meeting at the Terpenhain with a similar result. The ratepayers were convinced the cutting would be of no use unless the Government first constructed large reservoir at the head of the Loddon to give a supply in the summer

C. Hardy spoke to similar effect on behalf of the North Riding.

C. Potter thought the proposed works should be allowed to proceed

C. D. Coult considered more money was necessary to complete the works. Each district must deal with its own wants as it had no concern in the

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affairs of others.

By Lethlean stated that the ratepayers in his district were decidedly opposed to a further loan

Consequently after considerable discussion Mr Hardy moved that as the ratepayers of this Shire have decided, in public meetings, to oppose any further loan for works in this Shire this Council opposes such loan and instruct their Commissioners to that effect. Seconded by Lethlean and

Carried

Mr David referred to the letter received from the Horung Shire Council upon the question of rabbit extirpation and moved that ~~be~~ that this Council cooperate in the matter and that the landowners be notified that the work of extirpation would be commenced on or about the first of February.

Seconded by Lethlean and

Carried

The Secretary was appointed Inspector of rabbit until next day of meeting

Mr Marshall moved that the Secretary call for applications from persons willing to clear the poumpapil reserve of all rabbits and keep the same clear for 12 months from day of appointment

Seconded by Mr D. Court and

Carried

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Marshall that the Secretary write to adjoining Councils requesting their opinion as to the advisability of a Conference or destruction of hares in the same manner as rabbits

By Mr Raleigh that Engineer report on cost of repairing road from Pecaniny Bridge to Tang Tang swamp

By Mr Hardy Engineer to have fakes removed off road at Calivib

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Motion

By Lethlean For small culvert and pipe drain with 30 chains of formation west of Yalloora Railway Station and that the earth required be taken out of Raleigh Bros paddock

Seconded by the president and

Carried

Constable French was reappointed Inspector of nuisances for the North South ridings at a salary of £5 per annum; and that the Constable in the East Riding be offered a similar appointment

Notice of motions

By Lethlean For a pipe drain, side drain and formation near Edwards Sheep yards on road known as Cornish's parish of Dinger

By The President - For 7 or 8 chains of formation on North South road in the township of Hutians

Accounts

On the motion of Mr Bissett Seconded by Mr David the following accounts were presented for payment.

Engineer		20	16	8 ²
Secretary		14	3	4 ²
Rate Collector		7	10	"
M. French		5	10	"
MacKay & Co		5	1	"
Charles Hutton		50	12	"
John O'Brien 1/2 fees W'bridge		7	"	6 ²
John Duncan " "		1	11	9 ²
Tayson Bros		2	0	6 ²
P. Jacobson	C. 33	20	"	"
J. W. Clarke	C. 35	20	"	"
A. Jamieson	C 3	35	"	"
William Stevens		26	"	"
A. Jamieson	Weybridge	10	"	"
Total		225	5	9

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

Confirmed
Shire Hall

February 20th 1885

James South President

20 Feb 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
February 20th 1885

Present

The President (Mr James South) Mr Raleigh, David Bissett, Potter, Hardy, Marshall, Lethlean & D. South

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr David were.

Correspondence

Confirmed

From the Shire of Beekworth. re unworshable staff of Public Health Act and forwarding resolutions passed at a Conference of Municipal bodies held at Beekworth

Received

From J. Duncan Dinger - Forwarding Cheque for £1.11 - Weighbridge bridge fee -

Received

From W. E. Lethlean, Prairie. requesting Slaughtering License

Granted

From Telegraph Department. Declining to open telegraph office at Dinger. On the motion of Mr Lethlean The Secretary was instructed to renew the application seconded by the President and

Carried

From W. Adams - Health Officer - requesting names of registrars of Births and deaths in the Shire

Forwarded

From Central Board of Health. Stating that any suggestion from the Local Board as to Amendment required in the Public Health Act would receive due consideration

Held over

From J. P. Evans - Tandar - Asking for
Slaughtering License

From ^{granted} ~~Secretary~~ ^{granted} ~~William~~ Public Hall Com^{tee}
Asking for provided donation of £10. On the
motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy
The amount was passed for payment

From Under Treasurer. Forwarding forms for
List of Licenses issued by Council requesting that
the percentage be paid to Receiver of revenue before
the 31st March

President Shire of Albion. ^{Attended to} Asking information as
to duties, salaries &c of Officers

From Dr Adams. Health Officer. ^{Attended to} reporting mild
Case of whooping Cough at Calville

From John House. Fitzroy. ^{Received} Offering services as
Analyst to Local Board of Health. On the motion of
Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Marshall the letter was

From ^{Received} ~~Water~~ Supply department. asking for information
as to boring operations for water. On the motion of
Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Potter the necessary information
was ordered to be forwarded.

From John Duncan. Dingee. Forwarding Cheques
for £10. 8. 0 as monthly fees for weighbridge

From Mr H. Bunning. Yallock. ^{Received} Asking for
Slaughtering License.

P. C. Perry - Valamb. ^{granted} asking for reduction of
rates, owing to removal of house. The President
moved That the rate collector report at next meeting
Seconded by Mr Potter +

Carried

From J. Humbert. Valamb. asking for reduction
of rate. ^{Consideration}

From Mr. Humbert. Hayammi. ^{To stand over} asking for
reduction of rate as there was no building on her
selection. Referred to rate collector to report

From D. C. Laid. Asking for use of Shire Hall
for Concert + Ball in connection with the Perpetual
Hospital Fest, also for the Council's usual donation
in aid of the funds of the Hospital. On the
motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall
The request was granted and £10. 10. 0 voted
towards the funds of the Institute

From Mr. H. Lethlean. declining to accept the
Engineer's measurement for work done. referred
to Engineer's report.

From Secretary for Agriculture. Forwarding copy
Act and calling attention to Clauses 15 + 16

Received

Reports

The Engineer's report was read and on the
motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Bissett
was Received

The Clauses were then considered
Clauses 1 and 2 were received

" 3 re Mr H. Lethlean's Contract No 26 - 1883. 84)
Mr Raleigh moved and the President seconded
that 36 chains be paid for

Carried

Clause 4 approved

" 5 re pump in Perpetual Creek. On the
motion of Mr Hardy the engineer was instructed
to purchase a McCormack pump + water lifter

Carried

Clause 7 The offer of Messrs Raleigh Bros of
£15 in part payment of tank was Accepted

The Secretary reported the receipt of £1,820, 3. 3. for rates during the year 1884 -
The rates for the present year 1884-85 had been well paid up amounting to £1200 out of total of £1600. Out of the £400 arrears the Senecks Estate owes £107. 2. 0. Only one ratepayer, Berthel was in arrears of rates. He further mentioned that he had issued a large number of notices to owners of Land to at once commence exterminating Rabbits on their property. He also mentioned receiving a Cheque for £10. 8 as fees received at the Dingy Weighbridge. He had no report from the Dillitiamia Weighbridge.

On the Motion of Mr. Davis Seconded by Mr. Latham the report was

The rate collector reported collections since last meeting as follows

East Riding 39. 19. 9

North " " 9 5 "

South " " 32 15 "

Total 81 19.9

Dog Registration 13th 15th &

On the Motion, of Mr Lethlean seconded
by Mr Raleigh was

Received

The Treasurer reported a credit balance
of 252.00.

On the motion of Ch. Lethlean seconded
by the president the report was

Received
Mr Raleigh reported that his firm had opened the road between the parishes of Salisbury & Wallhook, as requested by the Council, at a cost of £140. He asked the Councillors ~~about~~ to note the amount of traffic on the road.

Enclos

The following Tender on the motion of Mr Raleigh
seconded by Mr Lettman was accepted

Box Culvert and 24 chains of formation on two
chain road West of Galloob Railway Station
between Allotments 3 and 21 parish of Galloob
Michael Mahoney 83. 8. 8

The Council then adjourned for the purpose of holding a meeting of the
Local Board of Health.

The Secretary reported that the general state of health throughout the district was satisfactory.

He referred to a Mr. Flattery reporting a case Whooping Cough to the Medical Officer and ^{not} to the board. The Doctor had declined to attend the case as he did not consider it either urgent or necessary. He also reported that the Central board had requested any suggestions to amend or alterations in the present Act. He also reported that no permanent Custodian had been appointed for the East Riding.

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

Received

Dr. Potter objected to Mr. Flattery reporting cases to the Doctor over the heads of the board. -

Mr Hardy moved that the Health Officer be notified that no complaint could be considered unless endorsed by the Members of the Local Board or the Secretary. - Seconded by Mr Lethlean &

Carried

The Secretary was instructed to have the necessary instructions printed on Calico and posted in every school in the Shire.

The letter from the Central board asking for suggestions as to improvements of the Public Health Act was considered. E Hardy moved that the Secretary prepare suggestions & forward a copy to each member prior to next meeting.

The Meeting then closed

General business was resumed

Mr Lethlean reported having expended a sum of 10/- in repairing a fence. On the motion of the president seconded by Mr Raleigh the amount was passed for payment.

Mr Davis spoke of the necessity of more forms being required for the use of the Shire Hall. He moved that the Engineer be instructed to procure 16 forms seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

The question of Annexation

The president moved the following resolution

"That this Council beg to tender to the Hon. James Service, the Premier of the Colony of Victoria, its high appreciation of the indefatigable exertions he has made to secure the annexation of New Guinea and the islands of the West Pacific to the Continent of Australia, and at the same time to thank him for his strong and vigorous protest against any of these islands or portion of an island being attached by any foreign power, and this Council would further express its indignation at the unjust treatment the Colony has received at the hands of the British Government in allowing any part of the rightful inheritance of Australia to be taken possession of by a foreign power" Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

The president moved "That a copy of the resolutions be forwarded to the Hon James Service". Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

Death of General Gordon

Mr Hardy moved, "That we the Councillors of the Shire of East Loddon, hereby, on behalf of the Ratepayers of the Shire, express our deep sorrow occasioned by the calamitous death of General Gordon and the great loss involved in his death; a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to the Premier" Seconded by Mr Raleigh

Carried

The proposal of the Loddon United Water Trust to obtain a further loan of £25,000.

The president moved "That considering the action taken by the ratepayers of this Shire, in public meetings assembled, and the numerous resolutions passed against any further loan, applicable to this Shire, being obtained by the Loddon United Water Trust, unless the Government are first prepared to make and carry out as National works large and permanent reservoirs at the head of the Loddon, we, as the ratepayers representatives in Council assembled, request the Minister of Water Supply to refuse the application of the said Trust; that unless such works are first erected any further expenditure in the southern portions of the Trust Territory, will be perfectly useless to the ratepayers of this Shire; that, should the Government agree to construct the reservoirs this Council believes that, the present Shire Council is the proper Authority to carry out the work necessary for the benefit of the ratepayers without the interference of second body or Water Trust, and further that the Shire so far as it is interested should be excised from the Trust Territory". Seconded by Mr Lethlean. After discussion in which Mr Potter, D. Loutts and Hardy joined the motion was

Carried

Mr Davis moved that a petition be drawn up in opposition to the loan and signed by the ratepayers for presentation to the Governor in Council and that a Committee be appointed to draw up the petition and employ canvassers to obtain signatures to the same, such Committee to consist of the President Mr Lethlean, Hardy himself. Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Mr D. Loutts considered this procedure altogether unnecessary. It was sufficient for the Council to protest, against the action of the Trust, under the seal of the Council.

Mr Potter also expressed his opinion that there

was no necessity for such determined opposition
After further discussion the motion was put
and Carried - The president Mr Laird
Bissett, Hardy, Lethlean and Marshall voting
ay and Mr Raleigh nay. On the president
calling upon Mr D. Gaults and Potter to record
their votes they rose and left the table

Applications, per tender, were then opened for
clearing the pumpapies reserve of rabbit for a
period of 12 months. After discussion Mr Hardy
moved and Mr Potter seconded, that the matter
stand over until next meeting, the tenders
being considered too high.

Motions

By Mr Lethlean. That tenders be called for a
pipe drain and side drains and formation near
Edwards Sheep yards on road known as Cornish's
parish of Dinger. Secounded by the president
Carried

By the President. For 7 or 8 Chains of formation
on North South road in the parish of
Mitiamo. Secounded by Mr Lethlean &
Carried

By the President (by leave) For formation on
South East 3 Chains road known as Runnymede
road South East from Mitiamo. Secounded
by Mr Lethlean and
Carried

By the President (by leave) For formation on
one Chain road west from Mitiamo about
1/2 mile more or less. Secounded by Mr
Lethlean and
Carried

Instructions to officers

By Mr D. Gaults. That the Secretary write to the Eschsch
their Council, suggesting a renewal of a previous
application for a Government grant towards necessary

road works leading to Railway Station in the
East Riding

By Mr D. Gaults. That the Secretary have newspapers
and gazette filed.

By Mr D. Gaults. That the Engineer have the
their maps hung in the their Halls.

Notice of Motion

By Mr Marshall. That tenders be called for
clearing on boundary road between the parishes
of Calvil and pumpapies to the width of one
chain and clearing the whole width of road of
all stumps and dead wood.

By Mr Bissett. That tenders be called for
embankment & necessary Culverts on the boundary
road between Camiebur East and pumpapies
opposite allotments 86 & 104 par. of pumpapies

Accounts

By Mr Potter seconded Mr Bissett the following
accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	7	10	0
McLean Bros & Rigg	8	4	1
Bendigo & News	8	3	"
Tarson Bros	3	1	"
Percentage on Licenses	4	5	"
J. Jacobson C. 33	73	9	6
J. Jacobson D. 33	11	"	"
J. H. Clethead C. 35	20	"	"
J. H. Clethead D. 35	4	"	"
Palmer & Marshall C. 1	50	"	"
Wm. Pickles & Co. C. 2	25	"	"
A. Jamieson C. 3	45	5	"
A. Jamieson D. 3	4	11	"
Henry Smith C. of W.	8	13	4
Carried forward			

Brought forward		
Mrs Hesse	7	" "
David Agnew	"	10 "
W. E. Lethbride	2	10 "
C. Medcalf	"	1 8 "
Mrs Cannon, Cantaker		
2 Months Salary	2	10 "
Suglenwood Hospital		
Annual donation	10	10 "
J. H. Ireside	1	5 "
J. Duncan 1/2 fee	5	4 "

The Meeting then closed and the
Council adjourned to Friday March 20th
forifirmed
Phine Hall
March 27th 1885

Wm Hand Chapman

The ordinary monthly Meeting appointed
to be held on Friday 20th March 1885, was by order of the
president, adjourned to Friday March 27th at 11 o'clock

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Prof. A. R. Rider
Phine Secretary

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Thir Hall
Serpentine
March 27th 1885

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Rissett were

Mr Hardy in the Chair Confirmed
Correspondence

Chair of Music and Scholarships. Asking for subscription

Received
Colonial and Indian Exhibition London.
Circular from the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

Received
From Secretary Loddon & N. Trust. Acknowledging receipt of letter from the Council re proposed new loan

Received
From J. Matchett & Co. Asking for road repairs in parish of Kaurarood. On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Marshall The matter was referred to the members of the East Riding.

From Shire of Lonsdale. requesting cooperation for a refund of expenses Councils have incurred in the purchase of Wild dog and Rabbit skins. On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Potter. The Secretary was instructed to reply that this Council while sympathizing, could not take any active part in the matter

Carried
From the Premier. Acknowledging receipt of resolutions passed by the Council re Annexion and the death of General Gordon
Received

From Shire of Alberton. Asking cooperation in requesting the Government to bring in a Bill for securing assisted Immigration. On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Laird, cooperation was granted. Mr Marshall voting against

From private Secretary to the Governor. Acknowledging receipt of petitions from the ratepayers of the Shire

Received
From the Hon. Secretary of the Central Irrigation League stating that a convention would be held on Thursday the 16th April and requesting that delegate from this Council may be appointed. On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by the Chairman. The president was requested to attend

From Acting Secretary of Water Supply. Acknowledging receipt of petitions from Ratepayers of the East Loddon Shire against borrowing a further loan for Water Works

Received
From A. Birdin, Kyneton. requesting that rate notices for land at Sandblow be forwarded to him. Request complied with

From Mr Ralagh requesting leave of absence from March and April meetings. On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Rissett

Leave granted
From Bennett, Atterbury, Wicks & Hounelly. Solicitors giving as their opinion that rates made under the present Local Government Act and in arrears for more than 12 months, are only recoverable from the persons actually rated, and in such case an after purchaser is not liable (see sections 285, 290, & 291). In cases of unoccupied lands & where rates are in arrears for 5 years the Council can enter and lease (see section 295 & following)

J. P. Old. Comptroller. Asking for one months extension of time on Court on Adam Shaw's road
granted

From Shiraz of Marong. Forwarding circular & pamphlet referring to the case of the son of Mr. W. Gunn of Kangaroo Flat who was reported to be seriously neglected by Dr. Bowen as medical officer to the Melbourne Eye and Ear Hospital and requesting this Council to without its subscription & support to the Hospital until a satisfactory explanation is given.

Mr. Laird moved that the Secretary write to Mr. Mirams, the president of the Hospital, requesting an explanation of the case as reported in the pamphlet and letter. Seconded by Mr. Potter &

Carried

Education Census of Victoria. requesting the Councils cooperation in compiling same and to state at what cost. The Secretary was instructed to state the collection could be done for £25.

From Royal Commission on Water Supply. Forwarding list of questions re water supply in district requesting to favour with the names of Landowners who were likely give information. On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by Mr. Marshall the Secretary was instructed to suggest the following names. South Riding. Mr. D. C. Laird. North Riding Mr. W. Hardy. East Riding Mr. J. Coult and J. E. Lethlean

Report

Mr. Hardy reported that he had appointed Mr. W. H. Hardy to obtain signatures to the petition against the loan. A majority had signed the petition.

Mr. Laird reported having appointed a person to act in a similar capacity.

Mr. Marshall proposed a vote of thanks to the Councillors for their attention to the matter.

Mr. Bissett seconded the motion

Carried

Engineers Report

The Engineer read his report and on the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Marshall was

Received

Clause 1 On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Marshall the Secretary was instructed to make application for the moiety of £21 due

Clause 2 or J. D. Old expiring of time on Cont. 14

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by the Chairman

One month extra time was allowed

Clause 4. 5 + 6 Approved

Secretary's report

The Secretary read his report and on the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Marshall the report was

Received

Rate Collector

Reported the rates collected since last meeting as follows

East Riding	7-13-0
North	8-9-0
South	5-12-9
Total	21-14-9

Dog Registration 2-5-0

He also reported having visited the holdings of Margaret Humbert and C. P. Perry. He found that on neither of the holdings was there a building fit for habitation.

He considered that the residence rate of 10% should not be charged.

On the motion of Mr. Laird seconded by Mr. Bissett the report was received

On the motion of Mr. Potter seconded by the Chairman a reduction of 10% was allowed on the land holdings of held by Mr. Humbert and that of C. Page Perry. Carried

10% allowed on each of the holdings of held by Mr. Humbert & Perry

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report showed a Debit balance of £80. 5. 5

On the motion of Mr Marshall seconded by Mr Bissett the report was

Received

Tenders

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

1st For pipe and side drain and formation near Edmunds Shepards on roads known as Goussis parish of Dingle

Chappell & 21. 10. 2

2 For formation on the north south roads in the Township of Mifflin

A Jamison 100. 16. 3

3 For formation on the South East 3 Chain road, known as Runnymede road S. E. from Mifflin

J. S. Old 97. 5. 6

3rd For formation on the chain road, west from Mifflin

Palmer & 108. 15. 0

Board of Health

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr D. Coult was adjourned until the next meeting of the Council

General business

Mr D. Coult brought forward a charge for erecting fence at Bridge over Serpentine Creek and moved that the Engineer's estimate of the work done at £3. 3. 0 be adopted and paid. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

Mr Potter objecting

Mr Potter referred to the case of J. Herd's application for a reduction in rates and the President's ruling on a motion. At the request of Councillors Mr Potter agreed to allow the subject to stand over until next meeting

Mr Laird moved and Mr Bissett seconded that immediate steps be taken to have the footpath on the West side of the Serpentine township proclaimed

Carried

By Mr D. Coult that the Secretary make application for a rain-gauge and that Mr Hutton be requested to take charge of same and to keep a record.

Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried

By Mr Laird - That a pump be erected at Newman's dam parish of Calivil and that the Engineer be instructed to purchase a Mc Cormac lifter and have same erected at the dam

Seconded by the Chairmen and

Carried

Mr Marshall - proposed that a similar pump be erected at Miller's dam same to be fenced in and a gate provided and locked.

Seconded by Mr Bissett and

Carried

By Mr D. Coult - That Mr G. H. Burrows be appointed registrar of dogs for the Shire and that the Secretary notify by advertisement that Mr Burrows's residence, Bears Lagoon will be his office for the registration of dogs

Seconded by the Chairmen and

Carried

By Mr Laird That ten tenders be called for ten tons of firewood of such lengths as are considered suitable.

Seconded by Mr Bissett &

Carried

Motions

By Mr Marshall That tenders be called for clearing on the boundary road between Calivil & Pampas on chain wide & to clear all stumps & dead wood off the full width of road. Seconded by Mr Potter &

Carried

Motions Continued

By E. Bissett - That tenders be called for Embankment and Culverts on the boundary road between Laniember East and Poupapili opposite allots. 86 & 104 parish of Poupapili.

Seconded by E. Laird & Carriv
Instructions to Officers

By E. Laird - Engineer to report on road from Mikhams

By E. Bissett - Engineer to have foot Culvert near M. Huttons repaired

Notice of Motion

By E. Potter For felling and clearing about two miles from Kelshe Lagoon towards Messops half chain wide. Stumps and dead wood to be cleared off the whole width of road

Accounts

On the motion of E. Bissett seconded by E. Laird the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	7	10	"
P. McDonough	2	"	"
Arnall Jackson	7	9	2
Macray & Co	9	10	"
J. O'Brien 1/2 fees W. bridge	8	12	"
Tarpou Bros	3	2	3
R. J. Phillips	2	5	"
M. Donalds	"	13	6
Mitiam's public Hall	10	"	"
President's 2 @ go allowance	15	"	"
	101	1	11

petty Cash

Brought forward

Palmer & Marshall

Mrs. Pickles & Co

Mrs. Pickles & Co

Michael Mahoney

B. Shaw

B. Shaw

J. Couraughton

Peter Jacobson

Thos. S. Old

J. Macnamara

Henry Smith

E. Medcalf

W. H. Littleton

Total

101 1 11

55 " "

17 " "

2 3 4

30 " "

19 " "

4 " "

6 12 6

3 10 "

1 6 "

" 10 6

" 16 4

" 6 8

1 15 "

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petty Cash

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The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday April 17th 1885

Confirmed

Shire Hall

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April 17th 1885

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17 Apr 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
April 17th 1885

Present

The President (C^o James Smith) C^o Laine
Marshall, Lethlean, Coult & Hardy
Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and on the motion of C^o Lethlean seconded by
the president were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Shire of Echunga. Stating that the Shire
was willing to cooperate in applying for a govern-
ment ^{grant} in making and forming roads leading from
that Shire to the Stations on the line from ~~that~~
Raywood to Mitiamo. C^o Hardy supported
the proposition and moved that this Council
cooperate. C^o D. Coult seconded the motion.

On the motion of C^o Laine seconded by C^o
Lethlean The President and the Engineer were
appointed a deputation to proceed to Melbourne
on a day to be named.

From Government Statist. Forwarding account
for signature of Treasurer for bonus allowed by
Government for early and correct collection of
Agricultural Statistics

Attended to

From Returning Officer Mauderay Electorate
requesting use of Shire Hall for Election purposes
Granted.

- Victorian Councils are compelled to pay more than ONE MILLION DOLLARS a year to the Commonwealth Government in Payroll Tax. This is an unjust burden on ratepayers and a misuse of Federal power. In spite of many efforts to have Councils exempted from Payroll Tax, your Council is forced to add your share to YOUR rates.
- Victorian Councils conduct community welfare services such as Infant Welfare, Health Immunisation and Libraries, in partnership with the State Government. Because State grants and subsidies for these services don't keep pace with rising costs, another burden is added to YOUR municipal rates.

Support your Council's efforts to get full value for the Municipal Dollar!

(Issued by the Municipal Association of Victoria on behalf of its 210 Member Councils.)

From Department of Public Works. Approving of plans for works on roads leading to Britains Railway Station

Received

From John Duncan: Caretaker of Dingus Weighbridge. reporting receipt of 14 1/2.

Received

From S. Medcalf. Stating that he had received authority from the Shire Secretary to cut 20 tons of wood of 2 feet lengths, and refused to a motion passed at the last Meeting ordering tenders to be called for 10 tons. The Secretary stated that he had ordered the wood as the matter had always previously been left to him.

The consideration was allowed to stand over until tenders were opened

From Education Department - In reply to Council's offer to collect Education Census for £25, stating that in the year 1884 the work was performed for £15 and that if the Council were willing to accept that sum their offer would be considered. C. D. Louth proposed that Council undertake the work for £20

Seconded by C. Laidlaw and

Carried

From Mrs Gurn. re Eye & Ear Hospital Melbourne.

To stand over

From R. N. Irvine & others. asking for the use of the Shire Hall once a month for the purpose of holding Assemblies on Saturday evenings between the hours of 7 and 11 o'clock p.m. and enclosing guarantee that any damage done would be made good & the hall left clean in good order. On the motion of C. Laidlaw seconded by C. Hardy the request was granted subject to a payment of 7/- per night

17 Apr 1885

Reports

The President reported having attended the Irrigation Conference at Kerang. A large scheme was introduced by Messrs Webb & Brown to ask the Government for £3,000,000 to carry a Canal from the Moulbourn to the Wimmera across the intervening river. He had voted in favor of the scheme. On the motion of C. Hardy seconded by C. Lethlean a vote of thanks was passed to the President for attending the conference.

C. Potter here took his seat

The Engineer read his report which on the motion of C. Laidlaw seconded by C. Lethlean was

Received

The clauses were then considered. Clauses 1, 2 & 3 were approved.

" 4, 5, & 6 were adopted on the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Laidlaw

The Secretary stated that the Council had a debit balance of about £200

The Secretary stated that an error had been made in the reports of the last Meeting relative to an opinion received from the Solicitor. The opinion was to the effect that rates were only recoverable from the persons actually rated & not from after purchasers of the property.

The Rate Collector reported rates collected for the month as £9. 8. 9. and of registration as £5. 15. 0. On the motion of C. Marshall seconded by C. Lethlean the report was

Received

Tenders

On the motion of C. D. Louth seconded by C. Marshall the following tenders were accepted

1/7 Constructing two Culverts and forming 30 chains on the 2 Chain road between the parishes of Clamiebur East and Pompafield
J. S. Old £111. 17. 6

1/2 Widening the clearing to 66 feet on two Chain road between Calivil and Pompafield from W. Young's South West corner of allot. 4 to the Pompafield two Chain road 282 chains
Palmer Marshall £42. 6. 0

On the motion of C^r Laird seconded by C^r Lethlean the following tender was accepted for 10 tons of Firewood

J Macnamara at 5/3 per ton

It was also agreed that Charles Medcalf should deliver the firewood as ordered by the Secretary

The Council then adjourned for the purpose of holding a meeting of
The Local Board of Health

The Secretary read a report on matters of small importance and stated he had made a synopsis of the ^{part for the} finances of members

The report was received and it was resolved that Constable Morgan of Hildesheim should be appointed Inspector of nuisances for the East Riding at the rate of £5. 0. 0 per annum.

The board then adjourned and the Council resumed
General business

C^r D. Louth introduced Mr Thomas Mossop relative to work done by him in fencing the approaches to a bridge for which £3. 3. 0 have been voted, but the Engineer stated the work had been done without his authority. Mr Mossop stated that he had understood that the Engineer had authorised his father to do the work

His father, who has since died, had instructed him to him to do the fencing and he wished the Council to exonerate him from all suspicion of having acted without authority. The value of the work done at £5. C^r D. Louth, Lamer, Hardy & the president fully agreed that a misunderstanding had occurred and fully exonerated Mr Mossop from the slightest imputation of having acted without authority. The Engineer stated, that, though the work was well done he considered he had allowed a fair price for the work.

C^r Potter brought under the notice of the Council Mr Thomas Hirds application for a reduction in his rates of 10%, the residence from one block having been removed and that his application had been made within the specified six months.

C^r Potter moved that the reduction applied for be granted. Seconded by C^r Hardy and

ditto C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Hardy a similar reduction was made for Frank Humberts rates

On the motion of the president the Secretary was instructed to apply to the Northern Shire to assist in obtaining the removal of "Native Companions" from the protection of the Game Laws. Seconded by C^r Marshall. Lethlean

C^r Laird applied upon behalf of the Ladies of the district for the use of a room in the Shire building for library purposes. C^r Laird stated that a library of over 100 volumes at present existed and was becoming too large for a private house. It was decided that the presidents room be allowed free of charge. C^r Laird thanked the Council.

It was resolved that tenders be called for the removal of all dead timber from off the Shire roads

Motions

By Mr Potter That tenders be called for grubbing and clearing about 2 miles from Kelso's Lagoon towards Krossop's half chain wide. The whole of the stumps and dead wood to be cleared off the whole width of road

Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

Notice of Motions

No 1 By Mr David That tenders be called for draining on road leading to Merham's farm West of Allot 54 Janiember West

No 2 By Mr David That tenders be called for draining and formation on road north of allot 148 and 49 Janiember East

No 3 By Mr Littleton That tenders be called for formation and culvert or pipe drain on the three chain road West of Dingee Railway Station on the boundary road between the parishes of Talamba and Galloob

Instructions to officers

By Mr Littleton. That the Secretary write to the Shire of Maroona asking them to have cleared the one chain road ~~clear~~ from the Southern boundary of this Shire on the N. W. corner of allot 1 to the South West corner of allot 2 parish of Neilborough

Accounts

On the Motion of Mr David Seconded by Mr Littleton the following accounts were passed for payment

17 Apr 1885

Langman	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	7	"	"
Williams & Co	1	7	"
Bendigo Co. News	3	15	"
Mr H. Hardy	4	"	"
Palmer & Marshale	45	"	"
J. S. Old	27	11	9
J. P. Old	1	7	6
M. Mahoney	40	"	"
Thomas Moscop	3	3	"
J. Hood (Water Suet)	23	4	6
Treasurer (Petty Cash)	10	"	"
Tarpow Bros	2	4	"
Counsellors	4	"	"
J. W. Johnstone	3	"	"
James H. Littleton	"	10	"
W. H. Littleton	"	10	"
Total	£211.12.9		

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday May 15th 1885

Confirmed
Shire Hall
Perpetual
May 15. 1885

For On to President

19 Jun 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Thive & Hall
Serpentine

Present

Mr James Coult (President) Raleigh, Laine,
Bissett, Potter, Marshall, Lethlean and D. Coult
Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and on the motion of Lethlean seconded by the
president were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Constable Major. Mitiamor. Accepting the
appointment of Inspector of Slaughteryards and
nuisance at the remuneration stated.

Received

From R. I. Elery, Government Astronomer.
Acknowledging with thanks the offer to take
charge of a rain gauge and stated that the same
would be forwarded.

Received

From Department of Agriculture - forwarding
form for applications for trees

Attended to

From Macoloy Jones. Solicitor. Asking to be
informed of the amount of rates due on John
Steel's land, 480 acres.

Amount forwarded

From Treasury. Melbourne. Forwarding
form to be filled for first half years subsidy,
amounting to £1048-1-5.

Attended to & returned

From Secretary of Colonial Exhibition, London.
With forms for space &c.

Received

From Shire of Marong. Acknowledging receipt of letter re clearing through the one chain road parish of Wellborough and stating that the matter had been referred to the members of the North E. Riding and the Engineer

Received

From Secretary Shire of Lehuca. Stating that the Hon. the Commissioner of Public Works had appointed Wednesday the 20th inst. to receive the deputation from the townships relative to special grants

Received

From Royal Insurance Co. re payment of premium. Insurance on Shire Hall

Paid for payments

Mrs Hutton. thanking the Council for use of room for library purposes

Received

From John Duncan. Weighbridge Keeper. Dingo enclosing Cheque £2.5.0 for last two months

Received

From W. P. Whittle. late Weighbridge Keeper. Forwarding returns showing 10th collected

Received

Reports

C^o Hardy here took his seat

The Engineer reported on the completion of different Contracts and on other matters

The report on the motion of C^o Lethlean seconded by the president was received and considered

Clause 2 recommending that application be made to Messrs Gay & Raleigh landowners for excavation of tanks on their respective lands at the price agreed on, amounting to £19.1.2 for the former and £15 due by Mr Raleigh.

Clauses 3 & 4 were on the motion of C^o Lethlean seconded by C^o Marshall

Approved

Clause 5 On the motion of C^o Hardy seconded by C^o Lethlean the recommendation of the Engineer was ordered to be carried out

" 6 On the motion of the President seconded by C^o Lethlean the clause was approved

" 7 adopted

" 8 On the motion of C^o Hardy. Seconded by C^o Lethlean. The action of the Engineer was approved

9 Approved

10

11 C^o Marshall moves seconded by C^o Hardy. Sanction granted

C^o Lethlean reported upon works necessary on boundary road at Kamaerotha and suggested that the Huntly Shire be asked to contribute to cost. He also reported having expended £1 in clearing fallen trees off track

On the motion of the President seconded by C^o Raleigh the report was

adopted

The Secretary reported the receipt of six months' rent for the Shire Hall, the government bonus of £9.16.0 for the collection of the Agricultural Statistics also the receipt of the first moiety of the government bonus. He stated that the rates were coming in satisfactorily, and a large sum would be received before the 10th June. At the request of the president of the Serpentine and Neighbourhood he called the Council's attention to the present deplorable state of the State School.

On the motion of C^o Lethlean seconded by the president the report was received

C^o Potter asked the Sec^y where he obtained his information regarding the state of the school. The Sec^y stated made the statement at the request of the parents whose children attended the school. C^o Potter stated the Board of Advice was aware

of the condition of the school. He considered the Board was the proper place to lay the complaint. Mr D. Coutts believed the Inspector would throw away good money in painting a worn out old building. Mr Potter said there was no doubt the partitions and flooring were actually rotten. Mr Hardy

considered when a school was in such a serious condition it was the duty of the Council to better itself and the ^{same} children from danger.

Mr Laine, as one who sent his children to the school, thanked the Secretary for bringing the matter before the Council.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £145. 8. 5.

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

The rate Collector reported collections as follows

East Riding	10. 7. 9
North "	9. 4. 6
South "	10. " "

Total 29. 12. 3

Dog regulation 3. 15. 5

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

Received

Inspector French reported the removal of three dead animals from off the Shire roads during the month. The cost of removing two of the carcasses had been paid for by the owners.

The other had been removed at a cost of 20/- but he believed he had obtained sufficient evidence to prove ownership. He had taken proceedings and would report result at next meeting. On the motion of Mr Lethlean Sec?

by the President the report was

Received

Tenders

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

For grubbing and clearing 19 1/2 chains of road 33 feet wide; Also all stumps, dead wood &c from the whole width of road, from Kelsh's Lagoon towards Mossop's farm.

J. S. Old £33. 2. 10

The Council then adjourned and sat as a
Local Board of Health

The Secretary reported that no cases had been reported of severe sickness or contagious disease.

Fresh regulations for the prevention of contagious diseases had been issued by the Central board. Copies had been printed and were being distributed throughout the Shire. He did not consider it necessary to have regulations issued for "Infant Life protection". He stated that according to instructions from the Central board it will be necessary to visit Milham for the purpose of inspecting the new Catholic Church was complete.

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

Received

Mr D. Coutts considered the Board could take cognisance of the dilapidated & unhealthy state of the Seppentim School. The Chairman ruled any discussion out of order.

The Board then adjourned and the Council resumed

General business

Mr Hardy wished to make a few remarks on the question of the Council's opposition to the new loan asked for by the Loddon United Water Trust.

The President ruled any further discussion out of order as the matter had been dealt with in correspondence.

Irrigation Conference.

C. Lethlean proposed that the president be appointed a delegate in urging the views of the Irrigation League upon the attention of the Premier.

C. Hardy in seconding the motion took the opportunity of objecting to the discourteous letter received from the Water Supply Department. He considered the Trust had not given the satisfaction expected from it.

C. D. Coult stated the scheme was taken as an insult. The proposed depuration was to agitate for a supply of water north of this Shire, in fact a Canal from the Goulburn to the Wimmera. The motion was carried.

The circular from the Wimmera Shire re Rabbit suppression was again read.

The Secretary stated that he had asked that hares and Native companions should also be dealt. He had received no answer.

C. Laid proposed and C. Lethlean seconded that if this and the previous Conference are held on the same day, the president be appointed to represent this Council.

Eventually, after further discussion, the matter was left to the president's discretion.

C. Marshall called the engineers attention to the unfinished state of Toubin's Contract in the East Riding, on the road leading to the prairie railway station from the North riding.

By C. Potter that a Shire tender box be checked outside the contractors office with the words "Tender Box" & "Shire of East Loddon" painted thereon. Seconded by C. Hardy & Carver

Motions

N^o 1 + 2 By C. Laid. For draining near Mertham's farm West of allotment 574 Janincher East; also for draining and formation on road north of allots 48 and 49 Janincher East - the Contract.

Seconded by C. Rissett and Carver

N^o 3 was allowed to stand over until after the sliding of the next rate.

C. D. Coult moved - by leave - that tenders be called for a footbridge over Bullock Creek near J. Rodgers farm.

Seconded by C. Laid and Carver

Notice of Motions

N^o 1 By C. Marshall That tenders be called for making an embankment on the road leading south of the Calver school between Douglas' and Moffatt's lanes.

2 By C. Hardy That tenders be called for culvert and approaches on road to Selisian downs from Jarlman.

Instructions to officers

By C. Laid. Engineer to report on a bad place on Pyramid Hill road.

By the president That the Secretary write to the Commissioners of Railways for more accommodation at the Britains Railway Station.

By the president. That the Calver visit the Township of Mitiamo.

By the president That the Engineer report on road near Grylls & if only a few loads required to have the work done - if more to report.

By the president. That the rate collector write to Dr. Atkinson for the amount of his rates.

Accounts

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

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	8	"	"
Admrs of Henry Nixon	5	5	2
Tarpom Bros	3	2	3
Palmer & Marshall	7	4	2
Palmer & Marshall D.	9	1	"
Michael Mahoney	7	8	8
Michael Mahoney	4	9	"
Phillips & Whately	21	10	"
Phillips & Whately	1	2	"
A. Jamieson & Co	40	"	"
Palmer & Marshall	30	"	"
J. S. Old	35	"	"
Jamieson & Maruana	2	17	9
Jamieson & Maruana D.	"	3	"
Charles Medcalf	5	13	9
Palmer & Marshall	6	18	"
McCannou	3	15	"
Refat Insurance for Shire Hall	4	"	"
J. Duncan 1/2 fees	1	1	6
President 3 rd of allowance	15	"	"
Agricultural Statistics	9	16	"
W. J. Whittle	"	6	6
W. Humbert refund	"	10	"
P. C. Perry refund	"	10	"
President's expense to Kerang	1	10	"
Total	259	8	9

The Meeting then closed & the Council
adjourned to Friday May 19th 1885

Council minutes
June 19th 1885

Geo C. Atts Pres. Secs

19 Jun 1885

Ordinary
Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Perpetual
June 19th 1885

Present

The President (James Bissett) (C. Laird
Bissett, Potter, Hardy, Marshall & Lethlean

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and on the motion and on the motion of
C. Lethlean seconded by C. Marshall were
Confirmed

Correspondence

From Crabb & Kirby, Solicitors, Sandhurst, forwarding
Cheque for £2. 0. 0 for temporary license.

The Secretary had replied that the license could
not be issued as the original license had not been
issued from this shire

From same. respecting return of cheque

Returns

From Bennett & Co, Solicitors Sandhurst.

Enclosing Cheque for £13. 6. 0 for arrears of
rates re Benford & Bestley.

Received

From John Giffels. Complaining of byewash
at Tang Tang swamp. The East Redwing
Incubator with the Engineer were requested to report
to next meeting

From Shire of Korang. Approving of the
resolution of this Council that the birds known as
the "Native Companions" should not be protected

Received

From Railway department. re accommodation
at Murrumbidgee Station; and stating the request would
be reported on

From Shire of Huntly re works on the boundary road between the two shores - The consideration of the needed repairs & would receive attention from the Council.

From B. Webb, Hayammi asking for the sum of £1 for work and labour done on a road in the North riding of the Shire - The amount was passed for payment.

From Shire of Marong approving of this Council's resolution in favor of the birds known as Native Companions being excluded from the protection of the Game Statute - Received.

From Shire of Swan Hill to same effect - Received.

From Shire of Waranga to a similar effect - Received.

From Shire of Wimmera requesting the Council to be represented on a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Lands with a view to obtaining a refund of money expended on rabbit extirpation and for ensuring better provision for this purpose in future - C^r Laird moved C^r Potter seconded and it was carried.

That this Council heartily endorses the resolutions 2 and 3 in the circular and the Secretary was instructed to write to that effect.

From Colonial and Indian Exhibition circular asking for co-operation - On the motion of C^r Marshall seconded by C^r

Lethlean the letter was received. That the ~~Spent by the Council~~ ^{free of expense} will forward any & cheques. From St. Iresise asking that the Hall

Caretaker be instructed to have the lamps properly prepared for use when the room was used for the Quadrille Party - Moved by C^r Potter seconded by C^r Sturdy and carried "That the request be complied with."

From Seck Railway department acknowledging receipt of letter in reference to increased accommodation at Mitiamo railway station. - Received.

From Mess^{rs} Bennett Attenborough and Co. forwarding cheque for arrears of rates from Mess^{rs} Burford and Bartley amounting to £13 4 0 - Received.

From President of Eye and Ear Hospital respecting the case of Gunn. - On the motion of C^r Laird the matter was allowed to stand over for further consideration.

Thos. Olds application for permission to use the earth scoop on his contract No 10 for certain reasons given. On the motion of C^r Laird seconded by C^r Lethlean the matter was referred to the engineer for his further report.

From Thos. Olds asking for an extension of time in completing Contract No 10. Consideration deferred.

From John Rodgers, Pompapier applying for certain repairs to be made on a road in the parish of Pompapier - On the motion of the President seconded by C^r Lethlean the members for the South riding were requested to report on

the works asked for

Reports

The President reported having attended on a deputation to the Minister of Public Works to ask for subsidy towards the construction of and improvement of roads leading to stations on the Herang line of railway. he stated that although no definite promise had been given the answer of the Minister was considered favorable — On the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Laird a vote of thanks was recorded to the President for his services.

The Engineer's report was read and adopted on the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Marshall

The Secretary's report was ~~read~~ read and received and on the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Laird was adopted

The Rate Collector reported having received £265-18-5 for rates and for dog-licenses £8-10-0. On the motion of the President seconded by C^r Lethlean the report was received.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance to date of £701-5-10. The report was received on the motion of the President seconded by C^r Lethlean

Constable French, Inspector of Nuisances reported having recovered fines amounting to £1-18-6 from John Quinane — Received,

General Business On the motion of C^r Hardy seconded by C^r Lethlean it was decided that the further consideration of Quinn's case in connection with the Eoye and Eoye hospital stand over till next meeting.

The following returning officers were appointed East riding, The President. North riding, C^r Hardy. South riding C^r Bissett.

On the motion of the President seconded by C^r Laird Lethlean it was decided to ask for the gazettal of a Shire polling place at the Mitiamo State School

Motions By C^r Marshall — Tenders to be called for making an embankment on road leading north of the Calivil State School, seconded by C^r Potter and carried

By C^r Hardy — Tenders to be called for culvert and approaches on the road to Silasian downs from Jarklan. seconded by C^r Potter and carried

By C^r Potter — by leave — Tenders to be called for grubbing stumps and burning off all dead wood on the two chain road running north from Kelchi lagoon bridge past M^r Halls — seconded by C^r Hardy and carried.

19 Jun 1885

Notices of Motion By O^r Laird That a rate of one shilling in the Pound on the Annual valuation of all rateable property within the Shire of East Lothian be levied for the year 1885 and 1886

By O^r Lethlean, for repairs and culverts formation near Barron's school Yallock

By O^r Bissett. Tenders to be called for forming about 5 chains on Foley's Lunk and a box culvert across the drain on the three chain road leading to the Yarrayore cemetery

Instructions to Officers By O^r Lethlean - The Secretary to communicate again with the telegraph department for the opening of a telegraph office at Winger

By O^r Hardy - That the Engineer be instructed to have improvements made at Cheyne's bridge, Jarklan

Accounts On the motion of O^r Potter seconded by O^r Marshall the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	11	8
Secretary	14	8	4
Rate Collector	7	11	1
Arnall & Jackson	10	4	9
Taylor Bros	2	12	3
Mackay & Co	5	8	6
C. H. Lousie		12	
Deputation expenses (President)	7	7	
" " Engineer	7	7	

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Receipt forwards

A Jamieson	12	18	9
A Jamieson	7	14	9
C. Medcalf		6	8
Wm McIndoe	2	5	6
Thomas Kelly, Barnage,	2	9	6
Frederick Floss	61		
J. S. Old	1	13	
J. S. Old	33	12	10
J. S. Old	25		
J. S. Old	62	5	6
Palmer & Marshall	47	15	3
A Jamieson	60	16	3
Salver Metcarn & Dinger	2	2	
James James	1		
Guarantee (for Secretary)	3		
B. Webb R. H.	1		

The Meeting then closed upon the Council adjourning to Friday the 17th July 1885
 Shire Hall "Conformed"
 Serpentine
 July 17th 1885

Isol onto Rescued

Revision Court
 Thire Hall
 Serpentine
 July 17th 1885

Present

The President Mr Lethlean Marshall
 Potter, Hardy, & D. Coult

East Riding. The list was presented & then being no objections or applications was on the motion of Mr D. Coult seconded by Mr Lethlean passed and signed

North Riding. The list was presented and then being no objections or applications was on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall passed and signed

South Riding. The list was presented and then being no objections or applications was on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Marshall passed and signed

by Marshall
 President

17 Jul 1885

Ordinary
Monthly Meeting

Thire Hall
 Serpentine
 July 17th 1885

Present

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

Minutes

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

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Secretary of Northeastern Grain Traders Conference. Requesting Cooperation of this Council in obtaining a reduction of freight on farm produce

On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Lethlean Cooperation

Granted

From Secretary Harrogate - Forwarding further pamphlet and remarks re Gurns Case and the Eye and ear hospital.

Mr Raleigh moved that the subscription to the Hospital from this Council be not paid until the suggestions made by the Hon. Mr. Service be carried out and that the Secretary write to the Institution to that effect seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried

From Secretary of Agriculture. Asking if this Council was in favor of "Native Companions" being removed from the list of birds protected under the game Act. Replied stating that

That this Council was the first to move in matter and had received favorable replies from several Shires interested in the matter. All the replies being favorable to their removal from the Act.

Received

From J. Flood. Acknowledging receipt of £61. for pumps and troughs.

Received

From E. Darr & Co Melbourne. Forwarding patent dog label.

Received

From J. O'Brien - Mitham. Forwarding Cheque for £4. 11. 6 for fees received at Mitham, Weighbridge.

Received

From Board of Land Works. Acknowledging receipt of sub-vouchers and requesting to be ~~informed~~ furnished with a statement shewing the amount received on account of dam constructions on private property.

Attended to

From Secretary Board of Agricultural Socy soliciting donation.

On the motion of Mr Hardy seconded by Mr Lethlean £2. 2. 0 was voted.

From Post and Telegraph department. re Telegraph Office at Dinger Railway Station and referring Council to the Commissioners of Railway on the subject.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr D. South. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Railway Commissioners asking for the establishment of a Telegraph office at Dinger.

From J. M. Highett M.L.A. promising to ask the Minister of Customs if he will have "Native Companions" removed from the game Act.

Received

From Shire of Echuc. Stating that it will give the Council great pleasure in assisting to have the "Native Companions" removed from the game Act.

Received

From J. Duncan - Dinger. Forwarding cheque for £1. 17. 6 fees received at W. Buige.

Received

From Ratepayers in the Desfontaines. Requesting to have the footpath to the state school repaired. Mr Laird stated he intended to give notice of motion to that effect.

Reports

The president reported having attended a conference of delegates in Melbourne and that the conference received valuable support from the hon D. South and several members of the lower house.

On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy a vote of thanks was passed to the president and the members of Parliament mentioned. The secretary to write to the members thanking them for their attention.

Deputation

Mr Raleigh introduced Mr. Adam Shaw who complained of a road being closed and other obstructions on the road. Moved by Mr Laird seconded by the president that the engineer report on the obstructions to the next meeting. Amendment proposed by Mr Potter seconded by Mr Marshall that the secretary give instructions to the owners of the adjoining land to have all obstructions removed. The amendment was carried.

Mr J. Y. Slattery made application to have his name placed on the toll for the North Piding but was informed by the president that the application was too late. He should have attended at the revision court.

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Reports

The engineers report was read and on the motion
Cr. Lethlean seconded by Cr. Marshall the report
was

The different clauses were then considered. Received

Clausone and motion of br. Lethlean. Seconded by br. Marshall.
The clause was received and consideration left over till
contracts are completed.

2 Messrs tender accepted the last meeting, for contract number fourteen. The president and engineers action was on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Marshall.

Approved
 Lt Lethlean moved and Lt Marshall That Jaspers
 deposit money be forfeited
 Passed

11 Moved by C. D. Coult that the engineer pay over to Marshall and Palmer the £4 returned to the Council and enter same in the contract ledger. Seconded by the President and

11 4 The matter to stand over for a month.

11 5 re Jonkin claims & the president moved that Jonkins be allowed one week to complete the work, and put up guard fence round the hole complained of. Seconded by Br. Lethlean. Carried.

11 5 re Jonkins claims & the president moved that
Jonkins be allowed one week to complete the work, and
put up guard fence round the hole complained of
Seconded by Br. Lethlean.

Carried

Failing this resolution being carried out by Marshall
to see and then work attended to

I Approved

" 7. " On the motion of C^r. Hardy Seconded by C^r. Lethlean
 " The matter was left in the hands of the South riding
 members

Treasurer's report showing a credit balance of 282.13
was on the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Russell
Resolved

Board of Youth adjourned

Enders

On the motion of Councillor Lathlain seconded by Councillor Marshall the following Resolutions were ~~accepted~~

For making a well-drained road leading north of the British State School

Spew Pickles Co 8.00

2	For culvert and approaches on the road to Silurian Dams from Jasklau.	11/11/1901	12
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W. H. Hardy £25-19-6 3

3 For grubbing stumps and burning off all dead wood on the
two chain road running north from Pelch lagoon
bridge past Mr. Galt
P. L. Williams 8-0-0-3

P. Shumacher 8. 00

4 Breching pump & parish of Bournefield
Rate and estimates J. S. 666 30. 4 1/2

Moved by Councillor Daulton seconded by
Councillor Lathlin

That the council do adopt and confirm the net valuation submitted of all rateable property in the shire amounting to £ 32,000 made by the valuer and dated June 1885

Moved by Councillor Lethlean seconded Laird
That this council do ~~adopt~~ confirm the estimate
submitted for the year ending July 1886 of the receipts
and expenditure showing that ^{the} sum of about £1640
is required for the several purposes mentioned

Moved by Councillor Laird seconded by David Lathlean
that to raise the sum of 164 £ this Council make and
levy a rate of one shilling in the pound on the net annual
value of all rateable property within the shire for the period
commencing this 1st day of July 1885 and ending on the
16th day of July 1886 and that the said rate be collected
on and after the 18th day of July 1885 Carried

Moved by Mr D Smith seconded Mr Lethlean
That the rate collector Mr G A Purrows be empowered
to collect the said rate

Carried

General Business

Moved by Mr Laird that this council
support the action now being taken for the Government
that all head works in connection with water supply
made by the Government seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

Instructions to officers

By Mr Marshall that the engineer be instructed
to have the clearing extended beyond Marshall's

By Mr Lethlean - That the engineer report on the cost
of repairs to road at Stamwaka

By the President that the Secretary write to the commissioners
of railways asking them to have trees planted at
Mitiana especially at the reservoir

By Mr Potter That the engineer report on road
from Farklaw to Mitiana

Mr Lethlean moved that ten shillings be refunded
to Frank Humbert, seconded by the President

Carried

Motions

By Mr Bissett seconded by Mr Laird

Tenders be called for forming about 5 chains in
Folys lane, and a ~~drain~~ culvert across the drain
on the 3 chain road leading to the Greyhound Cemetery

Carried

By Mr Lethlean seconded by the President

That tenders be called for repairs and formation
on road near Brown's School Galook

Carried

By Mr Marshall (by leave) seconded by Mr Potter

Tenders be called for clearing all stumps, dead wood
and overhanging trees from the one chain road &
road par of Calvill commencing at the S.E. corner
of allotment six, both boundary of the shire
say 500 chains

Carried

Notice of Motions

1 By Mr Laird that tenders be called for making and forming
footpath in Serpentine Township

2 By Mr Marshall Tenders be called for trees for the
young trees within the fence of the shire hall

3 By Mr Hardy That tenders be called for small culvert
and earth work near the Serpentine Station gate also
formation of about 1/2 chains opposite Bears lagoon

4 By Mr Hardy Tenders be called for clearing 2 chain road
between Calvill and Jancumber East 33 feet wide
with stumps dead wood &c

5 By Mr Laird Tenders be called for repairs to pyramis
hill road near Douglas's selection

6 By Mr Potter Tenders be called for formation on road
leading to Mitiana railway station near Yherwans
Parish of Calvill

Accounts

On the motion of Councillor Potter seconded by Mr
Bissett the following accounts were passed for
payments

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	7	10	5
Marking L	4	"	6
Bendigo Evening News	2	6	6
Traipsom Bros	3	19	5
J. O'Brien (1/2 for hickams 10' bridge)	2	8	5
J. Duncan ditto Designer	"	18	9
Deputation expenses / President	7	7	5
A. Larrison	5	1	5
Palmer & Marshall	5	9	5
J. S. Old	4	17	6
J. S. Old	7	0	5
Palmer & Marshall	5	"	5

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James Mc Namara	10	"	"
Thomas S. Old	7	"	"
R. N. Loris	5	4	"
J. Cunningham	2	2	"
W. Pickles	2	"	"
Frank Humbert (refund)		10	"
Valuer, Townalling.	1	1	"
Total	181	14	6

The Meeting then closed and the
Council adjourned to Friday August 21st
Confirmed
Shire Hall
Serpentine
August 21 1885
G. Marshall
President

21 Aug 1885

Annual Election

Shire Hall
Serpentine
August 21st 1885

South Riding

D. C. Laird Esquire of East Loddon being the
only Candidate nominated I hereby declare
the said Donald Laird duly elected
Councillor for the said Riding

William Bisett
Returning Officer

North Riding

John Potter Esquire of Arthan being the only
Candidate nominated I hereby declare the
said John Potter duly elected Councillor for
the said Riding

George Marshall
Returning Officer

East Riding

John Gustave Lethlean Esquire of Yallock
being the only Candidate nominated I hereby
declare the said J. G. Lethlean duly elected
Councillor for the said Riding

Geo. South
President and Returning
Officer

21 Aug 1885

Election of Auditor

James Rogers being the only Candidate nominated for the Office of Local Auditor to this Shire I hereby declared the said James Rogers duly elected Local Auditor for the year 1885 & 1886

Jas Coult
President and Returning Officer

Licensing Act

A Poll of the Ratepayers for the South Riding was taken with following result

For 1 st Proposition	79
" 2 nd - do -	6
Informal	42

William Bissett
Returning Officer

Extraordinary ElectionSouth Riding

James Bailie of Janiembur and John White of Porepapiel being duly nominated for the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon^{ble} Councillor D. Coult a poll was taken with the following result

James Bailie	87
John White	43
Majority for Bailie	44

I therefore hereby declare James Bailie Esq. duly elected Councillor for the said vacancy

William Bissett
Returning Officer

21 Aug 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
August 21st 1885

Present

The President (C^o J. Coult) C^o Hardy, Bissett and Marshall. The newly elected Councillors Mess^{rs} Laird, Lethlean, Potter and Bailie, having made the usual declaration were introduced and took their seats.

Election of President

The retiring president thanked the Council for the courtesy extended to him during his year of office and gave a statement of the financial position of the Council's funds showing that they were in a satisfactory state.

C^o Hardy moved previous to the election of the new president, that his allowance be fixed at sixty pounds for the year

Seconded by C^o Lethlean and

Carried.

C^o Potter proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring president and in doing eulogized him on the efficient manner he had presided over the affairs of the Council.

The motion was seconded by C^o Laird and supported by C^o Lethlean and Hardy and

Carried

C^o J. Coult thanked Councillors for their kind feeling and proposed C^o George Marshall be elected president for the ensuing year. C^o Lethlean seconded the motion C^o Potter & Hardy supported

Carried

C^o Marshall then took the chair and thanked the Council for the honor conferred on him

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Lethlean were

Confirmed

Correspondence.

From Shire of Ripon. Suggesting the letting of closed roads for grazing purposes the revenue to be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of drilling the militia. Mr Hardy strongly opposed the idea. and on the motion of Mr J. Coult seconded by Mr Lethlean the letter was

Received.

From Shire of Marong. Forwarding copies of correspondence re "Native Companions" and stating that the Marong Council did not to imply that the initiatory steps were taken by them. On the motion of Mr Laird the Secretary was instructed to write on the matter

From The Hon^d D. Coult resigning his seat as one of the councillors for the South Riding

Mr Laird regretted very much his late colleague's resignation. He moved that the Council record its regret at his resignation and that a special minute be placed on the records of the Council expressing the great loss the Council had sustained by the resignation. Mr Hardy on seconding the motion suggested that an illuminated address should be presented to Mr Coult as a tangible expression of the Council's feeling towards him. Mr Laird agreed to adopt the suggestion the motion as amended was supported by Mr Lethlean and Coult and Potter agreed.

Carried

Mr Hardy moved that the Council as a whole form itself into a committee to prepare the address

Carried

From G. J. Grant, Glasgow. Offering to act as shipping Agent to the Council.

Received

From Shire of Glenelg. Suggesting that the Railway department be requested to grant free passes to councillors when travelling on municipal business outside the shire.

Received, no action taken

Reutherflee and Murey district Vinegrowers Assoc. In favor of selling colonial wine at a reduced fee of £1. license

Received

From A. Trevis, Secretary to Lundrills Assembly asking for the use of Shire for final ball. On the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Bailie the request was granted on the usual terms.

From Town Clerk Melbourne. with Copy of a petition to the Legislative Assembly disapproving of certain proposals in the proposed new Licensing Bill. A long discussion ensued when it was decided to defer the further discussion for one month.

Victorian Branch of the Imperial Federation League Asking that a meeting might be called on the subject for general support. On the motion of Mr Coult seconded by Mr Lethlean Consideration left over for one month.

From Engineer to Loddon Ab. W. Trust. Stating the Trust's intention to cut Water Channel on public road near Yarragadee

held over

Petition from W. Dices & others. Complaining of intention to cut away dam on the picnicking creek near Edwick pre-emptive right. On the motion of Mr Coult seconded by Mr Hardy. Consideration deferred for one month.

From Railway department stating that application for Tree planting at Hickams and Telegraph Office at Duizer were under consideration

From J. F. Slattery, Calicut. applying for Slaughtering License for balance of year and offering 10/- The Council had no power to entertain the application

Reports

The engineers report was read and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Cairns was

Received

The separate clauses were then considered

Clause 1 On Mr 10 Contract J. P. Old was on the motion of Mr Potter seconded by Mr Lethlean fixed in the nominal sum of 1/- for overtime

" 2 Approved

" 3 Approved

" 4 Approved and estimate accepted

" 5 Approved and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by the president The Engineer to have schedules printed

" 6 Approved

" 7 Agreed to on the motion of Mr Lethlean and seconded by Mr Potter

The Treasurers report showed a credit balance of £153.3. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by the president the report was

Received

The rate collector reported the collection of the sum of £18.2.3. On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Bissett the report was

Received

The report from the Inspector of Slaughter Spies was on the motion of Mr Lethlean

Received

The Secretary reported on the financial position of the Union for the past 10 months as follows

Revenue Receipt		3076.2.9
Apportion as follows		
East Riding	1313.10.8	
North	808.3.3	
South	928.15.10	
Joint receipts	25.13.	3076.2.9

Expenditure		2950.7.6
Apportion as follows		
East Riding	944.15.1	
North	593.4.2	
South	572.6.9	
Joint expenses	900.1.6	2950.7.6

Number of Contracts Completed during same periods

East Riding	8
North	5 1/2
South	7 1/2
Joint work	1
Total	22

Liabilities on Contracts

East Riding	Nil
North	65.13
South	71.18.4
Total	£ 137 11.4

Amount of unpaid rates for each Riding

East Riding	52.3.0
North	11.10.6
South	Nil
Total	£ 63.13.6

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

Received

Committees

Public Works Mr Lethlean, Hardy, Laird & Bailie
Finance Mr Coutts, Bissett, Potter & Raleigh

Tenders

- The following tenders were on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Coutts accepted
- No 1 Grubbing and clearing stumps deadwood &c on 550 chains from South West Angle of J. S. Carruthers' block to the Northern boundary of the Shire, parish of Calivil
Palmer & Marshall 13. 15. 0
- No 2 Forming 5 chains in Foley's lane and box drains at entrance gate leading to cemetery parish of Yarragoe
J. S. Old 14. 5. 0
- No 3 Forming ten chains and cutting side drains &c near State school parish of Yallock
R. J. Phillips 12. 18. 0

Boards of Health

Adjourned to next meeting

General business

Mr Laird moved, That all arrears of rates be placed in the hands of the Shire Solicitor for collection. Seconded by Mr Coutts &

Carried

Mr Potter brought forward the question of moving the Shire business to a more central place. After several motions it was agreed the consideration of the subject should stand over for one month

Mr Hardy moved, That Shire dinners for the next 12 months be held at Medcalfe's Serpentine Hotel. Seconded by Mr Baillie &

Carried

The letter of the Loddon W & W Trust was considered. Mr Bissett moved that the required permission be granted subject to the supervision of the engineer. Seconded by Mr Baillie and

Carried

Motions

- No 1 By Mr Laird that tenders be called for making and forming footpaths in the Serpentine Township. Seconded by Mr Bissett and
- No 2 By Mr Marshall held over for one month for engineers report
- No 3 By Mr Hardy that tenders be called for a cut and earthwork at the Serpentine Station gate also about twelve chains opposite Bears Lagoon, same extension into South Picking to be included. Seconded by the President and
- No 4 By Mr Hardy tenders be called for clearing the two chain road between Calivil and Janabur East 33 ft wide with all stumps and dead wood &c. Seconded by the President and
- No 5 By Mr Laird tenders be called for repairs to Formed Pub. road near Donohue. Seconded by Mr Bissett and
- No 6 By Mr Potter tenders be called for works on road leading to Mittiamo railway Station Karkivans. Seconded by Mr Hardy and
- No 7 By Mr Lethlean for works on three chain road west of Dingell railway Station. Seconded by Mr Coutts and

Carried

No 8 By Mr Bailie (by leave) tenders be called for clearing all stumps dead wood &c from the 3 chain Durham road from Millers corner to the north boundary of the riding; and thence to W. R. Hardys
Seconded by Mr Potter and
Carried

No 9 By Mr Laird tenders be called for clearing road from west end of A. Shaws lane north of the two chain road over Sargus creek towards Naughton about fifty chains 1/2 chain wide
Seconded by Mr Bissett and
Carried

No 10 Notice of Motions I
No 1 By Mr Lethlean for repairs and drains at embankment east of Gallooh railway station

No 2 By Mr Lethlean for repairs on boundary road between Thursty and this Shire

No 3 By Mr Hardy for a small culvert and forming about ten chains on the 2 chain road from Mrs O'Brien to Mr Bailie

No 4 By Mr Couss for pipe culvert and earthwork on Peaywood 2 chain road north from Mr Bryans house

Instructions to officers By Mr Laird, engineer to report on cost of
1 rabbit proof fence around Garrayne Cemetery

2 By Mr Couss secretary to write railway department asking for platform to be extended and good shed erected at prairie railway station and to suggest raising of the present platform

3 By Mr Laird engineer to report on cost of culvert over Sargus Creek leading to Naughtons

4 By Mr Potter engineer to report on cost of road west of Welsh Lagoon bridge

5 By Mr Couss engineer to inspect as to repairs necessary to road east of William if cost not more than five pounds to have work done. Seconded by Mr Lethlean
Carried

6 By Mr Couss Secretary to write railway department to be allowed to put up horse posts at passengers platform William

7 Mr Potter Ellen Dows application for refund of rates overpaid be granted
Seconded by Mr Hardy
Carried

8 By Mr Couss the dog tax collector present a report next meeting

Accounts

On the motion of Mr Bissett seconded by Mr Lethlean the following accounts were passed for payment

Engineer	20	16	8.
Secretary	14	3	4.
Rate Collector	7	10	"
President's allowance 4 1/2	15	"	"
Caretaker	3	10	"
Taxpayers Bros 5.12.1			
Taxpayers Bros 9.8.1	15	1	"
Maclay & Co	1	18	1.
Beudico & Sons 8.2.8	7	1	8.
A. Johnson E.R	12	10	"
Donald Campbell E.R	2	7	6.
Petty Cash Mrs Pickles L. 10.18	"	8	"
Wm Pickles H. N.R 18	10	"	"
J. S. Old (D 16)	"	15	"
J. S. Old (C 16)	15	7	2.
J. McManus (C 15)	22	"	"
Hugh Cheyne (C 14)	30	"	"
Phiney Marshall (C 11)	30	"	"
J. S. Old (D 10)	5	12	"
J. S. Old C. 10	16	17	1.

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Brought forward			
Deputy Recording Officer	2	2	..
W. H. Hardy	10	..	..
Boord Agricultural Society	2	2	..
W. Johnston	2	8	..

The Meeting then closed and the
Council adjourned to Friday September
18th 1885

Confirmed

Thriv Hall
Serpentine
September 18th 1885

President

Geo Marshall
President

18 Sep 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Thriv Hall
Serpentine
September 18th 1885

Present

The President (C. Marshall) C. Bissett, B. B. Hardy, J. Coult and Lethlean

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and on the motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Hardy were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From the Hon Secretary Lying-in Hospital Melbourne - Asking for help and assistance towards a Bazaar in aid of raising additional funds for building purposes and requesting that a public meeting be held to devise means for assisting in the object named.

C. Hardy moved that the president invite the assistance of the ladies of the district in accordance with the terms of the Circular seconded by C. Lethlean and

Circular

From A. J. Smith junr. - Sandhurst. Asking for information for insertion in the Bendigo Almanac.

Forwarded

From Secretary Railway department. Stating that the request to have trees planted in the Maber reserve divisions could not be complied with, there being no funds available for the work

Received

From Brown Law department, asking for a return of all books taken at the late election as to the increase of Public houses

Previously forwarded
From Shire of Marong. Forwarding Correspondence re "Native Companions"

Received
From Secretary R. N. Agricultural Society, asking for Subscriptions. On the motion of Mr Coult's seconded by Mr Lethlean £3.3.0 was voted. Mr Lethlean moved that £3.3.0 be voted to the Bendigo Agricultural Society seconded by Mr Coult's and

Carried
From Secretary of Mines Water Supply. Enclosing letter from Mr Agnew protesting against the cutting away of a dam on the preexisting creek opposite Edmunds. Mr Coult's stated that there was no dam but an embankment ^{the high wall of the embankment} for collection of water within which had caused great damage to the road. The object was to protect the road. If the rate-payers wished the embankment to remain Mr Coult's would raise no objections.

He moved that the engineers report on the whole matter at next meeting.

Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

Carried
Secretary Bendigo Benevolent Society, asking for yearly donation. Held over for Charitable vote

McLean & Rowe, Mitiamo. Complaining of drain recently made by the Council opposite their premises

Consideration deferred

From James Riddell. Asking for Compensation for loss of time by the nonacceptance of his tender which was the lowest, but was put aside owing to his deposit being over looked

Consideration held over
Mr Lethlean moved that leave of absence be granted to Mr Raleigh from the meeting on account of ill health seconded by Mr Bissett and

Reports

The Engineers report was read and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr J. Coult's was

Received
The separate clauses were then considered
Clause 1. re J. S. Old contract in Solop lane
On the motion of the President Consideration held over until next meeting
Seconded by Mr Lethlean +

Carried
" 2 re Bridge over Sangers Creek on the motion of Mr Bissett seconded by Mr Lethlean
Question to stand over until next meeting
" 3 re Road leading to Kelsch's Lagoon bridge
President moved and Mr Lethlean seconded that the consideration stand over until next meeting

Carried
" 4 re Works required on 3 Chain road from Mitiamo to Rumpwede
On the motion of Mr Coult's seconded by Mr Lethlean That tenders be called for repairs returnable at next meeting
Cost not to exceed £10.

5 Action approved

6 Approved

7 Re Trees felled in Shire Hall reserve
To stand over until next meeting

The Secretary stated that the amount over paid in rates by the Messrs Dows was $\frac{1}{4}$ for 5 years. He mentioned that the account for the Government endowment had not been received but had telegraphed the department asking the reason why it was not forwarded. He also stated that he had, according to instructions, applied to Messrs Etterhaugh & Co to remove certain obstructions from road leading to Sangers' Creek. Since forwarding the notice the Complainant had called upon him and stated that he had no wish to put the Council or the owners of the property to any expense.

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

Received

Mr Baillie stated that the person alluded to in the latter clause denied having made such a statement. After considerable discussion Mr Baillie moved that the engineers see that all obstructions be removed from the road leading to Sangers' Creek, due protection to be afforded to growing crops. Seconded by the President and

Carried

Treasurer's report showed a debit balance of £15. 8. 1. On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Lethlean the report was

Received

The Rate Collector reported having collected the following rates since the last meeting

18 Sep 1885

East Riding	18. 19. 9
North	9. 2. "
South	" 16. 6
	<u>28. 18. 3</u>

Dog Registration	<u>1. 5. "</u>
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The report was received on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Hardy

Mr Laird and Potter took their seats

Tenders

- On the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Laird the following tenders were accepted
- 1 Forming and travelling foot paths and cutting side Channels at Serpentine
P. O'Loghlen 100. 7. 0
 - 2 Pipe Culvert and fourteen chains of formation on two chain road east of Douglis's selection
R. J. Phillips 30. 9. 0
 - 3 Grubbing and clearing 70 chains on 2 chain roads near Adam Shaw's farm Janamber West
Withdrawn - too high
 - 4 Culverts and 56 chains of formation on main Swan Hill road opposite Bears Lagoon
P. O'Loghlen 166. 10. 0
 - 5 Culverts and 13 1/2 chains of formation on Swan Chain East and West roads near Kivans and Seven Mouths creek parish of Calivil
Palmer and Marshall 67. 12. 8
 - 6 Grubbing and clearing 301 chains on two chain road between the parishes of Calivil and Jarlan
Palmer and Marshall 42. 15. 8
 - 7 Grubbing and clearing all stumps, dead wood &c on 4 1/2 chains of Durham St and Raywood three chain road from Millers North Westly
J. Garonne 32. 3. 1 1/2
 - 8 Pipe Culvert and 7 chains formations on 3 chain road to Drigger Station near allot. 1 par. Yallock
R. J. Phillips 18. 18. 0

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General business

Mr Laird stated that a person holding a Slaughtering License had slaughtered a beast at the South Calivil School. He understood when the license was granted to his Slattery it was to be used on his own lands. After discussion it was decided to request the Inspector to report on the matter.

The letter from McGraw and Rowe - re draining at Mtiamus. On the motion of Mr Laird seconded by Mr Bailie the members for the East Riding were authorized to deal with the matter and report.

The letter from James Riddell asking for compensation was on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr Bailie.

Mr Lethlean moved that the consideration of removing the Shire Offices stand over until after the next elections seconded by Mr Bailie and after a short discussion.

Motions

N^o 1 By Mr Lethlean That tenders be called for repairs and drains at Embankment East of Gallook Railway Station.

Seconded by Mr Coult and

2 By Mr Lethlean For repairs on boundary road between Huntly Shire and this Shire Conditionally that Huntly pay half cost. Seconded by Mr Coult and

Tenders not to be called until half cost agreed on by Huntly Shire.

18 Sep 1885

Motions Continued

N^o 3 By Mr Hardy. Tenders be called for a small Culvert and forming about 10 chains on the 2 Chain road from Mr O'Brien's to Mr Bailie's.

Seconded by the President and

4 By Mr Coult. Tenders be called for pipe Culvert and earthwork on Raywood two chain road and situate north from Richard Bryant's House. Seconded by Mr Lethlean and

5 By Mr Coult (by leave) Tenders be called for blending formation on the three chain road S. E. from Mtiamus Railway Station. Cost not to exceed £10. Seconded by Mr Lethlean.

6 By Mr Bailie (by leave) That a pump be erected at Bears Lagoon (at the joint expense of the North South Ridings. Seconded by Mr Hardy &

Notice of motions

N^o 7 Mr Lethlean For pipe drain and embankment on Raywood three chain road S. E. of Mr Steel's.

2 Mr Lethlean For pipe Culvert and embankment on boundary road between the South and East Ridings near Mr Lear.

3 Mr Coult For formation and pipe Culvert on two chain Raywood road near Hampton.

4 Mr Bissett For Culvert and earthwork on Echew & 3 chain road at Blind Creek East from Torpenine.

Instruction to Officers

By Mr Coult That Secretary write to the Railway Department re extension of platform at Prairie Railway Station.

Ref^d to Bailie That the Engineer inspect
roads at Rodgers near pump-pipe Hotel
have repairs made or report to next
Meeting

Accounts

On the Motion of C. Coult's seconded
by C. Lethlean the following accounts were
passed for payment.

Engineer	20	16	8
Secretary	14	3	4
Rate Collector	7	10	"
David Dow / refund for five years over paid rates @ 3/8		18	4
C. Meelcalf, Watling Bros	1	5	"
Palmer & Marshall	25	"	"
Hugh Cheyne	35	"	"
J. McManana	6	2	7
J. McManana	1	14	"
H. Hardy	21	9	6
H. H. Hardy	1	6	"
P. Shimmis	10	11	6
P. Shimmis	"	8	"
J. L. Old	18	"	"
Palmer & Marshall	10	"	"
A. J. Phillips	12	"	"
Mackay & Co	4	"	6
Jayson Bros	27	3	6
C. Crookson	5	8	"
C. Crookson	1	13	4
H. H. Hardy	2	10	"
John Cheyne	5	"	"
North Western Ag. Society	3	3	"
Bendigo Agricultural Society	3	3	"
Total	218	1	3

petty cash

18 Sep 1885

The Meeting then closed and the Council
adjourned to Friday October 16th 1885

Confirmed
O'Brien Hall
Secretary
October 15th 1885

G. Marshall
President

16 Oct 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
October 16th 1885

Present

The President (Mr Marshall) Mr Raleigh, Daniel
Bissett, Potter, Hardy, Bailey, J. Coult, and
Lethlean

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by Mr
Potter were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From Town Clerk of Sandhurst. Inviting Corporation
or excursion tickets to extend over three weeks or a
month.

Mr Lethlean moved That Cooperation be
franked. Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

From Mr Lethlean: Asking for time for payment
of rates. On the motion of Mr Coult seconded
by the President the request was

franked

From Treasury - Melbourne. Forwarding
Account for £1048 2.4. Seconded Motion of
endowment.

Amount Received

From Railway Department. Stating that
the traffic at the Dingle Railway Station would
not warrant the Appointment of a Telegraph
Master at Dingle.

Received

Marong Shire Council. Asking Council to
Contribute to a fund to reimburse the Bet Bet
Council in certain expenses incurred in an action
against that Council or Common.

Received

16 Oct 1885

Shire of Mount. Erue. re Closed Roads
On the motion of C^r Coult's seconded by C^r Lethlean
it was resolved that co-operation be given. C^rs
Hardy, Baillie and Marshall voting against.

Crown ^{Law} ~~Lands~~ department stating that the
sum of £1-10-0 was due as a fee on the writ of
Reclutus potestatem recently issued. The President
having paid this amount it was decided
on the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r
Coult's "That the sum be refunded"

The Secretary was instructed to obtain copies
of the Amended Local Government Act

Borough Council of Eaglehawk calling
attention to a recent judicial decision which
prevented the levying of rates on mining claims
and asking co-operation in getting the law
altered. Co operation was promised on the motion
of C^r Coult's seconded by C^r Baillie

Secretary, Decentralization League. Sandhurst
inviting co-operation. Received.

On the motion of C^r Laird seconded by C^r Coult's
the former weighbridge keepers at Mitiamo
and Dingee were re-appointed.

W Bunnings' request for time in which to pay
his rates was acceded to

Public Works department stating that £400
was provided towards making approaches to
Dingee and Prairie railway stations. Received.

Secretary De Gans Testimonial Fund asking
for donation. Received.

16 Oct 1885

A petition was read from ratepayers around
Tandarra asking for certain works. On the
motion of C^r Raleigh seconded by C^r Lethlean
the Engineer was instructed to report at next
meeting

C^r Coult's reported that he had inspected the drains
at Mitiamo near Mr. Graths and recommended
that culverts be placed there seconded by C^r
Lethlean. ~~and carried~~ An amendment moved by C^r
Laird and seconded by the President "That the owners
of property be allowed to erect culverts where considered
desirable under the supervision of the engineer" was
carried

The Engineer's report was read and received on the
motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Hardy and
the various clauses approved of separately.

The Secretary's report was received on the motion
of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Coult's

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted on
the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by C^r Baillie

The Rate Collector's report was adopted on the
motion of C^r Coult's seconded by C^r Lethlean.

The Inspector of Slaughter Yards report was adopted
on the motion of C^r Lethlean seconded by the President.

The following tenders for works were accepted, Contract
No 1. Drainage and repairs of embankment east of Yallock
railway station C. Hinton £14.6.0 No 2. Pipe culvert
and formation on Mitiamo and Raywood chain road
north of Bryants C. Lucas £19.2.6. No 3 Repairs to
embankment south east of Mitiamo and West of Prairie
railway stations C. Lucas £24.5.0 No 4 Culvert
and Formation on east and west road between

East and Jacklan J. St. Smith £41-15-0. No 5 Stand, Well &c for Water left at Bears Lagoon A. Jamieson £22-11-0.

General Business—C^r Hardy moved "That a deputation consisting of the President and C^r J. Coulls be ~~appointed~~ appointed to wait upon the Solicitor General and urge upon him the great injustice to the Serpentine residents by closing the Court of Petty Sessions at that place" seconded by C^r Lethlean and carried.

On the motion of the President a vote of thanks was recorded to those members who had interested themselves to have the Serpentine Police Court ~~be~~ settings continued.

C^r Laird moved the President seconded and it was carried "That W^c C. Lucas's application to be relieved from his tender sent in that day be grant

On the motion of C^r Laird it was resolved "That a congratulatory letter be sent to the Shire of Gordon on the occasion of their constitution as a separate Municipality

The following motions were carried

C^r Lethlean Tenders for Pipe drain⁹ and Embankment on Raywood 3 chain road, south east of M^r Steel's; C^r Lethlean, Pipe Culvert and embankment on boundary road between south and east ridings half cent; C^r Coulls, Formation and pipe culvert on 2 chain Raywood road, near Stampings; C^r Bissett, Culvert and Earthworks on Echuca 3 chain road, at Blind Creek, east from Serpentine.

Notices of Motion given—C^r Raleigh, Tenders for repairs to road between Tang Tang swamp and the bridge over the Dunningy Creek on the road to Dingee railway station. C^r Bissett tenders for repairs and extensions to Crossings at Rodgers' and Priestly's on Bullock Creek and foot bridge at Priestly's crossing. C^r Potter Tenders for embankment and culvert on road west of Kelchi lagoon bridge. C^r Laird, Tenders for box drain on 3 chain Dingee road across drain on Raywood road. C^r Hardy, Tenders for pipe drain near the Calvel tank also 3 chains of earthwork also fencing near Mess^{rs} Bears and Bromfield's C^r Raleigh, Tenders for crossing over Myers' Creek between Tang Tang and Dingee railway station

Instructions to Officers

Proposed by C^r Bissett seconded by C^r Coulls "That the Secretary write to the Horong Shire Council asking co-operation in erecting a bridge at Turners crossing" (Carried)

Re removal of stumps in the road near Cheynes, the matter was left under the care of the members for the North riding

Accounts were passed amounting to £202-11-2 as follow.

Engineer	20	16	8 ²
Secretary	14	3	4 ²
Rate Collector	7	10	~
Tarpow Bros	8	3	6
The Exchange	5	6	0 ²
J. O'Brien, M ^r St. bridge,	1	8	9 ²
J. Duncan Dingee "	"	15	6 ²
Geo. Minto jun ^r	6	5	7 ²
	64	14	9 ²

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Palmer & Marshall	C. 11	64	14	9
Hugh Cheyne	C. 14	5	5	3
Hugh Cheyne	D. "	3	7	5
J. S. Olds C. 20. 12/2	Deposit 1/10	13	12	5
J. S. Olds C. 22. 15/2	Deposit 1/1	16	.	5
R. I. Phillips C. 23. 1/2	Deposit 1/2	1	11	5
Phillips & Whately	C. 25	7	.	5
Pat ^r O'Loughlin	C. 26	10	.	5
Palmer & Marshall	C. 28	30	.	5
J. Gammon	C. 29	30	.	5
Phillips & Whately	C. 30	5	.	1
A. H. Hardy 10/10	John Gill 10/10	13	2	2
C. Goodison 12/2	Pat ^r O'Loughlin 15/2	1	7	5
		212	17	2

The Council then adjourned to
Friday 20th November 1885

Confirmed
Shire Hall
November 20th 1885

G. Marshall
President

20 Nov 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire Hall
Serpentine
November 20th 1885

Present

The President (C. Marshall) Esq. Raleigh, Laird, Bisset,
Potter, Hardy, Butler, Coult, and Lethlean

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and on the
motion of C. Lethlean seconded by C. Laird were

Confirmed

Correspondence

From R. F. Dyke, Mithams. Asking support of the
Council in action taken by the ratepayers
regarding upon the Government the necessity of proclaiming
Mithams a place for holding a Court of petty sessions

Received

From Kerang Observer. requesting a share of Council's
patronage

Received

Victorian Infant Asylum - asking donation

Received

M^c Ivor Shire Council. asking cooperation in
agitating for the receipt from Land Tax to be added
to Local Revenue

Cooperation granted

Shire of Huntly - stating that the Council would
pay half cost of works on Kamarooka Road

From Mess^{rs} Coult, M. L. G. & Geo. Highett & Moore Esq^s
stating that they would assist in endeavouring to
have the Court of petty sessions reopened at the
Serpentine

Received

From E. J. Miller. Asking loan of Gile Driver for work at Serpentine Weir

Mr Coult. Moved That the request be granted at a charge of £1.0.0 per week, subject to the pile driver being returned in good condition. Seconded by Mr Raleigh &

Carried
From Railway Department. That platform at Prairie Railway Station would be lengthened. Received

From Charles Lucas. Asking for extension of time on his Contract at Mitecain.

On the motion of Mr Coult. Seconded by Mr Lethlean one week was

granted
From Secretary Loddon G. W. Inuit. Calling attention to repairs to ceiling in Lush Office. Engineer to report generally on state of Shire buildings

From Eye & Ear Hospital. Asking donation. Mr Raleigh moved that the matter be referred to previous letter from this Council. Seconded by Mr Laird and

Carried
From G. Minto. Resigning appointment as Engineer to the Shire.

Mr Lethlean Moved. That the resignation be accepted. He did so with regret as Mr Minto has been a good officer. Mr Laird seconded the motion and expressed similar feelings. Mr Raleigh, Bader, Coult & Hardy also expressed their regret at Mr Minto's resignation.

Mr Laird Moved That a written testimonial be given to Mr Minto under the seal of the Council in recognition of his ability and satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties.

Seconded by Mr Hardy and

Carried

18 Dec 1885

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was then held.

The Secretary produced the statement of Accounts and the report of the Auditor which showed that financial year had closed with a Credit balance of £807. 8. 6 and that the Auditor certified that the books were correct in every particular and well kept by the Secretary, who with the Engineer and Rate Collector had rendered every assistance.

The balance sheet was formally passed and signed by the President. Councillors expressing satisfaction at the result of the Audit.

The ordinary Meeting was then reopened.
Reports

The President reported at having attended upon the deputation to the Attorney-General asking for the reopening of the Serpentine Police Court. He believed that Court would be opened at Serpentine & Mitecain alternately. Mr Coult gave similar information.

Mr Laird moved a vote of thanks to the deputation. Seconded by Mr Lethlean

Carried
The Engineer reported that fair progress was being made with the different works, but that owing to the hot weather all clearing contracts had been stopped.

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

Received
The Secretary and Treasurer reports were

Grants

The following grants were on the motion of Mr Lethlean seconded by the President were accepted
No 1 Culvert and approaches at Blinn Creek on the Echua Road east of Serpentine.

P. Jacobson £57. 6. 0.

Tenders Continued

No 2 Pipe Culvert and 12 Chains of formation on
H. H. Road parish of Galboor

L. Hinton £22. 0. 0

3 Pipe Culvert and seven Chains of formation
on Raywood Road S. E. from Mrs Sticks

E. Hinton £14. 0. 0

4 Box Culvert and 6 Chains of formation
parish of Dingee

E. Hinton

Phillips & Hatch 26. 5. 10

General business

E. Lethlean. Asked the cost of making the road
thro' McDonald's swamp. The Engineer states
that it cost about £23. Held over as the work
was not provided for

Jr Coult. Refered to the fact that several
Ratepayers complained of Cattle constantly
straying about the roads, especially in the Neighlon
hood of Calvil. The Council generally supports
the view that a responsible Officer be appointed to look
after the stray cattle. It was ultimately decided
that the President should take the opinion of the
Shire Solicitor on the matter and report to the
next meeting

E. Laird Gave notice That at the next meeting
he would move That a sum of money be voted
to the Trustees of the Yarragun Cemetery for fencing
purposes

Motions

No 4 By Mr Raleigh. For tenders for Metal Crossing over
Myer's Creek between Tang Tang & Dingee Railway
Station & for road repairs in same locality

Seconded by E. Lethlean &

Carried

No 2 By Mr Bissett. That tenders be called for crossing
at Rodger's Creek over Bullock Creek and for a
foot bridge at Priestly's Crossing
Seconded by E. Bailie and

Carried

3 By Mr Potter. That tenders be called for subambment
and Culvert on Road west of Kelsh's Lagoons bridge
Seconded by the President and

Carried

4 By Mr D. Laird For Box drain on three chain
Dingee Road

Seconded by E. Bailie

Carried

5 By Mr Hardy For a pipe drain, earthwork, &c.
near Beers & Bloomfield's parish of Calvil
Seconded by Mr Potter and

Carried

Instructions to Officers

By Mr Coult. Engineer to examine and report upon
Swamp on swamp on three chain road from Henden's to
Specimen Creek

By Mr Potter Engineer to report on swamp on parish
boundary roads on east side of Kelsh's Lagoon bridge

By Mr Lethlean. Engineer to call tenders for works on
boundary roads at Kamarooroo

By the President. That the Secretary call for
applications for the office of Engineer at a Salary of £250

Accounts

The following accounts were on the motion of Mr
Potter seconded by Mr Bissett passed for payment

Engineer	20. 16. 8
Secretary	14. 3. 4
Rate Collector	7. 10. 5
Cornall & Jackson	2. 18. 8
Budget Evening News	3. 3. 0
	48. 11. 8
Drachay & Co.	3. 16. 6

Ad 20/10/86

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Brought forward	48	11	8
Secretary preparing Roll for Council and Assembly	5	5	2
Bartlett Bros	6	15	2
R. N. Lussie	4	"	2
J. de Rock & Co	12	17	6
J. McManara	1	16	3
C. Medcalf	1	1	1
C. Medcalf	"	6	8
Gray Smith	"	6	8
G. Merritt	1	5	1
A. Jamieson	10	"	2
J. B. Smith	20	"	2
Phillips & Whately	12	"	2
Palmer & Marshall	9	"	2
Palmer & Marshall	65	"	5
P. Loughlin	80	"	2
Phillips & Whately	20	"	2
Thomas Lethlean	2	"	2
President 1 st Quarters allowance	15	"	2
Tarpon Bros	2	4	9
President for one being sworn in as a S. P.	1	10	2
Deputation, Precedent, L. J. Louth	7	7	2
" " L. J. Louth	7	7	2

The Meeting then closed and the Council adjourned to Friday December 18th 1885

Confirmed
Shire Hall
December 18th 1885

Marshall
President

18 Dec 1885

Ordinary Monthly Meeting

Shire hall
Serpentine
December 18th 1885

Present

The President (C. Marshall) C. Ralagh
Coutts Lethlean Bathe Hardy Bissett & Potter

Minutes

The minutes were read and on the motion C. Lethlean seconded by C. Lard were Confirmed

Correspondence

From Weyman and Kay. Stawell. Island
Turnips

From Government Statist Received

Asking for returns

To be attended to
From Secretary Shire of Marong

Replied to by Secretary
From Shire of Echuca reporting results of late
Irrigation Conference and asking that
delegates may be appointed to attend conference
to be held at the Shire hall Rochester on Thursday
January 14th 1886

On the motion of C. Coutts seconded by C. Lethlean the President and C. Potter were
appointed to represent the Council
From John Duncan. Asking that a window may
be placed on the weigh-bridge office at Dingee
move by C. Lethlean that the request be carried
granted seconded by the President and that
similar improvements be made at Mtiambo
Office carried

18 Dec 1885

From P. O. Loghlen Contractor asking for one month's extension of time on contract in Serpentine Township
extension of time granted

Reports

The President reported that he had attended the conference re the Land Tax held in Melbourne the decision being to try to get the proceeds of the Land Tax expended amongst the Shires interested and that a second conference be held in February. Mr. Raleigh doubted if Councils would benefit unless the Tax was made a general one. Mr. Lethlean moved that the President's action be approved of and a vote of thanks tendered to him seconded by Mr. Laird. Mr. Hardy expressed his opinion that local bodies would be asking for much.

motion carried
Rate collectors report was on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Laird was

Received
The Treasurer showing a credit balance of £900 was on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. Coutts

Received
The engineer report was read and on the motion of Mr. Lethlean seconded by Mr. the President was

Received
The report was then considered purchase adopted

2 On the motion of Mr. Patters seconded by Mr. Raleigh the members for the North riding to report at next meeting of the Council

3 motion of Mr. Hardy seconded by Mr. Lethlean Engineer report on cost of repairs considered necessary to the shire hall

4 and five approved

18 Dec 1885

Tenders

On the motion of Mr. Raleigh seconded by Mr. Laird the following tenders were accepted
No 1 for two culverts with 6.5 chains of formation through overflow of the Picanniny Creek and a metal crossing through the Myers Creek east of the Dungee Railway Station Parishes of Sandarra and Dungee Six tenders J. B. Smith £284.16s. 9d Subject to the approval of the Public Works Department

No 2 Forming and metalling 10 chains and cutting 40 chains of side drains south of Myles Store between the Shires of East Loddon and Shuntly parish of Hamarooka

P. Mahony £38.13s. 8d

No 3 Extending crossings and approaches at Rodgers road Paddock and constructing foot bridge at the latter place parish of Pompaful Four tenders A. Jamison £52

No 4 Forming 3 chains with box culvert across the Baywood Durham On road on the Dungee to Serpentine road parish Pompaful Four tenders P. Jacobsen £15.10s.

No 5 Forming 20 chains with the culvert west of Helsh's Lagoon parishes of Garklan and Janember East Two tenders J. Forest £65.

Appointment of engineer

Mr. Coutts moved that all copies of plans and specifications be given to the accepted contractor free of charge. Seconded by Brunner Bailie. Motion lost after a long discussion by 6 votes to 3

18 Dec 1885

The Council then went into a committee
 At 10 o'clock On resuming it was moved by the President
 of Enquiry seconded by Mr. Lethlean That Mr. & R. Fry
 of Herang be appointed Engineer to this shire
 at the sum of £350 per annum and that one months
 notice be given by the engineer to the Council and
 the same notice to be given by the Council to the
 engineer when his services are to be dispensed with

The motion was carried
 General Business. The President that the secretary
 make a further application to the Government
 for the reopening of Court of Petty Session at
 the Serpentine

Agreed to
 Mr. Baile called attention to the absence of
~~any~~ report from the health officer and the
 necessity of such being forwarded he moved
 the secretary produce the health officer's appoint-
 ment at the next meeting

The president stated that obtained legal
 opinion that the Council could impound
 cattle that are found straying on the roads
 Mr. Potter moved that the cards and posted
 through the shire to the effect that all cattle will
 be impounded found straying on the roads
 from this date
 Seconded by Mr. Coutts and carried ~~unanimously~~

Mr. Baile moved that the secretary write to the
 Superintendent of Police requesting him to instruct
 Constables stations within the Shire to take
 action when requested by the Council by
 issuing summonses against owners of cattle
 straying on roads within the shire
 Seconded by Mr. Laird and

carried

Mr. Hardy moved that the engineer order a water
 lift and call for tenders for erecting same at the
 Calivel tank Seconded by Mr. Potter and

Carried
 Mr. Baile moved that the engineer report on cost of
 repairs on road between East Loddon and Serpentine
 Stations

Agreed to
 Motion

Mr. Lethlean moved by leave that tenders
 be called for level crossing over Bullock Creek near
 Humberts Seconded by Mr. Coutts carried

Notice of Motion

No 1 By Mr. Lethlean For repairs to embankment
 and clearing up drain on road known as Bunnings
 Parish of Bandara

No 2 By Mr. Potter For embankment on road one mile
 East of Kelsk's Lagoon on

No 3 By Mr. Laird For improvements from Serpentine to
 Tummers

No 4 By Same For culverts and earthworks on
 Gibbons road

No 5 By Mr. Coutts for level crossing on Myers Creek
 East from Prairie Railway Station

No 6 By Same For 15 chains formation and light
 culvert on Baywood road North from Badcock's
 Selection

No 7 By Same For 10 chains of light formation on
 road East from Prairie Railway station

Accounts

On the motion Mr. Potter Seconded by Mr.
 Baile the following accounts were passed for
 payment

Geo Marshall

18 Dec 1885

Engineer	20	16	8 ⁰⁰
Secretary	14	3	4 ⁰⁰
Rate Collector	7	10	1 ⁰⁰
Government Auditor	19	8	6 ⁰⁰
Local " }	12	12	7 ⁰⁰
A. J. Phillips	1	"	7 ⁰⁰
Mrs. Lammie, 4 months	5	"	7 ⁰⁰
Jayson Bros	6	3	6 ⁰⁰
MacKay & Co	2	14	6 ⁰⁰
Patrik O'Loughlin	70	"	7 ⁰⁰
Palmer & Marshall	2	12	8 ⁰⁰
Palmer & Marshall	3	7	7 ⁰⁰
Phillips & Thatchly	1	18	7 ⁰⁰
Phillips & Thatchly D.	"	19	7 ⁰⁰
E. Hinton Cont. 1	7	"	7 ⁰⁰
J. B. Smith " 2	5	2	6 ⁰⁰
J. B. Smith " 2	1	5	7 ⁰⁰
Charles Lucas " 3	16	"	7 ⁰⁰
Jayson Smith " 4	30	"	7 ⁰⁰
A. Jamieson " 5	16	"	7 ⁰⁰
U. Jamieson " 5 D	1	3	7 ⁰⁰
E. Medcalf, Junr "	"	6	8 ⁰⁰
Henry Smith	"	7	6 ⁰⁰
Charitable vote			
Deaf & Dumb Asylum	1	1	7 ⁰⁰
Hospital for Sick Children	1	1	7 ⁰⁰
Bendigo Hospital	10	10	7 ⁰⁰
Bendigo Benevolent Asylum	5	5	7 ⁰⁰
Inglewood Benevol. " "	2	2	7 ⁰⁰
Lying in Hospital	1	1	7 ⁰⁰
Orphan Asylum	1	1	7 ⁰⁰
Royal Humane Society	1	1	7 ⁰⁰
Protection to Animals	1	1	7 ⁰⁰
Victorian Infant Asylum	1	1	7 ⁰⁰

Jan 15 1885

Brought forward
 Arnall & Jackson 7 " 3 " 6⁰⁰
 Guarantee for Rate Collector 3 " " "
 Luncheon on ~~presented~~ presentation
 of address to the Town & County M.L.C. 46 " 4 " "
 Angus 1 " 6 " "
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The Meeting then closed and the Council
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President