

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 16 Jan'y 07

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

January 16th 1907.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday, 23rd at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

January 23rd 1907.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 30th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

January 28th 1907.

Committee Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs Bissett & Ettershank.

Tenders for repairing the Flume over the Tragowel Channel at Dobbie's, Jarklan Contract No. 50 were dealt with. Only one was

put in being that of Tobias Butler at £14.10.-

The Engineer's estimate was £11.12.- but as the work was urgent the tender was accepted & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 20th February 1907

Geo Mahoney
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 6th 1907.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 13th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 13 Feb'y 07

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 13th 1907.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 20th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 20th 1907.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs. Bissett, Garden, Thomas, Ettershank.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, adjournments & Committee Meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Treasury asking for Return of rates on which to base Endowment. Already supplied.

2. From the Chief Secretary with suggestions as to coping with Bush Fires Received.

3. From the Under-Secretary that the 27th Inst had been proclaimed a public holiday being Fete Day.

The Secretary explained that he had been informed that it was the practice to make the application & he had done so.

Cr Thomas objected to the holiday being applicable to the whole Shire. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary's action be approved:-

Carried Cr Thomas dissenting.

4. From the Public Works Department stating that all fines must be paid by Clerks of Courts only. Received.

5. From the same that £13D. 1.3 was available under the Closed Roads & Water-Frontages Act for use of this Shire. Received.

6. From the same asking if there is any objection to the leasing of a frontage in the parish of Janiember East to Mr Jas. Baillie & if not, requesting a return.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That no objection be made.

Carried.

7. From the same asking the like question as to another frontage in the same parish.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the matter stand over for a month.

Carried.

8. From the same stating that the sum of £150 had been allotted to the Shire to assist in making roads leading to railway sta-

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Corr. contind. tions, the Council to expend a like amount. Received.

9. From the same addressed to the Hon. Thos. Langdon & forwarded by him. Received with thanks.

10. From the Lands Department asking for a definite reply as to Mrs Upton's application for leave to lease the Reserve in Hayan-mi. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by the President:-

That as there is a Shire tank on the reserve the lease be refused & the Reserve be maintained for Water Supply purposes. Carried.

11. Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed, the same Crs present:-

Corres. contd. II. From the Government Laboratory with instructions as to sending samples for analysis. Received.

12. From the Railway Department stating that on the question of freight on road-metal a ton is reckoned as 22 or 23 cub. feet. Received.

13. From the same that as to the question of polluting the railway Dam at Mitiamo, it had been referred for prompt enquiry. Received.

14. From Lady Talbot inviting the formation of a Ladies' Committee in connection with the First Exhibition of Women's work.

Referred to the Secretary to deal with.

15. From the Public Health Department asking for a return on the health of the Shire during last year. To be furnished.

16. From the same with Circular on Typhoid Fever. Received.

17. From Closer Settlement Board with list of successful applicants. Received.

18. From the District Secretary & Engineer to the State Rivers & W.S. Commission refusing to contribute towards the repair of the

Flume over the Tragowell Trust Channel in Jarklan. Received.

19. From T.P. Bryant offering Fire-Killers for private houses. Recd.

20. From Herbert A Austin with thanks for voting for him at the recent election for the Board of Public Health. Received.

21. From the School of Mines, Bendigo, that Mr Donald Clark, their Director, is qualified to make analyses, & that analyses of all kinds are made at their School.

To stand over till next meeting.

22. From G.T. Brown, Inspector of Nuisances, drawing attention to the pollution of the Mitiamo Railway Dam.

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Corr.contd. The Secretary explained that he had forwarded a copy of the Report to the Department of Railways. Action approved.

23. From the Shire of Mchuca asking if the Council were willing to expend £60 on making the Prairie & Mitiamo Roads, this year. To stand over until the present Contracts are completed when the Council will be prepared to adhere to their agreement.
24. From ~~Contractor~~ Phillips- the Shire of Avon inviting co-operation in getting the Government Endowment increased to £150,000. Received.
25. From Contractor Phillips stating that he will go on with his Contract for the Mitiamo-Raywood Road on 12th or 13th Inst. Recd.
26. From M.J. Tehan asking for permission to cut a drain on the N. & S. road between Mr A. Cheyne's properties in the parish of Jarklan.
27. From the same asking the Council to carry out the work as it would serve other settlers.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the request for leave to cut the drain be granted but the question of the Council doing the works stand over till next meeting. The applicant also to be informed that 3d per acre will be added to the valuation as soon as the land is supplied with water. Carried.

28. From Messrs Kettle & Verley with similar request as to drain from Burnt Stump paddock.
29. From W. Verley enquiring who pays for drains & culverts cut & erected on the roads.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the applicants must cut the drains but the Council will put in the culvert. Carried.

30. From Cr Coulter asking the Council to consider the foregoing applications & also one from Mr Rich to temporarily close a road during fencing operations.

To await Mr Rich's application which had not arrived.

31. From the Municipal Association with notes on recent legislation. Received.
32. From the Austin Hospital for Incurables for subscription.
33. From the Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institution the like.
34. From the Adult Deaf & Dumb Institution the like.

Corr.contd.

35. From the Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital the like.

The Secretary presented a list of the Charities subscribed to last year.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the following subscriptions be voted at present:

Inglewood Hospital	£10.10.- /
Bendigo ,,	10.10.- /
Eye & Ear ,,	2. 2.- /
Deaf & Dumb Institute	1. 1.- /
Adult Deaf & Dumb ,,	2. 2.- /
Inglewood Benevolent Asylum	1. 1.- /
Austin Hospital for Incurables,	1. 1.- /
Sanatorium for Consumptives	1. 1.- /
Bendigo Benevolent Asylum,	2. 2.- /
Women's Refuge,	1. 1.- /
	£ 32.11.- /

Carried.

36. From the Public Health Department recommending that the Secretary be authorized to initiate proceedings in cases of adulterated foods. Received.

37. From the Serpentine Fete Committee asking for the use of the Shire Hall for Concert & Ball on 27th Inst.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the same be granted on the same conditions as last year. Carried.

38. From the Secretary for Lands that the application for leave to take loan from the Reserves will be dealt with in due course. Received.

Reports.

Treasurer:-	Receipts	£544.14.-
	Payments	359.10.4
	Cr. Balance	449. 5.4
		Received
Rate-Collector.	Rates Current	£519.17.-
		Received.

Dr Adams
Health Officer that the health of the Shire during 1906 had been good with no infectious or contagious diseases. Received.
Health Officer Dr Woodside, to the same effect except a small outbreak of Typhoid at Tandarra during the early part of the

Reports contd. year.

Received.

Inspector of Slaughter-Yards with return of stock slaughtered.

Received.

Weigher, Dingee Weigh-bridge that he had received £12. 4.10.

Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be received.

Carried.

Clause 1. Progress of the Contracts generally & that water can be supplied all over the Shire. Received.

2. That he had surveyed Bailie's, Italian & McAuley's flumes & was repairing them but had difficulty with the first named as Mr Bailie refused to allow earth to fall within his paddock. Read.

3. That he had made thorough surveys of the Mitiamo & Hardy's roads & tenders were called for them that day. Recommending the trial of metalling. Approved.

4. That he had put down a trial pit at Keeley's but only found clay slate which was unsuitable for road metalling & he had stopped further sinking. Approved.

5. That he will push on further surveys by next meeting. Approved.

6. That he had received particulars of the Tandarra Estate purchasers, adjusted their valuations, put them on the rate-book & Tresise had issued the necessary notices. Approved.

7. That he had prepared the Valuation of the areas within the Loddon United Trust & submitted the same for examination. Apprd

8. Asking what Contracts should be charged against the Special Grant & Unused Roads & Water Frontages allotment.

To be left in the hands of the Secretary.

The Council then went into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance.

On resuming Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by the President:-

That Mr W.B. Hamilton's tender for the Mitiamo Road using gravelly loam from Mr Rudkins' at £288.11.8 be accepted

Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the following being the lowest be accepted viz:

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Tenders.

Contract No.39.

R.Cobb, £ 7.--

,, No.51 W.B. Hamilton 33.13.3

,, No.54. R.Cobb 41. 5.3

,, No.55. J.H. Beer 101. 3.3

Carried.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £405. 5.- & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

The Petitions for re-dividing the Shire into Ridings not being returned the question was ordered to stand over till next meeting.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the question of repairing the Shire Hall stand over for 2 months. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That Mr J.H. Davidson be appointed Thistle Inspector for 2 months at a remuneration to be subsequently determined. Carried.

And the meeting was adjourned till 20th March.

Confirmed this 20 day of March 1907.

G.H. May
President

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20 Mar 07

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

March 20th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Coulter, Shaw, Garden, Whatley, Coutts, Thomas.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Thomas, 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department that the applicants for Water-frontage South of Mr Bailie's allotment in the parish of

Janiember East were Messrs O'Neill Bros.

Received.

2. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commissioners stating that as the Council can no longer provide the funds for maintenance charges & interest on the Loddon United Trust a Rate has been struck & will be collected. To stand over for Engineer's Report.

3. From the Hon. Mr Langdon that he is endeavoring to get permission for the Council to take loam from Public Reserves. Received

4. From the Receiver & Paymaster at Inglewood referring the question to the Police at Serpentine for report. Received.

5. From the Public Works Department that the £130 allotted to the Council from the Unused Roads & Water Frontages fund was the total amount so far allotted to the Council made available to the Shire.

Received.

6. From the Public Health Department urging the Council to send samples of food for analysis. Received.

7. From the Municipal Association with resolutions in favor of the State assisting in making main roads & as to the permanent increase of the Government subsidy. Resolutions approved.

8. From the same with draft by-law as to Traction Engines for approval.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That a copy be sent to each Councillor.

Carried.

9. From the City of Bendigo that the Minister of Agriculture has promised to establish an Agricultural College at Bendigo pro-

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Correspondence.

vided the sum of £1000 was raised by the Bendigo & surrounding Councils. To stand over till after lunch.

IO. From the Ballarat Progress Association inviting co-operation in forming a Council of Progress Associations.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the letter be received & no action taken. Carried.

II. From Gustav Schwerdtfeger asking the assistance of the Council in securing a patent for rabbit destruction methods.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

12. From the Shire of Donald opposing the appointment of permanent Health Officers.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That this Council strongly support the views of the Shire of Donald. Carried.

13. From M.J. Tehan urging a decision as to cutting channels thro' newly taken up territory. To stand over for the Engineer's report.

14. From R.J. Phillips protesting against the works at present going on on the Mitiamo-Pyramid road on the ground that he will be flooded by them. To stand over till after lunch.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed, the same Crs present.

Corr: contind. 15. From James MacNamara objecting to the application of Mr Jas. Bailie for Water-frontage.

To stand over until that application is dealt with.

Reports.

Treasurer:-Receipts	£222. 8.3	
Payments	405. 5.-	
Charities	32. II.-	
Cr Balance	233. 9.7	Received.
Rate-Collector.		
Rates current	£180. 15.-	
„ arrears	2. 3.-	
Interest	2.5	
Dog Fees	I. -v-	
Total	£184. -.5	Received.

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Reports contd. Health Officer Dr Adams that there was a case of Varicella

in Mr Anlezark's family, that he had issued instructions but that it was common round the district. Received.

Weigher, Dredge that he had collected £8.14.4 for fees at the Dingee weigh-bridge. Received.

Dairy Inspector Davidson that there was very little dairy-ing going on at present but that those he had inspected which are working are being carried on satisfactorily. Received.

From Thistle Inspector Davidson that he had travelled over a considerable portion of the Shire & found a sprinkling of Bathurst burr, patches of stink-wort but that the star-thistle has been better kept down. That he had served notices on all who had not started to cut with good results as the majority of people seem willing to cut thistles if only some neighbor in the locality who never cuts is compelled to do so. That it would be impossible to inspect every portion of the Shire in the time. That it would not be advisable to push the cutting of Bathurst Burr & thistles any more than another month but the stink-wort wants seeing to as a number of people do not know what it is.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Inspector take stringent steps to enforce the Act. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

- Clause I. Progress of Contracts. Approved.
2. That the flow of water is impeded by hollow logs & that he proposes to substitute culverts & insert a regulator at the head of the Serpentine off-take. Approved.
 3. As to surveys made & to be made. Received.
 4. That a large amount of rates is outstanding but he expects them in shortly. Received.
 5. That this is the last meeting at which the question of re-division of the Shire can be dealt with as it must be gazetted by 31st May. Received.

6. Inviting attention to the new water-rate as the rate-pay-3.

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Secy & Engr's Report contd.

ers will have to pay £725 instead of £436 as at present.

That Crs should ascertain the exact position & send a deputation to town to get a clause inserted in an amended Bill giving them power to apply Shire funds as before. If this were done the arrears would vanish in 1910 & the subsequent charge would be only £266.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary write to Mr Swinburne & ask why the Agreement made in April 1905 cannot be adhered to & whether if a rate be collected, the State Rivers & W.S. Commissioners will maintain the smaller reticulating channels.

Carried.

Corr: No. 13. Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-

That tenders be called for constructing $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of channel to Mr Tehan's allotment the same to be returnable to Crs Bissett & Ettershank within a week. Carried.

Corr: No. 9. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £50 be subscribed towards the establishment of the Agricultural College at Bendigo the same to be payable by instalments in 3 years. Carried.

Analyst.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary give Mr Matthews notice that his services will not be required at the expiration of the current year of his appointment 15.5.1907. Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the Analyst of the School of Mines Bendigo be appointed at the same salary. Carried.

Moved into Committee.

The Secretary reported that Contract No. 52 the tender for which had been inadvertently put down to another number had been let to Mr J.H. Beer at £38.6.-

On resuming business It was moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the following being the lowest tenders be accepted

Contract 56	W.B. Hamilton	£116.19.2
Contract 57	R. Cobb	31. 7.6
Contract 58	R. Cobb	18. -.-
	4.	Carried.

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Finance.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £332. 4.3 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the a/cs be passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That as to Contract No.59 the Engineer confer with the tenderer with a view to his reducing his tender price. Carried.

Corr:No.I4.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That Contract 51 remain in abeyance until such time as the residents in the neighborhood indemnify the Council against any loss if they proceed with it. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to inform Mr Hamilton the Contractor

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Council sympathise with the Hon.Mr Langdon at his early supersession as Chief Secretary. Carried.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary obtain 2 cwt of poisoned wheat to distribute to Crs at next meeting the same to be made up in 4 lb packets. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That a deputation consisting of Crs Bissett, Coulter & the Engineer be appointed to wait on the Minister of Water Supply re the Water Rate. Carried.

As to Contract 59 the Engineer reported that Mr Crapper had amended his tender & was willing to accept £68.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter.

That the amended tender be accepted. Carried.

Instructions to officers. By Cr Whatley that the Engineer top up a small formation on the Elmore road between Wilson's & Mitiamo.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That Contractor Hopper be informed that unless Contract 10 be completed by next meeting it will be cancelled & the deposit forfeited. Carried.

Shaw
Cr Garden reported a complaint by Mr W.Doody of a bank having been placed across the entrance to his place

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Garden:-

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That a culvert be placed there.

Carried.

Division of Shire into Ridings.

Cr Coutts reported that he had not obtained sufficient signatures to the Petition.

The President reported to the same effect.

Notice of Motion by Cr Garden:-

That the resolution to re-divide the Shire into Ridings passed on 21 Nov. 1906 be rescinded.

And the Meeting was adjourned till 17th April.

Confirmed 17th April 1907

Geo Mahony
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

March 28th 1907.

Committee Meeting:-present Crs Bissett & Ettershank:-

The Secretary presented the petition he had prepared against the closing of the Police Station & removal of the Constable at Serpentine. Having been examined it was approved.

A tender for cutting the channel to Mr Tehan's was opened but deemed too high & fresh tenders were ordered to be called by next meeting. Price £40.15.-

Dr Adams' agreement as Health Officer was ordered to be brought up for consideration at next ordinary meeting & the Committee meeting closed.

Confirmed
17. April
Geo Mahony

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 17th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Garden, Coutts, Bissett, Ettershank, Shaw, Thomas.

The Minutes of the last meeting & Committee meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Treasury with form of claim for £105 being Licences' Equivalent. Already attended to.

2. From the Lands Department enquiring if the Council have any objection to the application of Henry Cochrane for a licence to occupy an area adjacent to the Water-Reserve at Hayanmi.

Cr Whatley entered.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Council offer no objection provided the lessee fence off the sides adjacent to the Reserve. Carried.

3. From the Hon. Thomas Langdon with thanks for resolution of sympathy. Received.
4. From the same that he will present Petition re maintenance of Police Station at Serpentine. Received.
5. From the Hon. J.H. McColl to the same effect. Received.
6. From the Hon. Thomas Langdon with memda. as to his being superseded as Chief Secretary. Distributed.
7. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission asking for full particulars as to the distributory channels constructed by the Council & for the same to be marked on a plan sent. Already furnished.
8. From the same that the Secretary's letter on the subject will be considered. Received.
9. From the Hon. Secretary of the proposed Agricultural College Bendigo with minutes of proceedings. Received.
10. From the Ballarat Progress Committee that the Conference will be held this day & with business sheet. Received.
- II. From the Shire of Echuca inviting to a Conference on the question of amending the "Thistle Act" on 30th May next at Roches-

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Corr. contd. ter.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the President & Cr Coulter attend the Conference. Carried.

- I2. From the Public Health Department with regulations as to the Analysis of Milk &c. Received.

- I3. From Miss Cooper, Head Teacher of the Pomapiel S.S. reporting a case of scarlatina. The Secretary explained that he had sent the report on to Dr Adams, the Health Officer. A wire was received from Dr Adams stating the action he had taken in the matter.

Received, -Secretary's action approved.

- I4. From H.S. Elliott asking for certain road repairs in Calivil. Received.

- I5. From W.E. Matthews resigning as Analyst to the Shire.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the resignation be accepted. Carried.

- I6. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission acknowledging receipt of statement re distributory channels & that it will receive attention. Received.

- I7. From C.H. Meaden offering inscribed copy of L.G. Law & Practice for presentation to the President at 37/6. Received.

- I8. From the "Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission" asking for support.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the sum of £5.5.- be voted.

Amendment by Cr Whatley 2nd by the-President Cr Ettershank:-

That £3.3.- be voted.

For the amendment:-the President & Crs Thomas, Whatley, Ettershank, Bissett
Amendment carried.

- I9. From the Public Works Department asking if there is any objection to closing a road in the parish of Jarklan South of Dutton Bros' allotments. The Secretary pointed out that it had already been scheduled to Mr Ross.

Cr Coulter entered.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Council have no objection. Carried.

- 20 From the Secretary & Engineer applying to have his salary raised to £300 per annum. To stand over till after lunch.

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- Corr.Contd. 21. From the City of Bendigo with thanks for subscription. Received.
- 22 From Parsons Bros that they will take steps to clear thistles. Received.
23. From the Acting Premier's office that the Petition re Police Station at Serpentine had been transferred to the Chief Secretary. Received.
24. Telegram from the Public Works Department approving of Contracts submitted for Closed Roads & Special grants. Received.
- Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Cms present.

<u>Reports.</u>	Treasurer that he had received,	£622.15.9
	Payments	332 5.3
	Cr balance	521.14.4
		Received.
	Rate-Collector,	
	Rates current	£589.16.8
	„ arrears	6. 4.1
	Interest	1. 9.2
	Dog fees	3.15.-
		£ 601 . 4.11
		Received.

Thistle Inspector reporting on the inspections he had made & that his term of office would expire on 20th Inst.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That Mr Inspector Davidson be retained at a salary of £1 per annum. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer. Report read.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

- Clause I. On progress of works. Approved.
2. On outstanding Contracts & that he will prepare a large number by next meeting. Received.
3. That he had drawn petition re removal of police station from Serpentine & invited the assistance of M.Ps. Approved
4. That he had supplied the State Rivers & Co with information asked for & proposing to arrange the deputation for Wednesday next. Financial statement on position of the Shire. Received
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As to Mr Bailie's application:- Mr James McNamara was in attendance & heard in opposition.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-

That the application be refused. Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Analyst of the School of Mines, Bendigo be appointed Analyst to the Shire at a retainer of £1 per annum. Carried.

A letter was read from Mr A.J.D. Abraham from the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission advising of the holding of a Great Bazaar & asking the assistance of ladies in furnishing stalls.

Left in the hands of the Secretary.

As to the terms on which the Health Officers hold office,

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That in the event of Health Officers being called upon by the Secretary to make special visits they receive £3 & 2/6 per mile from the Shire Hall. Carried.

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Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the application be not entertained. Carried.

Moved into Committee to open tenders &c.

On resuming the Committee reported that there was only one tender for Contract No. 60 which was deemed too high.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr Tehan be asked to construct the channel at the Engineer's estimate:-

Amendment by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the tender be accepted:-

For the amendment the President & Cms Coulter & Thomas. Against the rest of the Council: Amendment lost motion carried.

That Alex. Bell was the lowest tenderer for poisoned wheat & it was accepted.

Deputation.

To stand over till after the Council meeting of Shire of Marong

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That subject to Mr Tehan's providing one third of

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the cost of the earthwork Mr Doody's tender for Contract No.60 be accepted. Carried.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined a/cs amounting to £295.3.3 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That Mr Bell's tender for poisoned wheat be accepted & one ninth sent to each Councillor. Carried.

Petition.

A petition was presented by Hardy & others asking the President to convene a public meeting at Jarklan to consider the advisability of forming a Jarklan Railway League

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the President be asked to convene the meeting for Saturday 27th April at 8 P.M. Carried.

Deputation.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary invite the Shire of Marong to join in the Deputation re the Loddon United W.T. & that the same be fixed for 8th May the Secretary to arrange for it. Carried.

Messrs Langdon, Hicks & Cullen to be asked to introduce the deputies.

Cr Coulter drew the attention of the Engineer to the practice of the new settlers in Tandarra making cuttings across the roads without permission, & requested him to enquire into it.

Cr Thomas asked the Engineer to inspect the road running along the South of his allotments with a view to clearing & putting in a stone-crossing.

The President asked the Engineer to inspect a drain leading into Mr Marshall's dam & report whether a culvert over it is required.

Thistle Inspector. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Inspector be paid £2.10.- per week during the 2 months he has been at work inspecting. Carried.

Cr Shaw instructed the Engineer to have a small piece of form-

ation with culvert made on the road one mile South of the Tandarra road.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Shire of Echuca be asked to carry out the metal-ling of the Prairie Road. Carried.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the resolution passed on 21st November last to re-subdivide the Shire into Ridings be rescinded. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That tenders be called for the formation at Elliott's Calivil by next meeting. Carried.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Coulter:-

That the resolution passed at the March meeting re the stone-crossing on the Mitiamo-Pyramid Road be rescinded.

By Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for repairs to the Shire Hall, fences & out-buildings.

By Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for adding 15 feet to the Shire Hall.

Meeting adjourned to 15th May.

Confirmed this 22nd May 1907.

George Mahony

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

May 15th 1907.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 22nd May at 10 A.M.

Chas E. Albrecht

Secretary &c.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
May 22nd 1907.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Garden, Bissett, Coutts, Shaw, Ettershank,

The Minutes of the last meeting & its adjournment were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. From the Public Works Department approving of Contracts 4I

& 55. under the "Closed Roads" allotment. Received.

2. From the same approving of Contracts 53 & 54 under Special Grant. Received.

3. From the same that the allotment under "Unused Roads" will be paid on production of sub-vouchers. Received.

4. From the Hon. T. Langdon that the prayer of the Petition against closing the Police Station at Serpentine has been granted. Recd.

5. From Senator McColl with letter to the same effect from the Chief Secretary. Received with thanks.

6. From the Public Works Department with reference to the vote of £50 to the Bendigo Agricultural College that the Crown Solicitor has advised that the Council have no power to pass such a vote. Received.

7. From the City of Bendigo that the question has been referred to a Committee of the whole Council. Received.

8. From the Lands Department thro' the Hon. T. Langdon giving permission to the Council to take loam from the Reserve at Bear's Lagoon. Received with thanks.

9. From the Education Department asking the Council to co-operate in the celebration of "Empire Day" & with programme.

The Secretary reported that he had asked the President to authorize the same vote of £1 per School as last year & that he had done so.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary & President's action be approved.

10. Telegram from Cr Coulter that he was unable to attend the Conference with the Minister of Water Supply & asking the Secretary

Corr:contd. to send particulars to Cr Thomas.

Received.

11. From the Shire of Marong that Crs Bailey & Sargood have been appointed deputies to attend the Conference. Received.

12. From the State Rivers & W.S. that the maintenance of the distributory channels is being considered. Received.

13. From the Minister of Water Supply with report of Mr Commissioner Cattanaach on the subject of the new water rate & that in view of it the deputation might be unnecessary. To stand over for Report.

14. From the State Rivers & W.S. that the Commission is prepared to take over & maintain such of the channels as it may deem necessary for the supply of the Trust District. To stand over for report.

Cr Coulter entered.

15. From Dr Adams that he will accept the terms offered for special cases as Health Officer. Received.

16. From the Registrar of the School of Mines, Bendigo, that Mr Clark is prepared to take up his duties as Analyst as from the 15th Inst. Received.

17. From the Public Health Department asking whether the Council have submitted samples of foods for analysis during the past year. The Secretary had replied that there were no shops in the Shire & this was deemed satisfactory.

18. From the same with circular as to labelling provisions. Recd.

19. From the same as the use of coloring matter in certain articles of food. Received.

20. From the same as to the prevention of smoke from furnaces. Recd.

21. From the Shire of Echuca asking for an extension of 7 chains of formation on the Mitiamo Road. Granted.

22. From the same that they are prepared to proceed with the metal-ling of the Prairie Road. Received.

23. From the Shire of Gordon that they think the 100 feet of stone-crossing on the Mitiamo-Raywood road quite sufficient & that they are agreeable to share the cost of the 100 feet but no more. To stand over.

24. From Arnall & Jackson that a copy of their directory had been posted to Cr Garden but sending another. Cr Garden stated that he had received it.

25. From M.J. Tehan agreeing to pay one third of the cost of his

Corr.contd. channel.

Received.

26. From Andrew Cheyne asking for the opening of a certain closed road in the parish of Jarklan.

Cr Thomas entered. It appeared that on Mr Ross cutting up the Serpentine estate he had removed all gates but ~~that~~ the ones complained of ~~had been re-erected by Mr Davis.~~

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President :-

That Mr Davis be asked to remove the gates as rate-payers object to them.

Carried.

27. From Mr A. Bell that he had forwarded all the packets of poisoned wheat except those for Serpentine which would follow.

Received.

28. From a public meeting at Horsham urging the candidature of Mr Hegelthorne for the N.W. Province.

Received.

29. From the Engineer to the Shire of Echuca urging the use of blue metal on the Prairie Road instead of gravel. To stand over for tenders.

30. From the Boort Agricultural Society asking for a subscription to their prize fund.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That £1.1.- be voted.

Carried.

31. From the Gordon Institute asking for a subscription. To stand over.

32. From E.H. James offering his services as Engineer for Suction Gas.

Received.

33. From Carolin & Co with circulars as to road-making. Recd.

34. From Dutton Bros complaining that they had received no demand notice for their rates & declining to pay interest.

The Secretary explained that notices had been sent to the best known addresses & notice to pay before 31st March had been amply advertised.

Received.

35. From W. Wilson that he had been rated for a house while there was none & asking for a refund of 10/- . The secretary stated that 7/- had been already allowed by the rate-collector.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That 3/- be refunded.

Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer.

Receipts, £149.12.5

Payments 322. 1.9

Cr balance £ 349. 1.-

Received.

Rate-Collector

Rates current 30. 4.4

.. Interest 4.1

Dog registration 3.15.-

£ 34. 3.5

Received.

Dairy Inspector, that dairying operations are just commencing & that a number of improvements in sheds &c have been effected.

Received.

Secretary & Engineer. read.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be received.

Carried.

Clause I.

On progress of works.

Received.

2.

That he had met Cr McIntyre & the Engineer of the Shire of

Echuca on the Prairie Road & conferred on the question of metalling it. That he thought it too expensive for a Shire, but if persisted in special application should be made to the Government for a fairly large grant next year & that each Council

should set aside £250 & finish the road. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Secy & Eng's Report continued.

3. That the Mitiamo road East of the Railway is completed & that on the West waiting for loam.

Approved.

4. That he had surveyed for repairing the formations on the Elmore Road near Mitiamo & invited tenders including a stone-crossing.

Approved.

5. That he had surveyed for formation at Elliott's Calivil. Apprd

6. That Mr Beer had completed Hardy's road except repairs to bridges.

Approved.

7. That in company with Cr Ettershank he had surveyed for formations at Mossop's, Janiember East & would invite tenders. Apprd.

8. That he had interviewed the officers of the Railway Department on the question of trucks for road metal & made satisfactory arrangements.

Approved.

Stry. & Engr's Report continued.

9. Recommending that the Inspector make a second inspection & submit names for prosecution. No action.
10. That the rates outstanding are £365. Received.

Report of Deputies on the question of the Loddon United Waterworks rate.

Cr Bissett spoke on the question & explained that the deputies had done all that they could.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Deputies for the able manner in which they had represented the Council.
Carried.

Corr. Nos 13, 14. Cr Bissett stated that easements had been surveyed but none effected. He recommended that no application be yet made for refund of this year's expenditure, but that the matter stand over until the rate is demanded.

Motions.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the resolution passed at the March meeting re the Stone-Crossing on the Mitiamo-Pyramid road be rescinded.
Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That a conference of the Members of the East Riding & the Engineer be held at Mitiamo at an early date & that the question of the stone-crossing stand over till then.
Carried.

Corr. No. 31. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the question of a vote to the Gordon Institute stand over till the next Charity Vote. Carried.

Committee.

The Council then moved into Committee to open tenders & deal with Finance.

On resuming the Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £257. 3.7 & recommending their payment. Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & the a/c's passed for payment.
Carried.

Tenders.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That the following tenders be accepted:-
5.

Contract No. 61. W.B. Hamilton,	£41. 6.-
.. No. 62. J. Crapper,	33. 10. 10
.. No. 65. E. Doody,	9. 16. 8
	Carried.

As to Contracts 63 & 64 Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer write to the Shire of Echuca & enquire their views on a proposal to make the metalling in the tramway form & as to commencing the metalling at the West end.
Carried.

Tenderers for Contract No. 63 were to be asked to furnish samples of the blue-stone.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mrs Tresise's wages be increased from £18 to £20 per annum as from 1st September 1905 to meet the cost of providing the lunches.
Carried.

Thistle Act.

In view of the Conference to take place on this subject on 30th Inst at Rochester the President invited an expression of opinion of the Council. After considerable discussion it was resolved to leave the delegates a free-hand but they were requested not to support any movement whereby any district would be proclaimed a thistle infested district.

The Engineer was instructed to urge Mr Cobb to proceed with his Contract No. 54.

Extension of Shire Hall. Cr Ettershank by leave withdrew his motion on this subject.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer bring up a report by next meeting of the Repairs necessary to the Shire Hall, fences & outbuildings.
Carried.

Instructions to officers. By Cr Coutts that the Engineer inspect a piece of road between Hardy's & O'Neill's Janiember E. & get the same done.

By Cr Bissett that the Engineer get a small piece of formation done on Naughton's road West of the Raywood road.

The Engineer was requested to get out all works already ordered by next meeting & the meeting was adjourned.

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19th June G. H. Ahorn President

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

June 19th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Bissett, Garden, Thomas, Ettershank, Coutts, Coulter.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Government Laboratory with revised scale of charges for analyses. Received.

2. From the Public Health Department that the appointment of a Trustee of the Yarrayne Cemetery vice Mr Davidson, deceased should be made at a public meeting.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the President convene a meeting.

Carried.

3. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission enquiring whether there is any objection to the licensing of a water-reserve in the parish of Hayanmi.

The Secretary explained that he had replied to the effect that the Lands Department had already been advised that there was no objection provided the lessee fenced off the reserve adjacent.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary's action be approved.

Carried.

4. From the City of Bendigo that the Government propose bringing in legislation legalizing payments by municipalities towards Agricultural Colleges. Received.

5. From the Federal Progress Association of Victoria asking for a subscription. To stand over till later.

6. From the Education Department with thanks for donations to S.S. on Empire Day & for sympathy. Received.

7. From Pyramid Agricultural Society asking for a subscription to prize fund.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £1.1.- be given.

Carried.

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Correspondence. 8. From Water Bailiff Moylan asking for the cleaning out of a section of channel in Heil's lane, Calivil.

The Engineer explained that it appeared that this had been missed in the cleaning out of channels & that Mr McCrea would not have been able to get his tank filled unless it were done. He had therefore let a contract for the work, at 1/6 per chain:- 70 chains. & his action was approved.

9. From Head Teacher, S.S. Hayanmi with thanks for donation. Received.

10. From S.S. Yallook the like. Received.

11. From S.S. Mitiamo with thanks but stating that as the notification of the grant had arrived too late he was paying it into the savings bank & holding it over till next year.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Head Teacher be informed that the money should be expended for the benefit of the children. Carried.

12. From the Head Teacher, S.S. Tandarra with thanks for donation. Received.

13. From the Adult Deaf & Dumb Mission with thanks for donation. Received.

14. From John H.T. McCrea asking for a piece of formation on the road near his place.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Engineer get the formation made but with no culvert. Carried.

15. From the Lady Mayoress of Melbourne asking co-operation in raising funds for additions & improvements to the Women's hospital & with collecting cards.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Councillors take the cards & return them by next meeting. Carried.

16. From Mr Frank Woods asking for remission of interest on rates.

The Secretary stated that he had written Mr Woods explaining that notice had been advertised in March last & also in May & that the rate was 8 months in arrear & his action was approved.

17. From the Shire of Echuca that their Engineer will confer with yours on the subject of metalling the Prairie Road. Received.

18. From J.H.T. McCrea asking for the payment of 15/- for cleaning out a channel. Passed for payment.

19. From Cr Whatley that he is unable to attend the meeting today. Received.

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Corr:contd. 20. From the Shire of Bairnsdale asking for an amendment of the "Unused Roads & Water Frontages Act" so as to obtain half the rents of the latter.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

21. From the Town of Williamstown asking for an expression of opinion on the question of extending the Alfred Graving Dock or building a new one.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the matter receive earnest support.

Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present.

Corr.5. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer:-

Receipts £251. 8.7

Payments 258. 3.7

Charges 4. 8.8

Cr Balance 337.17.4

Received.

Rate-Collector.Rates current

£217.19.-

Interest

8. 4.7

Dogs

14.15.-

£240.18.7

Received.

Return of Rates outstanding.

Rates.

Interest.

North Riding,

£80.11.-

£4.18.-

South Riding

6.16.-

-. 2.7

East Riding,

53.10.8

3. 4.2

£140.17.8

£140.17.8

Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Rate-Collector collect the rates by next meet-

ing or legal proceedings will be taken.

Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's

Report.I. That he had surveyed for repair of the Terricks Road & called

tenders for today.

Approved.

3.

19 June 07

Secy. & Engr's Report contd. That the formation on N. & S. road West of Watson's Tandarra was

washed away & should be put in order & recommending improvements at a cost of about £63. To stand over subject to being put into passable repair.

3. That the bridge West of Hayward's on the Dingee road should be reconstructed at a cost of about £35. Referred to Cr Ettershank to inspect & report on by next meeting.

4. That in company with Cr Thomas he had inspected the road South of his allotments & recommending the purchase of a deviation so as to utilize an existing bridge. Alternately clearing certain belts of timber & inserting a chain of metal.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the deviation be not adopted but that tenders be called for the alternate work by next meeting.

Carried.

5. That in company with Cr Coulter & Mr Phillips he had gone over the Mitiamo-Raywood Road & recommended,

That the 100 feet stone crossing already let be put in at the wash-away & a similar one near the boundary road at the North.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer's recommendation be adopted.

Carried.

6. That the Collector's Return shewed 55 rate-payers in arrear of whom 10 are for small amounts of interest only & asking advice.

Received.

7. Statement of Contracts outstanding & financial balance. Received On the Report having been first read,

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

Dairy Inspector. That the dairies he had inspected were being carried on in

a satisfactory manner & improvements are to be seen everywhere.

Cows are coming in & new settlers are preparing for the dairy-ing industry, & registration will increase accordingly.

Received. The Council then moved into Committee.

On resuming. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £224.5.10.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be passed for payment.

Carried.

4.

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The Committee reported that they had opened tenders for the following works. Contract 66 E. Doody. subject to certain alterations to be settled by Cr Ettershank & the Engineer. £41.17.- Contract 67. John Crapper, £82.15.5.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That subject as above the tenders be accepted. Carried.

Thistle Act.

The President & Cr Coutts reported on the Conference held at Rochester on this subject,-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the delegates for their action at the Conference. Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Council approve of the action of its delegates at the Rochester meeting in advocating the clearing of all open roads & at least one chain inside the paddocks & also along the boundaries of properties. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary submit the last resolution to the Shires of Gordon, Korong & Marong & invite them to co-operate in sending a deputation to the Minister at an early date to submit & support those views. Carried.

Repair of Shire Hall. The Engineer submitted a specification & estimate for this.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That tenders be called for the works by next meeting the Council reserving to themselves the right to accept all or any of the works. Carried.

Mr R. Cobb having not started any of his Contracts let in February & March last,

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer ascertain whether Mr Cobb will complete his Contracts by next meeting & failing his doing so fresh tenders be invited by that date. Carried.

Cr Garden drew attention to the fact that the notices partially closing the Serpentine Bridge on Hardy's road had not been erected & the Engineer promised to enquire into the matter.

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The Engineer was reminded of the work at Harry's, Yallock & also about writing to certain new settlers who had improperly cut drains across the roads. And the meeting was adjourned.

G Mahony
President 26. 7. 07

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 17th 1907.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday, 24th Inst at 10 A.M.

Mark E. Abbott
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 24th 1907.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Mahoney), &

Crs Ettershank, Whatley, Bissett, Garden, Thomas, Coutts:-

The Minutes of the last meeting & adjournment were read:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Adjourned for Revision Court.

Revision Court opened.

The same Councillors present.

The Secretary presented the several Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists for the 3 Ridings & reported that there was only one Clain, viz: that of Mr T.J. Keogh but that his rates had not been paid by 10th June.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the application could not be entertained. Carried.

North Riding Lists. These having been examined:

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Lists be approved.

Carried.

They were then duly certified to.

South Riding Lists. These having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Lists be approved.

Carried.

They were then duly certified to.

East Riding Lists. These having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Lists be approved:-

Carried.

They were then duly certified to & the Court adjourned.

Ordinary business resumed. but adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Health Department with Circular under the Pure Foods Act as to sending samples. Received.

2. From the same requesting the Council to take no action as to the standard of bread until further instructions. Received.

3. From the same approving of the appointment of Mr Donald Clark I.

Contd.

as Analyst.

Received.

4. From the Shire of Alberton with proposals for amendment of the "Dog Act".

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the resolution be supported.

Carried Crs Bissett & Ettershank dissenting.

5. From the Shire of Echuca with minutes of meeting re "Thistles". Received.

6. From the same suggesting that application be made for a Special Grant to metal the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads & offering to join in any deputation with that object.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the resolution be approved & acted upon. Carried.

7. From the same approving of the letting of the Contracts for metalling the Prairie Road at £107.10.-. To stand over.

8. From the Engineer to the same Shire approving of the specification but that his Council are unanimous in wishing the metalling to commence at the East end. To stand over.

9. From the same Shire that they are willing to let the metalling commence at the West end. To stand over.

10. From J.G. Crapper that he cannot take up the Contract for the supply of the metal. To stand over.

11. From H. Casey that he is prepared to take up the Contract according to his tender. To stand over.

12. From the Shelbourne Extension Railway League asking for co-operation.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

13. From P.J. McMahon with apology for cutting drain at Tandarra & that he has amended it. Received.

14. From Thomas Dripps the like. Received.

15. From Mrs Holden, Head Teacher, S.S. Tandarra that the school was closed on "Empire Day", but proposing either to expend the £1 voted or retain it till next year.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by the President:-

That Mrs Holden be requested to spend the money on the children. Carried.

2.

- Corr. contd. 16. From the Shire of Gordon with views on the "Thistle" ques-
tion. To stand over for general business.
17. From the Bendigo Advertiser agreeing to reduce scale of charges
for advertisements. Received.
18. From Vic Russell with photo of Thistle Conference delegates &
asking for orders. Received.
19. From Frank Davis that he has removed gates complained of by Mr
Cheyne but that they had not been removed before or re-erected
by him. Received.
20. From Rate-Collector Tresise asking for an increase of salary
on account of the recent subdivisions.
Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Garden:-
That the application be not entertained. Carried.
21. From Robert Cobb asking to be relieved of Contracts 54, 57 & 58
& for return of deposits thereon.
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-
Bo That the deposits be returned. Carried Cr Garden dissenting
22. From Geoge Aaitken that he has filled in the drain across the
track at his land Tandarra. Received.

<u>Reports.</u>	<u>Treasurer.</u>	Receipts	£73. 9.4
		Payments	224. 17.4
		Cr balance	186. 9.4
Received.			
<u>Rate-Collector.</u>		Rates received, current	£ 53. 15.-
		arrears	3. 8.-
		interst	3. 7.4
		Dogs	2. 10.-
			<u>£ 64. 10.4</u>
Received.			

- Dairies. Inspector. that he had issued 6 registrations & collect-
ed £5. 10.- Received.
- Inspector of Slaughter-Yards & Nuisances with return of stock
slaughtered & that he had had a beast left on the road destroy-
ed at a cost of 10/- for which he submitted a/c. Received &
a/c to be paid.
- Weigher Dredge that he had collected £2. 1. 2 Received.
- 3.

- Reports contd. Secretary & Engineer's, read:-
- Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the same be received. Carried.
- 29 Clause I. As to progress of works & that the Mitiamo road West of the
Station requires a little extension. Also that he had surveyed
for formation at McCrea's which he understood the President had
authorized that gentleman to do. Approved.
2. That he recommended that the tender of Mr Rankin for the carting
& spreading & Mr Caspy for supplying the metal be accepted. Also
asking instructions as to Mr J.G. Crapper's deposit.
Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
That the arrangements made by the Engineer be approved &
carried out. Carried.
As to Mr Crapper's deposit:-
Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Thomas:-
En That half the deposit be returned. Carried.
3. Asking for the cancellation of Mr Cobb's Contracts:-
Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-
That Contracts Nos 54, 57 & 58 be cancelled. Carried.
4. That with the assistance of Mr J.H. Davidson he had prepared the
Voters' Lists & asking for an allowance of £2. 2.- to Mr Davidson
for clerical assistance. Approved & amount passed.
5. Recommending the adjournment of the next meeting to 28th August
& asking for the appointment of Returning Officers.
Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the recommendation be adopted. Carried.
- Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That Cr Garden be appointed Returning Officer for the
North Riding. Carried.
Cr Bissett
Moved by ~~the President~~ 2nd by Cr Garden:-
MB That Cr Ettershank be appointed Returning Officer for the
South Riding. Carried.
- Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Thomas:-
That Cr Whatley be appointed Returning Officer for the
East Riding. Carried.
6. That outstanding rates have been reduced to £79. 11. 8 & asking

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 24 July 07

Secy & Eng's instructions. The Secretary was instructed to carry out previous instructions.

- 7. That he had nearly completed the adjustment of the Minute Book. Approved.
- 8. That rate-payers have now been served with demand notices for the Water-Rate & that it would be opportune to put in a claim for refund of expenditure for maintenance of channels this year.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
That the Secretary write the Minister of Water Supply & ask him to refund all expenditure on the construction of the channels. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
That the Minister of Water Supply be asked to fill all dams within the Loddon United Water Trust area within the Shire of East Loddon free of cost. Carried.

And the meeting was adjourned.
Confirmed 28/8/07 W. Bissett President

Shire Hall, Serpentine, August 21st 1907

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday, 28th Inst at 10 A.M.

Wm. E. Oldbreach
Secretary.

Memo: Yarrayne Cemetery. Robert Fyfe & James Bissett gazetted Trustees of this Cemetery vice John Davidson & John Weare deceased. 30.7.07. Gazette p.3616.

Omitted from transcript of Minutes. of 24th July 1907.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary ask the State Rivers & W.S. whether they undertake to supply all ratepayers within the area with water for stock & domestic supply. Carried.
The Council then moved into Committee.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders of which the following were the lowest:-

Contract 54.	J. Martin	£47.10.-
.. 57	J. Martin	39. 8.-
.. 58	E. Doody	22.11.8
.. 68	G.T. Butler	129.17.-
.. 69	J. Crapper	23.18.5
.. 70	J. Martin	39. --.-
71	W.B. Hamilton	18. 5.-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the lowest tender as above be accepted except that Contract 68 be reduced to £110. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £324.9.6 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the report be received & adopted & the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Re Thistles. Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Secretary advise Cr Coutts of the replies received from the adjacent Shires & that he be appointed delegate to attend the Conference. Carried.

As to the bridge on the Dingee road near Heywood's Cr Ettershank reported that he was of opinion that it would last for years
Received

The Engineer was instructed to block up the side-cuttings on the Terricks road & to report on the damage done by Mr Howe on Mossop's road.

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Annual Elections.North Riding.

A. G.
David William Coutts of "Ellerslie", having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy in the Council for this Riding I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the North Riding.

Alexr Garden
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 22nd 1907.

South Riding.

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William Bissett of New Hope Park, Yarrayne having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy in the Council for this Riding I do hereby declare him duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the South Riding.

Alfred Eversham
Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 22nd 1907.

East Riding.

William Thomas of Tandarra having been the only Candidate nominated to fill the vacancy in the Council for this Riding I do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the East Riding.

Returning Officer.
Shire Hall, Serpentine, *William Ly Whalley*
August 22nd 1907.

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Declarations.

I, the undersigned David William Coutts, Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially, according to the best of my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1903.

Declared at Serpentine this *28th* day of August 1907
Before me, *W. Bissett*

I, the undersigned William Bissett, Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially, according to the best of my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1903.

Declared at the Shire Hall, Serpentine this *28th* day of August 1907,
Before me, *W. Bissett*

I, the undersigned William Thomas, Do hereby declare that I will faithfully & impartially, according to the best of my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1903.

Declared at the Shire Hall, Serpentine, this *28th* day of August 1907,
Before me, *W. Bissett*

"LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1903."
SECTION 261 (1).
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SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

DECLARATION BY VALUER.

I, *Charles Edmund Albrecht* Serpentine, Valuer

do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will impartially and truly according to the best of my judgment make the VALUATION and RETURN of RATEABLE PROPERTY situate within *the Shire of East Loddon*

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Declared at Serpentine.

in the State of Victoria this *28th*
day of *August* 190 *7*.

Before me *W. Bissett*

A Justice of the Peace in and for the *Midland* Bailiwick
of the State of Victoria.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 28th 1907.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Present Crs Mahoney, Garden, Whatley, Ettershank.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Cr Mahoney take the Chair pro tem. Carried.

The Secretary read out the Election returns & Crs Coutts, Bissett & Thomas, the newly elected Crs having made their declarations were introduced & took their seats.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the Chairman:-

That the President's allowance for the ensuing year be £55.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Cr Bissett be elected President for the ensuing twelve months. Carried

The President was duly installed & returned thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Retiring President.

Carried unanimously.

Cr Mahoney returned thanks & the Special Meeting closed.

ORDINARY MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting & subsequent minutes were read

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department with form of claim for

£ 120.14.2 out of Unused Roads Fund. Received.

2. From the same that payment of claim for £150 special grant had lapsed & could not be passed until re-voted by Parliament.

To stand over for Engineer's report.

3. From the same that a further sum of £ 74.3.6 is available under the Unused Roads & Fund. Received.

4. From the same asking for a plan of the subdivision of Silesian Downs estate & return of closed roads therein.

The Secretary had replied that he had written to say that there was no subdivision & he was instructed to state that there I.

was no alteration in the roads closed therein.

5. From the same asking for a supplementary return of the unused roads in the parish of Yallook recently sold by Dr Atkinson.

The Secretary was instructed to reply that there was no alteration.

6. From the Water Supply Department asking whether allotment-120- the 20 acre reserve on the East of allotment 120 parish of Mitiamo could be sold without injury to water supply interests.

7. From Cr Mahony with his views on the subject. Cr Coulter entered. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting for enquiry.

Carried.

8. From the Water Supply Department asking whether there was any water supply objection to the sale of allotments 109, 150 & 149^A parish of Hayanmi.

9. From the Lands Department asking the views of the Council on the same subject.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the question stand over till next meeting. Carried.

10. From the same pointing out that any income from Reserves must be applied to improving them & not for general purposes & asking for a balance sheet annually. Received & to be attended to.

11. From the same that 10 acres were temporarily reserved for Public Recreation in the parish of Pompapiel on 2nd July 1902.

Received.

12. From the Public Health Department urging the Council to send in samples of foods. Received.

13. From the same with circular as to Jam Factories. Received.

14. From the same as to the method of consigning milk. Received.

15. From the same that the Governor in Council had appointed Messrs Fyfe & Bissett Trustees for Yarrayne Public Cemetery. Received.

16. From the Municipal Association with By-Law as to Traction Engines & asking the Council to adopt the same.

To stand over till next meeting.

17. From the Hon. T. Langdon with copy of the Municipal Endowment Bill 1907. Received with thanks.

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- Corr.contd. 18. From the same acknowledging correspondence re re-funds of expenditure on Water Channels which will receive his best attention. Received.
19. From Mr Laing, District Secretary & Engineer for the State Rivers that the filling of the Pom-Pom & Bears' Lagoon will be attended to. Received.
20. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for a subscription to their prize fund.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the usual subscription be given. Carried.
21. From the Shire of Marong that they cannot join in the deputation re the "Thistle Act". Received.
22. From the Shire of Kerong on the same subject that while in sympathy with the views of the Council they do not think that any local movement will have any influence but that they may be represented at the Conference. Received.
23. From the Shire of Gordon that they are willing to co-operate & submitting proposals. Received.
24. From J.F.Gleeson, trustee of the late John O'Brien, notifying the transfer of the Railway Hotel, Mitiamo to Mr Thomas Dowling but objecting to the valuation of the Store.
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
That the matter be dealt with in Committee. Carried.
25. From Mitchell & Co with invitation to a field trial of the "Austin Road Grader" during Show week.
The President will attend.
26. From the Shire of Echuca that the Contract for the Mitiamo road is completed & asking for payment of half the cost viz: £29.6.-
The Engineer explained the action he had taken in the matter & this was approved.
27. From Cr Coulter with petition from S.Lowe & others asking for repairs on the Prairie Road. To stand over till later.
28. From the Shire of Berwick asking co-operation in getting an amendment of the L.G.Act as to the control of roads in mountainous districts. Received.

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- Corr.contd. 29. From the Shelbourne Railway League with appointment for meeting. Received.
30. From Hon.T.Langdon that the application for special grants for the Prairie & Mitiamo Roads will be considered. Received.
31. From the Durham-Ox-Jarklan Railway Leagues asking for the appointment of a delegate to the deputation which is about to wait on the Minister of Railways. To stand over till later.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.
- 2 P.M. Business resumed:-the same Crs present.
- Reports.
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| <u>Treasurer.</u> | Receipts | £ 67.5.4 |
| | Payments | 331.13.- |
| | Dr Balance | 77.16.7 |
| | | Received. |
| <u>Rate-Collector.</u> | Rates current | £14.18.- |
| | .. arrears | I. 5.9 |
| | Interest | I. 9.11 |
| | Dogs | I5.- |
| | | £ 18. 8.8 Received |
- Connelly, Tatchell & Dunlop with cheque for £66.2.8 rates recovered. Received.
- Dairy Inspector. that he had made a thorough inspection & found the dairies satisfactory. He had registered 100 & the fees amounted to £221.16.6. The cows numbered 899 as against 864 last year. Received.
- Secretary & Engineer. Report read & received on motion of Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
- Clause I. On progress of Contracts but that to complete the Mitiamo road the present Contractor demands £24.15.-
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-
That tenders be called for the work by next meeting. Carried
2. That Doody's Contract on Mossep's road was finished but the Engineer thought it necessary to loan the formations & he had ordered this at a cost of about £11.10.-. Also recommending the insertion of a stone crossing or bridge near the Serpentine Creek
Loaming approved:-Crossing to stand over.
3. Explaining as to the Contract under the special grant alleged by

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Secy. & Eng's the Department to be too late. Left in the hands of the Secretary to deal with.
Report contd

4. That he had prepared statement of outstanding rates for the Shire Solicitors who had collected nearly all without summons.
 Approved.

5. That he had demanded the payment of £1 for damage done by J.B. Howe on Mossop's road but had had no reply. Received.
 6. Asking that the President be appointed to write off abandoned rates.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the President be empowered to write off abandoned rates. Carried.

Petition.

Cr Coulter presented a Petition from Samuel Lowe & others asking for the repair of the Prairie Road West of the Railway.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Petition stand over till next meeting the Engineer to report on the cost. Carried.

Cr Thomas presented a Petition from J.D. Rawlinson & others objecting to the Water Rate & asking assistance of the Council in getting excised from the area

Deputation.

consisting of Messrs Carey, Wight, Lowrie & Steel waited on the Council in support of the Petition. After deliberation:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the President, Cr Coulter & Thomas wait on the Minister of Water Supply & ask for the excision of the territory promised in 1900. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange the deputation.

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To stand over till next meeting.

Finance Report. The Committee reported having examined accounts to the amount of £ 204.6.9 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the report be adopted & the a/cs passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That Constable Johnson be appointed Inspector of Nuisance.

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ees & Slaughter-Yards for the North & South Ridings on the same terms as Const. Brown. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary be appointed the Delegate on the Railway Leagues Deputation. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the Secretary prepare an amended return of the closed roads & water frontages throughout the Shire. Carried.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Ettershank to strike a rate of 12d in the £.

By Cr Ettershank:- That 3 formations on the Bendigo road be repaired & the channel alongside cleaned out.

Meeting adjourned.

Confirmed 18 Apr. 1907
W. B. Smith

President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

September 18th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), &

Crs Garden, Mahoney, Thomas, Whatley,

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. From the Public Works Department asking for the preparation of the Books for Audit next month. Received.

2. From the Shire of Echuca that they have written Mr McKenzie, M.L.A. & asked him to support Mr Langdon in getting a special grant for the Prairie Road. Received.

3. From the Shire of Gordon claiming £16.10.- for work on the boundary of the Shire adjacent to Jarklan, done in 1905. but omitted.

Cr Mahoney stated that he recollected the work which was done on his application & moved & was seconded by Cr Thomas:-

That the amount be passed for payment.

Carried.

4. From the Shire of Bet-Bet declining to co-operate in the action of this Council re "Thistles". Received.

5. From the Society for the Protection of Animals for subscription. Received.

6. From Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation of a holiday on their Show Day, 23rd October, in respect of the same schools as last year.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the holiday be applied for in respect of North Calivil Hayanmi & Mitiamo Schools. Carried.

7. From S. Gibbon urging action in pushing on the railway from Durham-Ox to Bridgewater. Received to be answered by the Secretary.

8. From the Municipal Association reporting their action re Government Subsidy & the constitution of a "Main Roads Board".

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the resolutions be approved.

Carried.

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Corr. contd. 9. From the same that the Association had been incorporated & inviting the Council to nominate a representative on the Council.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the President (Cr Bissett), be appointed. Carried.

10. From the Federated Progress Association urging the erection of a finger-boards at cross-roads. Received.

11. From the same with replies to their application for £100,000 to be placed on the estimates for Agricultural Education & urging the opening up of markets in the East. Received.

12. From Public Health Department asking for prompt report of infec- Reports. Treasurer:- Receipts £75.15.5

Payments 204. 8.3

Overdraft 207. 9.5 Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current 257. 7.5

.. arrears 7. 1.11

Interest 3. 1.4

Dogs 15.-

£ 67. 5.8

Received.

Dairy Inspector that he had further received £2.19.6 for fees.

Received.

Dingee Weigher that he had collected £1.18.2 for fees. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. Reporting progress of Contracts. Approved.
2. Mr Hamilton's Contract at Harney's, Tandarra & asking advice as to alterations. To stand over till later.
3. That Mr Crapper is nearly complete with his Contracts.
4. That the new rate must be entered before next meeting.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

Adjourned to 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Secretary presented the Statement of the Rate & his report thereon.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Council do now adopt the existing valuation of the Shire subject to alterations of ownership viz:-

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North Riding. £ 9,518

South .. 10,997

East .. 14,579

£ 35,086

Carried.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1907-8 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £3,194. 2.3 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1,438.16.9 is available but the sum of £1,755. 5.6 is further required. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£1,755. 5.6 this Council do make & levy a rate of 12d in the £ upon the net annual value of the rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1907 & ending 30th September 1908 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be authorised to demand collect the same. Carried.

The statement & rate were then duly signed & sealed & the special meeting closed.

Ordinary business resumed.

Reports of Committees. Cr Bissett & the Secretary reported on the deputation that waited on the Minister of Railways to ask for the construction of the line of railway from Bridgewater to Durham-Ox.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the same be received. Carried.

Crs Thomas & Coutts reported on the deputation that waited on the Minister of Lands on the subject of the Thistle Act.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be received. Carried.

Crs Thomas & Coulter reported on the deputation that waited on the Minister of Water Supply on the subject of the excision of the Eastern portion of the Loddon United Trust area.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be received. Carried.

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As to Mr Lowe's application.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That no objection be taken.

Carried.

As to Mr Cronin's application:-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the question stand over till next month. Carried.

By-Law.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the draft By-Law relating to Traction Engines submitted by the Municipal Association be approved. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee.

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders for Contracts 72 lowest W.C. Phillips at £32.10.- & 73:- lowest J. Crapper at £13.8.1 his being the only tender & recommending their acceptance.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the tenders be accepted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £394.5.8 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the same be passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That about 20 chains of road from the Serpentine Station be cleared for a width of half a chain. (Prairie Road). & tenders called by next meeting. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to get the Bullock Creek bridge & one North of it near Terricks repaired.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That Cr Whatley be requested to have the well near Coutts cleaned out. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer include in Mr Martin's present Contract a small piece of formation South of Marshall's. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to make enquiry as to the whereabouts of the Shire boring rods with the view to using them

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to search for sand.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That application be made to Mr Laing to send water down the channels so as to supply tanks in the South & North Ridings.

Carried

Meeting adjourned.

*Confirmed 16 October 1907
Mr Bissett
President*

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

October 16th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), &

Crs Ettershank, Shaw, Whatley, Thomas.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley :-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

A telegram from Cr Coulter that thro' indisposion he would not be present was read & received.

Correspondence. 1. From the Chief Secretary proclaiming 28th September a public holiday for the Shire. Received.

2. From the Treasury that £120.14.2 Rent of Unused Roads would be paid on 25th Ulto:-since paid.

3. From the Municipal Association notifying that the Annual Session would be held on 13th & 14th November & with syllabus.

The President will attend.

4. From the same suggesting that a Guarantee Fund be established by the Association.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by the President:-

That the Council support the proposal.

Carried.

5. From the Public Works Department that Mr E.V. Nixon had been appointed Government Auditor & that the fee had been fixed at £6.6.

Received.

6. From the State Rivers & W. S. that water will be sent down the channels & continued throughout the district. Received.

7. From the same asking leave to temporarily run a channel across a road & put in a culvert later on.

The Engineer reported that subject to the Committee doing the work on their own responsibility & taking all risks he had given the permission.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer's action be approved.

Carried.

8. From the C.P.S. Eaglehawk with 15/- half fines. Received

9. From the Melbourne Convalescent Aid Society for Men asking for a subscription. Received.

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Corr:contind. IO. From E.V.Nixon that he will start the Audit on Thursday.
Received.

II. From the General Secretary Durham-Ox-Jarklan Railway Leagues
with thanks for support given to their movement by the Council.
Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £286. 2.6
Payments 293.II.6
Dr balance 315. I.II Received.

Rate-Collector that he had received I/- rates. Received.

Shire Solicitors with cheque for £3.-.9 balance of rates collected & that all had been got in except one. Received.

Dairy Inspector that he had collected the further sum of I7/-
Received.

Dingee weigh-bridge weigher that he had collected II/8. Received
Secretary & Engineer.

- I. That he had written up the whole of the books & got everything
2. ready for the Audit. That he had written up & adjusted the new rate & explaining the financial position. Approved.
3. That most of the Contracts were approaching completion he intended going round to inspect next week. That he had drawn a design for an 8 feet bridge in lieu of box-culvert at Harney's but that it would cost £35 more.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

4. That he is unable to report on the Prairie Road West of the Railway until he learns the intentions of the Council as to treating it.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Members for the East Riding instruct the Engineer as to the parts that require immediate attention with a view to calling tenders by next meeting. Carried.

5. That he had inspected the Prairie Road near Serpentine Home-station but did not call for tenders as he did not think it worth the advertisement. but will do so by next meeting. Approved.

6. That Butler has started with his Contract for repair of the Shire Hall but as it only included the tuck-pointing of the loggia inviting the Council to consider the advisability of doing the rest of the front of the building.

Secretary &
Engineer's
Report contind.

To stand over till after lunch.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Report be received & adopted as dealt with.

Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed:-the same Crs present:-

Cronin's application. To stand over till next meeting.

Finance Committee reported that they had examined a/os amounting to £291.I9.2 & recommending their payment:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the report be received & adopted & the a/os passed for payment. Carried.

Clause 6 of Engineer's report.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr Butler be required to complete the front of the building for an extra sum of £20. Carried.

Cr Ettershank intimated that in future he would not recommend the passing of Contract accounts until they had been passed by the Engineer.

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Engineer call tenders for fencing in the Dingee tank reserve & furnishing the dam with 12'0" of cattle troughing & a force pump to deliver into waggons. Also that the Trustees be asked to pay half the cost of the fencing.

Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary take the necessary steps to have Serpentine connected by public telephone. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Rate struck on 18th September last be confirmed.

Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Council do make By-Law No.7. for Regulating Traction Engine Traffic. Carried.

Notice of Motion by the President:- To confirm By-Law No.7.

Meeting adjourned.
Confirmed this 20 November 1907.

W. B. Smith President

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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

November 20th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), &

Crs Garden, Shaw, Coulter, Ettershank, Whatley, Coutts, Mahoney.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

The Secretary read an apology from Cr Thomas for his inability to attend.

Correspondence I. From the Public Works Department with claim for £150, special grant but that the same would not be paid until re-voted by Parliament. Received.

2. From the same enquiring whether there is any objection to a frontage to Serpentine Creek between Gladman's & the bridge being leased.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting the Secretary in the meantime to enquire the name of the applicant. Carried.

3. From Mr D.C. Laird asking the President to convene a meeting for the election of Trustees of the Pompaipel Recreation Reserve. Already attended to. Action approved.

4. From the Public Health Department that Messrs Marshall & Mahoney had been appointed Trustees of the Pompaipel Cemetery. Received.

5. From the Public Works Department with recommendations of Inspectors of Municipal Accounts.

Secretary to reply that the recommendations are generally practised in this Shire.

6. From the Shire of Gordon with resolution re completion of the Western channel of the Waranga Scheme asking the Council to request their Member to support the resolution & get the work let in small sections that farmers can execute.

The Secretary reported that he had attended to the request & his action was approved.

7. From Hon. R.W.S. Abbott, M.L.C. that the resolution has his entire approbation. Received.

8. From the same with reply from Mr Swinburne. Received.

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Corr. contd. 9. From the Shire of Numarkah Waterworks Trust urging the commencement of the Trawool Storage & asking for the appointment of a Delegate to a Conference with the Minister on 27th Inst at the "Exchange", Melbourne.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That co-operation be granted & the President appointed to attend the Conference. Carried.

10. From the Public Works Department with explanation as to the Auditor sending his Report to the President instead of the Secretary as hitherto. Received.

11. From R. Cobb asking for a reduction of his rating in consequence of the Bear's Lagoon Hotel having been burnt down & his determination not to rebuild.

The Secretary explained that he had rated the property the same as last year expecting the re-building but recommending that the valuation be reduced to £15 per annum & £1 be written off the rate.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary's recommendation be adopted & the £1 written off. Carried.

12. From the Adult Deaf & Dumb Institute for subscription & with Report. To stand over for next Charity Vote.

13. From the Government Statist with Statistical Register. Received with thanks.

14. From Deputy Post Master General card of acknowledgment of application re Telephone Service. Received.

15. From the Secretary applying for leave of absence during Xmas holidays.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

16. From W.H. Twigg asking for the opening of a road between him & Messrs Dutton Bros parish of Janiember East.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

That the matter be referred to the Members of the North Riding to visit & report by next meeting. Carried.

17. From Wirth Bros for permission to lease a road in Kamarooka.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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Communicated.

That the Members for the East Riding make enquiries & report by next meeting. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Messrs Wirth Bros. to apply to the Lands Department.

18. From Hon. T. Langdon with explanations as to various matters. Received.
19. From Mr Dredge asking for the repair of the weigh-house at Dingee. To stand over till later.
20. From the same for leave to lease a road.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That Mr Dredge be advised to apply to the Lands Department when the Council will have no objection. Carried.

21. From Cr Thomas with tender for Dingee Dam fencing & pump & with suggestions. To stand over until dealing with tenders.

Petition.

Cr Mahoney presented a Petition from Thomas Keeley & others asking that the Railway Dam at Mitiamo be filled.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary write to the Commissioners of Railways for leave to fill the Dam. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed. The same Crs present.

Reports.

The President reported that he had attended the Annual Session of the Municipal Association on 13th & 14th Inst & detailed the business done

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the able manner in which he had represented the Council. Carried.

Treasurer.

Receipts £78.16.7

Payments 291.19.8

.. since meeting

35. --
Overdraft 564. 4.6

Received.

Rate-Collector,

Rates current

£72.18.-

.. arrears

4. 5.6

Interest

3.1

£77. 6.7

Received.

Inspector of Nuisances, G.T. Brown, that he had recovered 10/-

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Reports contd. costs of burying a beast & had had several others attended to & was taking action with regard to travelling sheep in accordance with the law.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Report be received & approved of. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

Clause 1. That he had completed the Audit at a lower cost than previously. Approved.

2. That he had communicated with Mr Langdon on the subject of the Special Grant & subsidy & special grant asked for. Also that the overdraft was £556.4.2. Approved.

3. That Mr Hamilton had finished all his Contracts except Harney's bridge which was awaiting the timber but this had since arrived. Approved.

4. The state of Mr Crapper's Contracts. Received.

5. That Mr Ernest Old had cleaned out the well at the "Black Fellows' Stump" but the rate-payers want a pump there

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer provide a pump at a cost not exceeding £7. Carried.

6. That he had examined the well at Wilson's, Mitiamo but that it had fallen in & recommending the sinking of a new one.

Moved by Cr Whatley 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer's proposal be carried out. Carried.

7. That he had applied to Mr Laing, District Engineer for State Rivers to put in 2 culverts on drains on Prairie Road near Serpentine Estate & that he had promised to do so. Approved.

8. That he had surveyed for clearing the Western end of such road & invited tenders for the same. Approved.

9. That he had surveyed the Eastern end of the road at Humbert's & pegged out 96½ chains & with estimates for loaming & gravelling the same.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That No. 1. proposal, for loaming be considered when dealing with tenders. Carried.

10. That in company with Cr Thomas he had surveyed for the fence

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Reports contd. ing in & erection of pump at the Dingee Dam.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Engineer carry out the erection of the pump at as low a price as possible. Carried.

II. That under Contract No.68 Mr Butler disputes the Engineer's measurement of the tuck-pointing of the "Loggia".

Mr Butler was heard in support of his contention but the Council informed him that his application could not be entertained.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.

Cronin's application. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-
Corr.No.8.-28.8.07.

That subject to 10 acres & an approach to the Shire Dam being reserved to the Council for water supply purposes this Council have no objection to the land being disposed of by the Crown. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders & Finance.

On resuming the Committee reported in favor of accepting the following tenders:-

Contract No.75. Francis Doody. £14.5.2

Contract No.76. James Martin £54. 4.10

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the above mentioned tenders be accepted. Carried
The President stated that the lowest tender for No.76 was not accepted as the tenderer has several Contracts on hand.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts as follows:- Already paid, £ 35.--

To be paid £61.--

Total £96.--

& recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be adopted & the a/cs passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-
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That the Engineer get the culverts on the N. & S. road (main Calivil road), painted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That the Engineer get the weigh-house at Dingee repaired. Carried.

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by the President:-

That the Thistle Inspector be appointed to inspect the Shire for 2 months at a salary of £3 per week. Carried.

The thistles to be dealt with to be those on the roads, I chain along fences inside paddocks & off the channels.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary write the State Rivers & point out the infested state of the channel in the Marong Shire with Star thistle & ask that they be cleared. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Whatley:-

That permission be given to Mr D.W.Coulter to connect a pipe with the trough at Dingee Dam to fill a trough in his paddock on the opposite side of the road. Carried.

The Engineer was asked to measure up the tuck-pointing done by Butler & report to next meeting.

The Engineer was instructed to apply to have the dam North Calivil Dam on the Mitiamo road filled.

M.B. Cr Garden was asked
The Engineer was instructed to have the rabbits dug out from the bridges on Hardy's road, Jarklan.

Cr Mahoney was authorized to have the rabbits on the boundary road between Dr Atkinson's & Wells' cleared out the Shire of Gordon to be asked to pay half the cost.

Special Order.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That the Special Order making By-Law No.7 for Regulating Traction Engine Traffic passed on 16th October last be confirmed. Carried.

Sp- Annual Meeting.

The Secretary presented the Audited Accounts & Balance Sheets & the President produced & read the Auditor's Report.

These having been examined:-

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Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Statement of Accounts & balance sheets having been examined & found just & true be certified to & allowed.

Carried.

The sheets were then signed & the Annual Meeting closed.

Ordinary business resumed.

As to Guarantee policies by the Municipal Association:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Secretary be authorized to sign the application

Carried & the meeting

adjourned.

Confirmed this 18th day of December 1907.

W. Bissett
President

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

December 18th 1907.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Bissett), &

Crs Garden, Coutts, Thomas, Coulter, Shaw.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Garden 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Railway Commissioners that the application for leave to fill the Dam at Mitiamo Railway station had been referred for re-report. Received.
2. From the Hon. W. L. Baillieu M.L.C that he would support the resolution of the Gordon Shire re carrying on the Western Channel of the Waranga Scheme. Received.
3. From Cr Whatley that he fears that he will be unable to attend this day's meeting. Received.
4. From Hon. Thos. Langdon, M.L.A. with copy of the Re-classification Bill. Received with thanks.
5. From the same with schedule of endowment under the Bill. Received with thanks.
6. From Arnall & Jackson inviting order for directories. 10 copies to be sent.
7. From Messrs Connelly, Tatchell & Dunlop with report as to collection of rates & account. Received & account passed for payment.
8. From Seymour Progress Association with report & views of the Trawool Dam. Received with thanks.
9. From Dutton Bros. with explanation as to road asked to be opened by W. H. Twigg:- To stand over for report.

Cr Ettershank entered.

Reports. The President reported on the Conference held at the instance of the Nunmarkah Waterworks Trust on 27th Ute:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the able manner in which he had represented the Council. Carried.

Crs Coutts & Garden reported on Twigg's application but it was ordered to stand over for general business.

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Reports. Treasurer.	Receipts,-	£75. 8.2
	Cheques paid last meeting	£161. -.1
 since	40. -. -
	in- Exchange	4.6
	Overdraft	690. -.11

Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £56.11.- Received.

Dairy Inspector. that he had collected 7/- for fees. Received.
Thistle Inspector. that he had issued a notice to every rate-payer in the Shire & that a great many in the N. & S. Ridings that he had visited are at work cutting but in some cases where they are busy harvesting no steps have yet been taken. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. On progress of Contracts. Approved.
2. On Mr Butler's Contract for repair of the Shire Hall. & recommending that he be allowed £4.7.6 extra on the tuck-pointing. To stand over.
3. That he had an extension of the stage made for school concerts & a May-pole provided at a cost of £3.19.6. Approved.
4. That the pump & trough at Dingee Dam are now in working order. Approved.
5. That a Contract for the well at Wilson's has been let for £9.2.6 but that for pump at the Black-fellows-stump is not finally settled. That he had arranged for the repair of the weigh-house at Dingee but had withheld the painting of the board of scale of fees until the Council decided whether they are to be amended

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the clause be approved except as to the scale of charges which is to stand over till next meeting. Carried.

6. As to finances & the application of the amount to the credit of the Unused Roads fund.

Clause received & question of application of fund to be made an Order of the Day for next meeting.

7. As to no meeting being held in January & asking that a Committee be appointed to deal with a/os.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That a Committee be appointed Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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2 P.M. Business resumed, the same Crs present:-

Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £342. 1.2 & recommended their payment:-

Moved by Cr Thomas 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & the accounts passed for payment.

Carried.

Corr.No.9. From Dutton Bros:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That no action be taken. Carried.

Engineer's Report Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
clause 2.

That the Engineer's recommendation as to tuck-pointing be disagreed with & the amount not allowed. Carried.

As to the inscription on the Secretary's office objection was taken to it &

It was moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Garden:-

That Mr Albrecht's name be erased from the window & all except the words "Secretary's Office". Carried unanimously.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Coulter:-

Provide a connection of the formation on the Terricks Road with that on the East & West road at Carey's.

By Cr Coulter:-

Write to the State Rivers & W.S. & ask that the dams served by the Pompapier Channel be filled before the water is allowed to flow further North.

Draw attention to the fact that the Bullock Creek is dry in the parishes of Talambe & Yallock.

By Cr Shaw:-

Draw attention to the fact that the water in the channels was running for 3 weeks & only 2 dams were filled.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Thomas:-

That the Engineer make up a revised return of Closed Roads & Frontages according to the Shire Valuation. Carried

& the meeting adjourned till January.

Confirmed this 27th day of January 1908

W. R. Smith
3.
President

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

January 15th 1908.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 22nd at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.

Shire Hall Serpentine, Feb 22nd 1908.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do further adjourn the same till Wednesday 29th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.

~~There being no~~

Shire Hall, Serpentine, 29th Feb 1908.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do further adjourn the same till Wednesday 5th February at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

Feb 5th 1908

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do further adjourn the same till Wednesday 12th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.
Feb 12th 1908

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same till Wednesday 19th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

Feb 19th 1908

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day I do further adjourn the same till Wednesday 26th at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.

Shire Hall Serpentine.
Feb 26th 1908.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held

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this day I do further adjourn the same till tomorrow at 10 A.M.

Chas. E. Aldworth
Secretary.