

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

February 21st 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McCrae), & Crs Bissett, Carey, Coutts

Mahoney, Ettershank, Coulter.

The Minutes of the last meeting in December & of the Committee meeting on 12th January were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence From Public Works Department Revote £100 & special grantsfor road maintenance £75
£50:- Roads to Railway Stations £50:- the Council to expend £125. Received.

The re-vote of £100 was to this & the Rochester Shires towards repair of the Rochester-Dingee roads.

2. From the Railway Department asking for removal of metal purchased from Mr McClelland from the Station Ground at Dingee.

The Engineer explained that he had made arrangements for its removal & this was approved.

3. From John Crapper offering to remove the same at 2/6 per yard.

The Engineer had refused this offer but offered 1/6.

4. From the same accepting the Engineer's offer. Received.

5. From the Railway Department in reply to correspondence re sending trucks to stations to remove wheat that it would receive attention. Received.

From C.H. Meaden on the same subject that it does not come within the province of the Municipal Association. Received.

The wheat was speedily removed.

7. From Public Health Department acknowledging notification of of the appointment of Dr Merrillees as Health Officer for the East Riding approving of the same & with circular as to duties.

The Secretary had forwarded this to the Officer. Approved.

8. From the same with Circular as to Typhoid Fever. The Secretary had distributed the posters & notified the Department. Approved.

9. From the same, (post card), acknowledging the same. Received.

10. From the Savings Bank proposing to take the Branch away from the Post Office at Mitiamo & asking assistance in working it.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by the President:-

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Corr. contd.

That the Secretary submit the names of Messrs

John McKay & Sims Bros to the Savings Bank. Carried.

11. From the Shire of Traralgon with resolution opposing the Commonwealth Banking Bill dealing with Savings Banks.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

12. From the Closer Settlement Board asking for final reply re bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood. The Secretary read his reply. Recd.

13. From the same offering to advance half the cost. Received.

14. From the Lands Department asking whether a road can be sold at McGrath's, Pomapiel.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Council have no objection providing it be sold to the adjacent landowner. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present:-

Corr.

Representations having been made that the dams in the Northern part of the Shire were dry, considerable discussion ensued.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That a public meeting be held in the Hall at Calivil on Friday

next at 3 P.M. to discuss the matter.

Carried.

15. From the Town Clerk, Melbourne as to metal waggons. Received.
Corr. contd. From Messrs Tatchell & Co. (Shire Solicitors), with advice as the

£29 purchase money for the road exchange at Yarraberb. & with their account. Received a/c to be passed.

17. From the Educational Congress inviting the Council to send a deputy to the same in March & with syllabus of proposals. Received.

18. From the Shire of Gordon with copies specifications of boundary works. Received this Council to contribute half the cost.

19. From the same that it cannot contribute to the works on the Mitiamo Pyramid Road. Received.

20. From the same that they will bear half the cost of the works at Calivil North S.S. Received.

21. From the Shire of Rochester as to repairs on Tennyson Road that they did not authorize the work & cannot entertain the account.

The Secretary's correspondence was read.

The President reported that he had waited on the Council of the

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Corr.contd. Shire of Rochester & explained the matter but the Council refused to alter their previous resolution. He was received with the utmost courtesy.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a vote of thanks be accorded to the President for his attendance & action. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this Council express their regret at the decision of the Rochester Council & trust that they will see fit to reverse it. Carried.

22. From the same that they cannot alter the previous resolution. Read.

23. From the same asking co-operation in getting water from the Goulburn Mallee channel sent down the Piccaninny Creek.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That this Council will support the application. Carried.

24. From the same declining to join in the lease of the site of the waterworks at Prairie. To be forwarded to the Department.

25. From Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institute for subscription. To stand over for Charity Vote.

26. From R.J. Phillips that the Mr Phillips, the applicant for the sale of the water-reserve at Mitiamo parish is no relation of his.

27. From James Coutts in explanation of the same subject. To stand over.

28. From the care-taker, waterworks Prairie that the tank leaks a little. The Engineer explained the action he had taken & recommended that this & the dam at Tandarra be not only cleaned out but enlarged.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Railway Department be written to & asked to enlarge the Prairie Dam & also that at Tandarra to 5,000 yards each. Carried.

29. From the same that 2 men fired a bullet into the tank when passing. To stand over for Constable Brown's report.

30. From S.D. Priestley asking for water to be sent down.

Received, the Council having no control.

31. From the Lands Department with amended terms for Pound site lease at Munica. Received & accepted.

32. From the Decentralization, United Country Movement that they are organizing a deputation to the Premier soon after Parliament opens & asking for the nomination of a delegate.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President be appointed delegate. Carried.

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Corr.contd. 33 From the Treasury with Claim for Endowment £550. Duly made up & returned.

34. From B.H. McGrath applying for the proclamation of a holiday on 28th for the Pompaipel S.S. Already proclaimed.

35. From Patrick O'Neill complaining of Mr W. McIntyre's slaughtering in the township of Mitiamo.

The President reported that the Inspector is taking action.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £298.-.3.- Payments £579.16.-. Net overdraft Received. £957.4.3.

Rate Collector. Rates current, £263.15.2.- Dogs £1.5.-. Received.

Dr Adams, Health Officer that the health of the South Riding had been good during 1912. except for measles. Received.

Dr Merrillees, Health Officer for the East Riding that the health of the Riding during 1911 had been good except for a short epidemic of gastro-enteritis which did not appear to be infectious. Received.

Dr Merrillees special Report on Mitiamo S.S. & quarters.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That copies of the Report be sent to the Public Health & Education Departments. Carried.

E. Old, weigher that he had collected £22.2.8 in fees. Received.

Returns of stock slaughtered. Received.

Inspector Johnson that the sanitary conditions were good. Read.

.. .. on thistles that he had still some further inspection to make. Received.

Inspector Brown that the sanitary conditions were good.

.. .. that he had completed his duties as thistle Inspector & the district was clean. Received.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the attention of the Inspector be called to the Dingee Road East of the Railway. Carried.

Constable Brown reported that on the 12th February a bullet had been fired into the tank at Prairie & much water lost. He had interviewed the culprit who had expressed his willingness to pay for any damage done.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Inspector be instructed to take proceedings. Carried.

A letter from the Railway Department as to the township of Serpen-

tine, its allotments & the Railway survey was read & received.

Petitions. The President presented a petition from Jas. Coutts & others protesting against the alienation of a reserve in the parish of Mitiamo. Mr Jas. Coutts appeared in support.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That this Council oppose the alienation of the site.

Carried.

Cr Coulter presented a petition from Messrs P.O'Donohue & others for the repair of certain pieces of road from the Tang-Tang to Mrs Ludemann's on the East of the Tandarra P.R. & also other pieces enumerated.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer inspect, survey & report. Carried.

The President presented a petition from T. Hinde & others asking for the erection of lamp posts & lamps in Mitiamo.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Petition stand over till next meeting to allow of further enquiry. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £626. 6.9 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Tenders Committee.

The Committee reported having examined tenders & made the following recommendations:-

Contract No. I76. To stand over.

..	No. I78. Kurz & Heil,	£78. 15.2. /
..	No. I79. J. Kett	267. 9.6 /
..	No. I80.	436. 17.6 /

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & the above tenders accepted. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Closer Settlement Board that the matter of the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood stand in abeyance for the present but the Council think the site should be removed further South. Carried.

Re subdivision of the Shire.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the consideration be deferred till next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the meetings start at 11 A.M. Carried.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Coutts. That a culvert on the E. & W. road opposite the woolshed at Silesian Downs be removed.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for formations & loanings on E & W. road at Burke's, Pompapiel. & at the West end near the Waranga channel. Carried.

By Cr Coulter. To put in stone-crossing at Carin's, Tandarra.

Suggestion by Cr Bissett that drainage box-culverts be inserted in stone-crossings.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Council consider the advisability of purchasing 5.

one chain of land from Dr Atkinson adjacent to the Mitiamo Road from which to obtain loam. Carried.

The Engineer was directed to get the bed of the Dingee Road formations ploughed up.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That 50 chains of forming & loaming be done between Kirwan's & Elliott's parish of Calivil. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That tenders be called for clearing the road between Bailey's & Richards' in the parish of Calivil. Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 20th March 1912.

J. P. M. Grex

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 20th 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McCrea), & Crs Bissett, Ettershank, Coutts, Coulter, Shaw, Keogh, Mahoney:-

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Under Secretary that a holiday had been proclaimed on 28th Ultio: being Serpentine Hospital Fete. Received.

2. From the Royal Commission on the marketing, transportation & storage of wheat.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary write Mr Langdon for instructions & on receipt of the same, the President call meetings as he thinks fit. Carried.

3. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of Health Officers' reports. Received.

4. From the Public Works Department with Claim for £100 re-vote. Filled up & returned.

5. From the Land Purchase Board relative to the bridge over the Loddon at Hurstwood Estate that they had decided to take no further action for the present. Received.

6. From the Education Department acknowledging the Report of the Health Officer as to Mitiamo S.S. & quarters, that they have obtained an estimate of the cost of the works required & the matter will have attention as soon as funds are available. Received.

7. From the Shire of Tambo urging the abolition of loading for land compensation for Railway construction.

8. From the same that the Minister of Railways will receive a deputation on 3rd April at 10.30 A.M. Received.

9. From the Shire of Avoca as to certificated Engineers, not resident within the Shires. Received.

10. From Dr Merrillees, Health Officer, that he had been unable to obtain any report from Dr Ridley, not knowing his address. Read.

11. From Dr Adams resigning his office of Health Officer for the N. & S. Ridings of the Shire owing to sickness in his family.

12. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the resignation be accepted with regret & the Council & I.

Contd. trust the sickness in family will soon pass away. Carried.

12. From Dr Wilkinson that he is succeeding Dr Adams & asking to be appointed to the same position.

18. From Dr G.W. Deravin the like.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Dr Deravin be appointed Health Officer for the N. & S. Ridings of the Shire. Carried.

13. From the Shire of Marong with Balance sheet. Received.

14. From E.J. Farrell, Hon. Secretary to the Working Committee of the Higher Elementary School at Inglewood, asking for subscription. To stand over.

15. From Public Health Department as to Mitiamo S.S. that the Education Department is being communicated with. Received.

16. From the Secretary to the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of resolution relating to Savings Banks. Received.

17. From J.C. Johnstone that Dr Atkinson will sell a strip of loamy land on the terms set out.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the offer be accepted with thanks. Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £889.7.11:- Payments £626.7.9:- Net overdraft £694.8.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current, £262. 9.-:- Arrears £3.14.-:- Interest 3/11:- dogs £2.5.-.- Received.

Health Officer Dr Adams. That the health of the North Riding during 1911 had been good. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances, Brown that he had summoned Mr W. McIntyre for slaughtering sheep on the township of Mitiamo & he had been fined £1 & 16/4 costs. That McIntyre had only slaughtered the 2 sheep since he had cautioned him before. Received.

Thistle Inspector Brown, that he had inspected the East of the Dingee Road & regretted that he had missed it. He is getting thistles out as fast as possible. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Johnson that the N. & S. Ridings of the Shire are in a sanitary state & the licensed yards in a satisfactory condition. Received.

Thistle Inspector Johnson that he had inspected several holdings & found the thistles destroyed. That he had been assured that Bathurst Burr would be destroyed & he would see that they were. Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Invitation from Rev. J.D. Watsford to the opening of the New Church by the Bishop of Bendigo on 24th Inst.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the invitation be accepted with pleasure & thanks. Carried.

Reports contd. Secretary & Engineer.

1. Satisfactory progress with Prairie Road gravelling. Received.

2. That he had visited Prairie & found the waterworks out of working as the dam was nearly empty. He had written the Department again urging the cleaning out & enlargement. Approved.

3. That Mr Kett had started his first Contract on the Dingee road. Approved.

4. That in company with Cr Carey he had surveyed for 7 pieces of road in Tandarra including plain stone-crossings without kerbs. Tenders invited for that day. Approved.

5. That he had marked out formations at Gittins' & Burke's in Pomapiel but the second section wants extending 6 or 7 chains & a stone crossing.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the extension be carried out but the stone-crossing lie in abeyance. Carried.

6. That he had furnished Messrs Kurz & Heil with tracings of their work on the Mitiamo-Pyramid Road & expects them to push on but urging the construction of the rest of the formation at once & suggesting that Cr Coutts be asked to interview the Gordon Shire Council to induce them to alter their resolution & subscribe to the work. Approved.

7. That the works at the Calivil S.S. had cost £9.2.3 more than the original estimate. The Shire of Gordon had paid over their half which of course was short of £4.11.2 but he did not propose to trouble them for this small amount. Approved.

8. That in 1910 negotiations had been opened with the Shire of Rochester to make the Eastern portion of the Dingee Road. They had promised to subscribe provided you got a special grant of £500. You only succeeded in getting £100. We had expended £289.18.8 & he, the Engineer, had sent in a request for their share after deducting the £100. Also for their consent to our getting the money. Approved.

9. Inviting attention to the policy of the newly appointed Minister for Public Works with regard to the Endowment & Special Grants & suggesting that the matter be sent to the Municipal Association with the view to united action by the Shires & offering to write a paper on the main-road question. After considerable debate the clause was approved. 3.

Secretary &
Engineer's
Report contd.

IO. On finance.

Received.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Tenders & Finance
On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined the tenders & made the following recommendations:-

Contract No.181. That W.B.Hamilton be offered £60 or fresh tenders be invited.

Contract No.182. that Sydney Crapper's tender at £58. 5.9 be accepted.

Contract No.183. That fresh tenders be invited.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £344.7.4 & recommending their passing.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

A telegram was received from the Railway Department that they propose to clean out the Prairie Dam but not enlarge it.No objection to the Council doing so,but should site subsequently be required will pay no compensation.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by the President:-

That this Council agree to the cleaning out but are not prepared to enlarge it. Carried.

Petition of Hinde & others.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer be instructed to provide 3 lamp-posts & lamps at Mitiamo the townspeople undertaking to maintain them. Carried.

Instruction by Cr Ettershank:-2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Mr E.L.Smith be asked to attend at the next meeting of the Council. Carried.

Re Higher Elementary School at Inglewood.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That subject to their having the power this Council subscribe £10.10.-. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the President be asked to attend the deputation re the Railway when fixed as representative of the Council. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Bissett:-to ask Inspector Johnson to look into the Bathurst Burrs on the Raywood Road & at Gittins'. & at Bear's Lagoon.

By Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer have a hollow log put in at Mr Taylor's gate.

By Cr Mahoney:-To call tenders for the loaming on the Mitiamo Rd.

By Cr Coulter:- To ask the State Rivers to fill the following

Dams:- I at Coffee's,2 at Carey's,I at Wallace's,I at McElwain's & 2 Council dams on the Dingee Road.

The motion by Cr Carey re re-subdivision of the Shire to stand over till next meeting.

And the meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 24th day of April 1912

S. C. M. Free
President

Shire Hall,Serpentine,

April 17th 1912.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day,I do adjourn the same to Wednesday,24th at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Albee
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

April 24th 1912.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McCrea), & Crs Mahoney, Shaw, Bissett,
Ettershank, Coutts, Carey.

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

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney,

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Treasury with Claim for £93 Licences Equivalent

2. From the Railway Department confirming their telegram re Cleaning
out the dam in the Station Ground at Prairie. To stand over.

3. From the same asking the Engineer to meet him on the ground.
To stand over.

4. From the State Rivers with plan of the Loddon United Watertrust
area for view of rate-payers. To be returned on 29th Inst. Recd.

5. From the Public Health Department approving of the appointment
of Dr Deravin as Health Officer for the N. & S. Ridings & with
code of Buties. Received.

6. From Dr Summons of Eaglehawk notifying a case of Tuberculosis
at Tandarra. Received.

7. From Mr E.L. Smith accepting invitation to be present at meeting
on 17th. Since informed of the adjournment. Received.

9. From the Shire of Colac with suggestions as to the amendment of
the Thistle Act. To stand over.

8. From C.H. Meaden with opinion as to the suggestions of the Secre-
tary on the Endowment & Rating questions. To stand over.

10. From the Shire of Rochester that they cannot see their way to
alter the resolution as to claim for cost of Tennyson Road re-
pair. That as to the Dingee Road repairs they had communicated with
the Public Works Department requesting them to pay the grant of
£100. That they had been pleased to contribute £50 to the cost &
cheque would follow on 25th Inst.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the letter be received with thanks.

Carried.

11. From the City Surveyor, Melbourne that they had sold out of all
lamp-pillars. Received.

12. From Mr D. Hopkins applying for a slaughtering licence.
Mahoney

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That a licence issue.

I.

Carried.

Corr. contd. From Mr John Crapper asking for the passing of an account for
£13.7.- for cutting drains between Tandarra & Yallook.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting the Engineer
to inspect. Carried.

14. From Mrs Ball asking leave to cut down a tree at on her frontage
at Bear's Lagoon.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That leave be given.

Carried.

15. From Mr W. Burke that he will be satisfied with a stone-crossing
in the formation now being constructed at his place but it should
be a big one. To stand over.

16. From Rev. J.D. Watsford with thanks of the Congregation of the
Church of England for use of the Shire Hall prior to the building
of the new Church. Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts. £1145.8.5.- Payments £531.1.1.- overdraft £81.15.9
Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates Current £1072.15.-:- Arrears £5.13.-:- Inter-
est-£9/11 19/9.-:- Dogs £6.15.-:- Total £1086.2.9.
Received.

Secretary. Outstanding accounts for carriage bridges &c. amounting
to £26. 1.6. Received & approved.

Weigher Old. Report of collections & cheque for £1.8.- fees. Recd.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Dip at Calivil. Cr Coutts had gone to ag a great deal of trouble in revising
the plans for the Dip with the view to reducing the cost of it.
He submitted them to the Council but ultimately the Secretary
was instructed to arrange for a meeting of Rate-payers in Calivil
Hall on Saturday 4th May at 3 P.M. to consider the advisability
of erecting the Dip. The Engineer was requested to frame an es-
timate & forward it to the President.

Report. Secretary & Engineer.

I. That in consequence of the illness of his daughter he had had to
ask the permission of the President to adjourn the meeting which
he had courteously granted. That since his return from town he
had made extensive inspections. Received.

2. That while in town he had secured lamp-pillars for Mitiamo

3.

Secy. & Engr's Report contd. with lanterns at 30/- apiece & given instructions for sending them up. New they would have cost £5. Approved.

3. That he had interviewed the officers of the Railway Department on the subject of the Prairie Dam & asked them to take down the slopes & square the dam with the result that they had promised to send an Inspector up. He also saw Danks as to floating strainer. The clause was approved & it was moved by the President 2nd by Cr. Carey:-

That the Engineer suggest to the Railway Engineer that if they undertake to pay the cost the Council will have the work carried out. Carried.

4. Progress of works. Received.

5. That Doody Bros have completed the formations on Burke's Road but thins a crossing should go in in spite of its having been ordered to stand over.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That a 40 feet crossing be put in. Carried.

6. Recommending that 6 or 9 lamp pillars & lanterns be secured for future use.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer obtain 6 lamp-pillars &c. Carried.

7. That Mr Hamilton has finished his Contract on the Prairie Road. Approved.
8. Financial position. Received.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Report be received & adopted as dealt with. Carried.

The Engineer reported that the Bullock Creek bridge at Humbert's wants repairing & that he proposed to cover the deck with tarred metal.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer be empowered to get the repairs done & at the same time, the metal for Burke's crossing. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to inspect & report on all the culverts on the Mitiamo Road.

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

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders

for the works advertised & recommended the following for acceptance:-

Contract No. 181. J. Crapper,	deposit £3.	/	£60.12.1
.. No. 183. A. Heil.	.. £5.	/	92.12.8

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the report be received & adopted & the tenders accepted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £312. 9.1 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

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

Comm. 9. Shire of Colac as to Thistle Act.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

Crs asked for a Return of outstanding rates.

The Secretary supplied the same as follows:-

Rate-Current.

<u>North Riding.</u>	<u>South Riding.</u>	<u>East Riding.</u>
£634.18.10.		
£154.15.-	£287.11.-	£191.10.10
Total, £634.18.10.		Received.

Bridgewater to Durham Ox Railway.

The President reported fully on the deputation that took place on 2nd April on this subject a full report appearing in the Inglewood & Bendigo Advertisers.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the able way in which he had supported the movement. Carried.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Ettershank. That the Engineer inspect the Road between Sloan's & Mrs Ettershank's with a view to treating the sand-hill there.

By Cr Carey:- That the Engineer inspect the road at the Tang-Tang & report or get the work done.

By Cr Ettershank:- That the Engineer ask the Department to allow the Council to obtain gravel from Martin's paddock.

Road Metal. Cr Bissett reported that he had agreed to purchase some surplus

metal from a Contractor in Powlett at 1/6 per yard & 3/- for broken metal & that Boyd was carting it into the Shire.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the action of Cr Bissett be approved. Carried.

Re Ridings of Shire.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the matter be made an Order of the Day for next meeting. Carried.
And the Meeting adjourned.

Confirmed this 15th day of May 1912.

J. C. M. Grea
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

May 15th 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McCrea), & Crs Shaw, Coulter, Bissett,

Mahoney, Carey, Coutts:-

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. From the Railway Department declining to further clear out

the Dams at Prairie & Tandarra. To stand over. Received.

2. From the Public Health Department as to the Mitiamo S.S. quarters that the matter will have attention as soon as funds are available. Received.

3. From the same as to Diphteria & with posters. To be attended to.

4. From the same asking the Council to give effect to their suggestions as far as possible. Received.

5. From the Education Department asking co-operation in celebrating Empire Day & with Programme.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Council co-operate & the usual vote of £1 to each School be passed. Carried.

6. From Constable Johnson resigning his office of Inspector of Nuisances & Thistles on account of removal & with thanks for courtesies.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the resignation be accepted. Carried.

7. From Mounted Constable V. Fattorini applying for the above positions.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That V. Fattorini be appointed Inspector of Slaughter Yards, Nuisances & Thistles on the usual terms. Carried.

8. From Constable Johnson that a licence may issue to Mr Donald Hopkins of Janiember East. Licence issued.

9. From the Secretary to the Melbourne Hospital asking for a subscription to the re-building of the Hospital.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £2.2.- be voted. Carried.

Corr.contd. 10. From the Shire of Gordon declining to alter their previous resolution as to the Mitiamo-Pyramid road. Received.

11. From the Shire of Huntley proposing to ask the Government to take over the administration of the Thistle Act.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That this Council is strongly opposed to taking the administration of the Act out of the hands of Councils. Carrd.

12. From the Shire of Maldon on the same subject. Received.

13. From W.A. Gilbert, Inspector of Municipal Accounts, that he will visit the office on 9th with a view to enquiring into the Closed Roads. The Secretary explained the difficulty of complying with the request & it was referred to him to deal with.

14. From Mrs McGrath, Correspondent of the Pomapiel S.S. Committee, asking co-operation in their proposal to hold a pic-nic on Empire Day & for subscription. Mrs McGrath to be informed of the foregoing resolution on the subject.

15. From Mr J. McKay of Mitiamo that he had met with an accident by the bolting of a horse whereby the newly erected lamp-post had been smashed & asking that a new one would be sent up & he would erect it. The President reported that he had interviewed Mr McKay who expressed his willingness to pay the cost. A new one to be applied for & forwarded if obtainable.

16. From Messrs Jas. Marshall & W.B. Gittins asking permission to construct an embanked channel on the Prairie Road for domestic service.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That permission be granted under the supervision of the Engineer. Carried.

17. From Messrs McGrath Bros for leave to cultivate a closed road in Pomapiel. *Sanicumber East*

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That permission be granted for this year only. Carried.

18. From Mr A. Wallace asking permission to lease about 4 acres of the Reserve at Dingee Dam & setting forth conditions & offering £1 per annum rent. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed, same Crs present & Cr Ettershank.

Reports.

Treasurer. Receipts £393.7.-: Payments £309.6.-: Cr balance

£2.-.6.

Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current, £130.10.-: Interest £4:- Dog fees £3. Total £137.10.-. Received.

President reported that the meeting had been held at Calivil on the question of the Dip & tho' poorly attended was unanimously in favor of its being constructed. He had therefore asked the Engineer to prepare the necessary plans & invite tenders which he had done. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. On progress of Contracts. Received.

2. That he had visited the Prairie Dam & met the Railway Engineer, Mr Soames but that since the Department had declined to do any more work at it. He asked leave to complete the Dam at from £25 to £30.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That application be made to the Shire of Rochester to contribute towards the cleaning out.

Amendment by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That the work be completed.

Amendment put:- For President & Crs Carey, Mahoney, Coutts, Ettershank, Keogh, Bissett.

Against:- Crs Shaw, Coulter.

Amendment put & carried.

3. That the meeting at Calivil re the Dip had been held & the President had instructed him to draw the plans & invite tenders which he had done. Approved.

4. That in company with the President & Cr Mahoney he had surveyed the Mitiamo Road for forming & loaming but that one new bridge was required & another repaired & offering to draw specifications for them & invite tenders at short date. Tenders to be invited for next meeting.

5. That he had inspected the clearing between Richards & Bailey's & invited tenders for that day. Approved.

6. On finance that the Shire was in credit £2.-.6 for the first time for months but we are likely to be overdrawn £1500 on 30th Sept. Received.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with

be received & adopted.

Carried.

Corr.No.18. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That Mr Wallace's request for a lease of 4 acres of the Dingee Dam Reserve be complied with for 12 months at £1 per annum on the conditions stated.

Carried.

Order of the Day. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That the Shire be re-divided by East & West lines instead of as at present.

A lengthy debate ensued all Crs expressing their views:-

The motion was then put:-For Crs Carey, the President, Mahoney, Shaw Coulter,

Against Crs Ettershank, Bissett, Coutts, Keogh
Motion carried.

The Secretary explained that under the L.G. Act no petition could be presented during the months of May, June, July or August & suggested that the Petition be prepared & made an Order of the Day for August.

This was acquiesced in copies of the Petition to be placed in the hands of a Cr for each Riding.

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

On resuming the Tenders Committee reported having received the following tenders:- being the lowest:-

Contract No.176 W.B.Hamilton,	£177.12.6
.. No.185. F.Doody,	28.18.-
.. No.184. A.Heil,	114.19.8

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That Mr Hamilton's tender be accepted subject to its reduction to about £100:-that fresh tenders be called for No.185

& that Mr Heil's tender be accepted for No.184. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £387. 5.6 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Carried.

The President on behalf of Mr John C. Johnston for leave to put

a double fence across a road near Terricks West home Station temporarily.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the request be granted.

Carried.

Cr Bissett asked the Engineer to get some more earth put into the approach to the bridge over the channel on the Dingee Road.

As to the sandhills in Janiember West Cr Ettershank asked the Engineer to communicate with Mr J. Mossop on the matter.

As to Mr Crapper's claim for opening the Goulburn channel to fill dams. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Crapper be offered £7 in settlement of his account

Carried.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19th day of June 1912.

J. C. M. O'Leary
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

June 19th 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McCrae), & Crs Coulter, Bissett, Ettershank, Carey.

Minutes of last meeting read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Cr Mahoney entered.

Correspondence.

1. From the Public Works Department approving of Contracts 181, 182 in support of Claim for special grant of £50 for roads leading to Railway Stations but insisting on Minimum Wage clause. To have the clause inserted in future Contracts.
2. From the same approving of Contracts 178, 183 in support of claim of £75 being re-vote for Turner's Crossing bridge, but with same remark as to Minimum clause & complaining of delay in submitting same. Received.
3. From the Minister for Public Works that the application for a special grant in aid of metalled road construction that it has been scheduled for consideration at the next allocation. Recd.
4. From the State Rivers that they are willing to allow the Council to take gravel from their pits in the Shire but that as they have had to pay for them the Council should pay for the gravel. Recd. Secretary to reply.
5. From the Shire of Rochester re waterworks that they cannot at present assist in any work at the Prairie Railway Station. Recd.
6. From J.C. Johnstone of Terricks West with thanks for leave given to temporarily fence across road near the homestead & that he has no objection to Contractors entering the paddock to take 100m provided they take the necessary precautions to protect it. Recd.
7. From the A.N.A. inviting the Council to join in a deputation to the Minister on 12th Inst re Water Conservation. Received. Already taken place.
8. From the Decentralization Movement with notification of meeting on 30th Ult: Referred by the Secretary to the President. Approved.
9. From the President intimation his intention of attending. Held over for Report.
10. From J. Brennan of Fernihurst complaining of erroneous weighings at the Dingee weighbridge.

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Corr. contd. II. From the same in further explanation. The Secretary had referred the complaint to Mr Old.

12. From Mr Old, the weigher in reply.

After due consideration:-

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the correspondence be received.

Carried.

13. From D.O'Brien asking permission to make a drain across the Raywood Road to fill a dam. The Engineer had granted the permission on the usual conditions. Engineer's action approved.

14. From the Bendigo Pottery offering slightly damaged pipes at low prices. The Engineer advised that 50 be obtained.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That 50 12" pipes be obtained.

Carried.

15. From R.R. Chappel asking for the clearing of 68 chains of road at his place. The Engineer reported that he had drawn a Contract & included it in the tenders for today.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the request be complied with.

Carried.

16. From Avery & Co, offering Patent Ticket-printing steelyards for weighbridge at £40. Received.

17. From Acetylene Co. with terms for street-lighting. Received.

18. From P.T. Graham asking for subscription towards building Dingee Public Hall. To stand over.

19. From V. Patorini asking for use of the Shire Hall that evening & again in July for Socials in aid of erecting a Shelter Shed at the Serpentine S.S. free.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the application be granted free.

Carried.

20. From B.W. Herous asking leave to put a 5'0" culvert across a road for irrigation purposes.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh.

That permission be granted.

Carried.

21. From W. Kershaw on behalf of the School Committee association for the appointment of a delegate to attend a deputation for getting a new High School in Bendigo. Received.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed, the same Crs present & also Cr Coutts.

22. From Hon. T. Langdon that he had presented application for special

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Corr. contd. grant for road construction & received the Minister's reply as already read. Received with thanks to Mr Langdon.

23. From the Shire of Borung urging the reduction of freights on road metal. The Engineer explained the present position. Received.

24. From the Lady Mayoress of Melbourne asking subscription towards establishing a Home for the Blind at Brighton Beach.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £1.1.- be voted.

Carried.

25. From the Railway Commissioners in reply to the Secretary's application for damages for the smashing up of a case of glass repudiating liability. Received.

26. From the Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society for subscription towards prize fund.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That £1.1.- be voted.

Carried.

Reports. Treasurer:- Receipts £368. 5.8:- Payments £387. 5.6:- Net overdraft £16. 19.4. Received.
Rate Collector. Rates current, £318. 18.3:- Interest £7. 5.9:- Dogs, £27. --. Received.

Rate Collector. Outstanding rates.

North Riding.	£7. 18.9:-	Interest	£4. 13.1.
South	24. 7.-		4. 8.2.
East	127. 4.2		9. --. 11
Totals	£199. 9.11		£15. 2.2. Received.

Dairy Inspector. that in consequence of the lateness of the season he did not propose to start registering until August. Approved.

Secretary Return of Closed Roads in East Loddon Estate. Read.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. On progress of works. That he had settled Contract I76 the Dip. at £100.7.-. Regretting alterations in plan. That he had purchased gates for £8. 14.- delivered at Prairie in lieu of £39. That he is going to set out the yards on Tuesday. Approved.

2. That he had settled Contract No. I86, Prairie Dam at £40. Approved.

3. That Mr Crapper had made good progress with his Tandanna Contracts but Cr Coulter recommends the insertion of a culvert in No. I bank at the P.R. & a small extension at Trimble's.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a 2'0" culvert be put in. & the formation made. Carried.

Engr's

Report contd. 4. That he had made the excision survey at Atkinson's on the Mitiamo Road but wished to adjust it. Proposing to make terms with the Contractor for the formations to shift the fence. The clause was approved & the Engineer to provide for any extra posts required & extend the survey further East to the timber.

5. That the Mitiamo-Pyramid road Contract is satisfactorily completed but owing to a mistake has taken more clay than specified. Received.

6. That he had surveyed for sand-hills cuttings at Janiember West & invited tenders. Approved.

7. That he had inspected Contracts I79, I80, on Dingee road which were nearing completion. Approved.

8. That he had surveyed for formations & loaming or gravelling on E. & W. Road at McCauley's, Pompapiel & invited tenders. Approved.

Dingee Road. Cr Ettershank complained that the Eastern approach to the Bullock Creek bridge was dangerous & moved & was seconded by Cr Bissett:

That the Engineer inspect the approach & report by next meeting. Carried.

9. That he had sold the old timber taken out of Heyward's bridge to Mr Twigg for £4.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer's action be approved.

Carried.

10. That he had made out a full description of the closed reads in East Loddon Estate to Ist Jany & answered Mr Gilbert's requisitions. Received.

11. That he had submitted all plans & specifications in support of applications for £50 special grant & re-vote of Turner's Crossing bridge £75 & they had been approved of subject to Minimum Wage clause & offering to get declarations from Contractors. Already dealt with.

12. That he had put in an application for a large special grant in respect of metalling & gravelling roads & sent it to Mr Langdon. Approved.

13. That in consequence of the excessive work he had obtained the services of an Assistant at his own expense. Received.

14. That he had drawn the Petition for re-subdividing the Shire & placed copies in the hands of Crs Mahoney, Coulter & Shaw. The counter petition he was instructed to hold over. To stand over.

15. On finance.

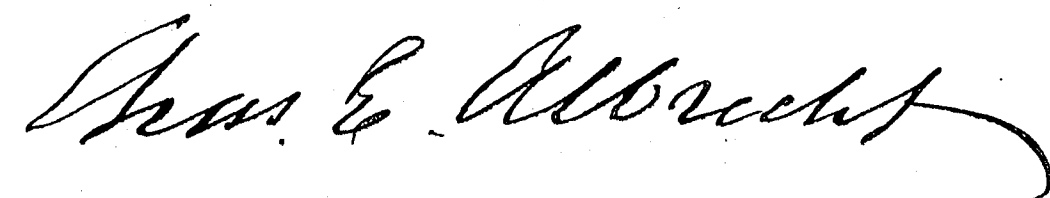
Received.

16. Asking leave to have the telephone put on in the office & also a connection with the Pompapiel office. Also that application be

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

July 17th 1912.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 24th Inst at 11 A.M.



Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

July 24th 1912.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr McCrea), & Crs Carey, Bissett, Coutts, Coulter.

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

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Cr Ettershank entered.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department as to special grants that

under the circumstances a declaration from the Contractors that they have paid the minimum wage will be sufficient in this case but the clause must be inserted in all future Contracts. Received.

2. From the same with rates of wages conditions. Received.

3. From the same that the unexpended balances of the grants lapse on 31st Inst. & all claims in respect of such grants must be received in the office not later than the 18th Inst. Secretary read his reply. Approved & reced.

4. From the State Rivers & W.S. that they will allow the Council to remove about 400 c.yds of gravel from Martin's pit at a royalty of 3d per c.yd. Accepted.

5. From the same that the Minister for Water Supply has approved of the creation of the Tandarra Irrigation & W.S. district & the Commission is preparing to construct the necessary channels. That it is expected that water will be available for irrigation for part of the area this season & the whole area next season. That the charge will be 6/- per acre foot Forwarding map & asking who would desire to have water this season & who would be prepared to offer any of their land for sale to the Land Purchase & Management Board.

Cr Carey spoke against the proposal which was then received.

6. From the Railway Department as to the Prairie Dam that they are not prepared to incur any further expense in cleaning it out but will enlarge the area in the lease without extra charge but subject to conditions. Received.

7. From the Public Health Department as to the insufficiency of the Health Officers' reports for 1911. The Secretary read his reply & after discussion agreed to send on any notices of infectious disease to the Local Health Officers. Received.

Corr. contd. 8. From Dr Deravin reporting a case of Diphtheria in Calivil. Reed.

9. From the same reporting another case in Calivil. Reed.

10. From Dr Willis reporting a case at Tandarra. Received.

11. From Dr Green the like. Received.

12. From Dr Catford the like. Received.

13. From Cr Coulter asking for enlargement of Mr Moxum's clearing Contracts. & extension. The Engineer reported that he had given Mr Moxum the necessary instructions. Approved.

14. From the City of Ballarat East with resolution against incurring any further expense in building the Federal City. To stand over.

15. From Mr Fattorini asking for further use of the Shire Hall free of charge being in aid of the Shelter Shed at the S.S. Serpentine. Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Hall be granted free of cost. Carried.

16. From the Education Department asking for an estimate of cost of the Shed & the amount to be raised by local effort. The Secretary had replied & his action was approved.

17. From the Borough of Maryborough with resolution as to the appointment of Government Officers to country districts that they, their wives & families should be required to live in the district. Received.

18. From Hon. T. Langdon M.L.A. re Durham-Ox-Jarman Railway that the question will have to be submitted to & dealt with by the Legislative Assembly before instructions can be given to the Railways Standing Committee. Received.

19. From the Shire of Bairnsdale with resolution making it a penal offence to allow thistles to seed & intimating that the proposal will be placed on the Agenda paper for the Annual Session of the Municipal Association. Received.

20. From the Public Health Department approving of By-Law No. 3. with trifling amendments. Received.

21. From E. Old, weigher at Dingee that in consequence of the amendment of By-Law No. 8. he is prepared to take 60% commission instead of 75%. Received with thanks.

22. From the Shire of Deakin with resolutions against the Federal Capital. To stand over.

23. From the Public Health Department asking for a report on the Dingee Hall. To be attended to.

24. Corr. contd. From P.T. Graham on the same subject. Received.

25. From Flinders Statue Committee asking for subscription. Reed.

26. From Boort Agricultural Society asking for subscription.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the usual subscription be voted. Carried.

27. From Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for subscription for their Jubilee Show.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by President:-

That £2.2.- be voted. Carried.

28. From S. Clemens re water dammed on his road adjacent to his property. The Engineer explained the position & that he had written Mr Clemens a friendly letter objecting to the system of damming on boundaries of allotments.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer's action be approved & a small formation be constructed by the maintenance man. Carried.

29. From the Public Works Department with forms of Claim for £50 & £75 special grants. Claims signed.

30. From Pyramid Hill Agricultural Society asking for proclamation of a holiday on 16th Oct. their Show Day for N. & E. Ridings.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the request be complied with. Carried.

31. From Dr Willis reporting a case of Diphtheria at Tandarra. Reed.

32. From Harry Bros. asking for a stone-crossing or long bridge at the 144 chain peg on the Dingee Road. To stand over.

33. From W.J. Eddy asking for subscription towards building a Mechanics Institute at Bear's Lagoon.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That £5 be voted. Carried.

34. From Mr A. Ettershank asking permission to fence across the one chain road between the P.R. & Mrs Wickham's & undertaking to put up proper gates.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That permission be granted subject to no objection being made by ratepayers before next meeting. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

REVISION COURT.

2 P.M.

The Court was opened the same Councillors present:-

The Secretary presented his Report that no claims or objections had been received & laid on the table the Voters Lists for the several Ridings. These having been examined it was moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Voters' List & separate Voters' List for the North Riding having been examined & approved be certified to. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Voters' List & Separate Voters' List for the South Riding having been examined & approved be certified to. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Voters List & Separate Voters' List for the ^{East} South Riding having been examined & approved be certified to. Carried.

All the lists were then signed & the Court adjourned.

ORDINARY BUSINESS RESUMED.

Reports.

Treasurer. - Receipts £36.14.6 - Payments £689.10.3. Net Overdraft £669.15.1. Received.

Rate Collector. Rates Current £13. 8.9. - Interest £1. 8.7. - Dogs £2. 5.- Total £20.17.4. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

- I. Progress of works. That he had sent Mr H. Smith as Clerk of Works over the Dip. The extra piece of formation at Tandarra P.R. had been made but the culvert & T at Trimble's had yet to go in. Received.
2. That Mr Crapper was pushing on with his Contracts & would soon go to the sand-hills in Janiember W. Received.
3. That he had inspected the whole of the Dingee Road & in particular the Eastern approach to the Bullock Creek bridge & recommending that it be widened to 20'0".
Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-
That the clause be approved & the work done as soon & as cheaply as possible. Carried.
4. That it will be necessary to put in a 3'0" culvert at the Water 4.

Secy & Engr's Reserve at the East but think part of the old material in the Report contd.

culvert taken out at the 43 chain can be used. That Mr Kett had

filled up the cutting complained of for 4 chain. That Messrs Harry

Brothers want a stone crossing put in East of Jager's but there is a 10'0" bridge there which he the Engineer thinks should be cleaned out & the deck raised a foot when all danger of flooding would be removed. He had explained this to one of the Harry's & he was content Mr Kett will finish the whole Contract by next meeting. Approved.

5. That the gravelling of the Dingee road on the East had been damaged by the heavy traffic during saturation. It should be fettled up at once a little gravel supplied & rolled. Approved.
Cr Carey reported that he had engaged Mr Raylinson to do the fettling up & the Engineer stated that he would send him further instructions.
6. The same remark as to Hamilton's last section of the Prairie Road. Approved.
9. That he had surveyed at the Tang-Tang for formation & stone-crossing. He explained the proposed works & they were approved.
7. That drains had been out right across the tracks on the Tang-Tang Reserve & thought the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances should be drawn to the matter. Approved.
8. That he had examined the overflow in the dam at the foot of the swamp & found it practically washed out. Asking if it should be repaired. It was 115 links in length. Received:-no action.
10. That the Pom-Pom bridge at Serpentine wants a new deck & general repair. To stand over till next meeting.
11. That he had inspected the Prairie Dam but Forsyth could not possibly complete it as he wished. He had authorized him to put the machinery in working order & let the water in. Approved.
12. That Mr Knapp, the caretaker of the waterworks had been removed & he had appointed Mr N. Tonkin in his place. Asking the Council to sign the appointment which they did.
13. That he had inspected & passed the Mitiamo Hall. That at Dingee had been referred to him & he would attend to it when it was ready. Approved.
14. That a letter & cheque passed to Mr Heil on 21st Ultio: had been lost & asking for a new cheque. Word was received that the letter & cheque had turned up on Monday last & Mr Heil had signed the voucher.
15. That Diphtheria was very rife & Dr Merrillees should be instructed 5.

Secy & Engr's

Report Contd. to visit Tandarra & make such inspections as he thought proper as the S.S. is closed. 7 cases had occurred there & another had been reported since. Approved.

I6. That the overdraft was £669.15.1 & the paysheet that day £465.14.5 which confirms his opinion that the loan proposed some time ago was warranted. It will be necessary to consider how to finance next year. Received.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Inspector of Nuisances, Fattorini. That he had inspected Slaughter houses & found them satisfactory. Received.

Mr Kett's Complaint as to clay used in Contract No. I79.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That 2 Councillors be appointed a Committee to look into the matter. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That Crs Ettershank & Carey be asked to act on the Committee. Carried.

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

On resuming.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £465.14.5 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Kett's Committee reported that they thought Mr Kett under the terms of his Contract was entitled to be paid 1/6 per c.yd. for the clay.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & adopted & the account passed for payment. Carried.

Tenders Committee.

The Committee reported that there was only one tender that of J.S. Johnson for Contract No. I93 at £37.19.- & recommending its acceptance:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the Report be received & the tender accepted. Carried.

Corr. No. I4. Ballaarat E. 22. Deakin.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Council co-operate in the resolutions passed by the Shire of Deakin & that Cr Coutts be asked to attend the Conference as the delegate. Carried.

re Mr J. Ettershank's death.

The President brought under notice of the Council the recent death of Mr John Ettershank & moved:-

That a sincere vote of condolence be passed to the relatives of the late Mr John Ettershank on his demise & that Mr Alfred Ettershank be asked to present the same in such manner as he thinks best. Carried. unany.

D I V I S I O N O F S H I R E I N T O R I D I N G S .

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the resolution passed at the last meeting to re-subdivide the Shire into Ridings by East & West lines be rescinded. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Shire be re-subdivided by lines running North & South as shewn on plan signed by the President. Carried.

A M E N D M E N T O F B Y - L A W S .

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That By-Law No. 3. (Dairies), be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That By-Law No. 8. (Weighbridge), be confirmed. Carried.

A P P O I N T M E N T O F R E T U R N I N G O F F I C E R S .

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Cr T.J. Keogh be appointed Returning Officer for the North Riding. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Cr Bissett be appointed Returning Officer for the South Riding. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Cr Carey be appointed Returning Officer for the East Riding.

Carried.

Contract No. 192. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That Mr Crapper be called upon to complete this Contract in time or the penalty will be enforced. Carried.

Instructions to officers.

By Cr Bisset that the Engineer survey from Clemen's swamp to the Calivil Creek to ascertain whether the water can be drained off, & if necessary provide a culvert.

To ask the State Rivers to form the road at the deviation East of McCauley's road.

Notice of Motion by Cr Coutts:-

That tenders be called for about 6 chains of formation between Devine's & Cheyne's on the N. & S. road.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st day of August 1912.

L. O. M. Free

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

August 21st 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr McGree), & Crs Coutts, Bissett, Carey, Ettershank, Shaw, Keogh, Mahoney.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

A telegram was read from Mr Langdon regretting he is unable by Parliamentary duties from accepting the President's invitation to lunch.

Correspondence.

1. From the Public Health Department that By-Law No. 3. (Dairies), will be submitted to the Board for confirmation after the 24th Inst & gazetted free of charge. Received.
2. From the same that they have no record of Mr Anderson's name having been submitted to the Board as Analyst to the Shire for approval. If desired such application should be made. Made by Secretary. Approved.
3. From Mr Anderson that he has received no appointment & suggesting that samples of Milk & vinegar be sent. Appointment signed & samples to be sent.
4. From Public Health Department with Report for years 1908, 9, & 10. Received.
5. From the Commissioner of Federal Land Tax with first Annual Report Secretary had applied for future Reports. Received with thanks.
- 5a. From the Government Statist with copy of the Victorian Year Book, free & returning postal note for 2/6. Received with thanks. Copies to be asked for for each Cr.
6. From the Chief Inspector of Factories with determination of special Boards shewing that no Minimum Wage is applicable to the District as applied to Shire Contracts. Received.
7. From the Public Works Department that the Council's moiety of Rents for Unused Roads will not be available till after the financial year. Received.
8. From the same that the £75 special grant has been passed for payment. Received.
9. From the same as to the £50 grant. Both since paid in. Received.
10. From Mr Corcoran, Engineer to the State Rivers with dimensions of subways under the Waranga Channel in the parish of Yallook confirming the Shire Engineer's proposals as to treating the bridge on the Dingee Road at Messrs Harry's. Received.

Corr. Contd. From the Shire of Deakin that the Conference re Federal Capital had been postponed to 7th Inst. To stand over.

- I2. From the Walter & Eliza Hall Trust Memorial Fund for subscription & with collecting card. To stand over.
- I3. From Dingee Hall Committee with thanks for subscription. Received.
- I4. From Messrs Langdon & Abbott with copies of the Municipal Rating (Unimproved Values) Bill 1912.
- I5. From the same with Thistle Bill 1912.
- I6. From the same with Workers' Compensation Bill 1912.
- I7. From the same with Theatres Bill 1912. I4, I5, I6 & I7 to stand over.
- I8. From Dr Catford reporting a case of Diphtheria at Tandarra. To be sent to Dr Merrillees.
- I9. From the Shire of Marong asking co-operation in clearing boundary Road.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That co-operation be granted for a width of half a chain. Carried.

20. From the Monier Pipe & Co. with invitation to inspect their exhibit at the Royal Show. Received with thanks.
21. From Mrs Johnstone, Manager for Dr Atkinson, that he has sold allotments in Hyanmi to Mr Robert Stephens of Prairie. Received.
22. From Smith & McEachern for information as to an allotment of Mr Twigg's in the parish of Janiember East & for nomination of 2 old residents. To be attended to. Messrs P. Gill & John White to be nominated.
23. From W. Rawlinson that he had fettled up the gravel on the Dingee Road East of the Railway but that it was no good until it dried up & with a/c for £1. Received:- a/c passed.
24. From John Crapper asking for 10 days' extension of time on Contract No. 192.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the extension for 10 days be granted. Carried.

25. From Grylls Bros as to drains & banks at Tang-Tang. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present except Cr Keogh who had asked leave to retire.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £202.16.5 - Payments £465.17.11. Net O.D. £292.16.7. Received.

Reports contd. Rate-Collector. Rates current £63. 9.10:- Interest £2.14.9:- D&Gs £1. 5.-:- Total £67.9.7. Received

Inspector Brown that he had inspected the slaughter yards &c & found them satisfactory. Received.

Inspector Brown that he had visited the Tang-Tang Reserve & interviewed Messrs Grylls who had promised to fill in the furrows & he would visit again to see that they had done so. Received.

Corr. No. 25. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw :-

That the matter be left in the hands of Cr Carey to deal with as he judge best & that Inspector Brown be notified of this. Carried.

Weigher Old with return of collections £1. 9.4. Received.

Health Officer, Dr Merrillees on Diphtheria at Tandarra.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Health Officer be instructed to visit the district & swab the throats of the children or treat them as he thinks best. Carried.

Health Officer, Dr Deravin that the health of the North & South Ridings was good there having been only one case of diphtheria which he had treated & given full instructions. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

- Clause I. On progress of works. That he had nearly finished the excision survey on the Mitiamo Road through Dr Atkinson's allotments & recommending that the widening of the road extend to the next road a distance of 142 chains. That he had arranged with Mr Heil to shift & re-erect the fence. Approved.
2. That he had surveyed for the formation at Clemens' on the Echuca Road & for the approach to the Waranga Channel on the boundary Road & embodied the 2 works in one Contract. Approved.
 3. That he had run levels from the Creek at Clemens' to the Calivil Creek a distance of 56 chains & with estimate of cost £55. 9.2 but asking instructions. Received:- no further action at present.
 4. Asking instructions as to re-decking the Pom-Pom bridge.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That tenders be called for the work by next meeting. Carried.

5. Paper on "Main & Other Roads" read.

Secy. & Engr's Report contd. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the matter lie on the table till next meeting. Carried.

6. That he had issued 48 notices to pay arrears of rates & had responses to 24 collecting £63.10.9. That the balance outstanding was £113. 3.4. The financial position & that the Over draft was £932.16.7. He had gathered in the special grants. Received.
7. Asking leave to attend the Synod next month & arranging for the ordinary meeting.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That leave be granted & Mr Owen take the meeting on the proper day. Carried.

8. That he had had a conversation on the 'phone with Dr Merrillees that morning & that he begged to be excused from attending at lunch to which he had been invited as he had no car. That it would be necessary to swab the throats of about 20 children. He had assured the doctor that you would pay reasonable charges. Already dealt with.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Deakin Shire Conference. Cr Coutts reported that he had attended at the Rooms of the Municipal Association but found that the conference had been put off for a week & he could not remain in town for that period.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to Cr Coutts for the trouble he had taken. Carried.

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

On resuming the Committee reported that they had opened tenders & made the following recommendations:-

Contracts 185, 188 left in the hands of the Engineer.

Contract No. 191. W.B. Hamilton,	£63.10.3 accept.
No. 194. J. Crapper	74. 4.7
No. 195. Doody Bros.	31. 3.9

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Finance. The Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £210. 8.11 & recommending their passing:-

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

4.

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

Corr. No. 12. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That in view of the numerous calls on the Charity Vote the application cannot be entertained but Crs put down their names on the card as private subscribers. Carried.

Petition. from E.W. Hosken & others, by Cr Carey, for proving a lamp at Dingee. the Petitioners undertaking to maintain it. Cr Carey explained that they wanted 2 lamps.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That the request be granted & 2 lamps supplied. Carried.

Railway Station at Dingee. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That a protest be sent to the Railway Commissioners against the closing of the Railway Station at Dingee at 6 o'clock. Carried.

Calivil Dip. Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary write to the Gordon Shire for a copy of their regulations for Dips. Carried.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Bissett to inspect formation done by Crapper at Tripcony's.

By Cr Mahoney:- to have 6 chains of formation to the West of Contract No. 184. loaned.

By Cr Bissett:- To pass £10 to the Inglewood High School out of President's allowance at next meeting.

Railway Station at Mitiamo. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Commissioners of Railways be asked to widen the crossing at Mitiamo & light it. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That tenders be called for about 6 chains of formation between Devine's & Cheyne's, Jarklan, by next meeting. Carried.

Instruction by Cr Bissett:- To enquire when the Contractor will put in stone-crossing at Burke's.

To get Doody to loam the road for a width of 9'0" at 1/3 per cub. yd.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Ettershank:- To strike Rate of 1/- in £.

By Cr Bissett:- To strike Rate of 1/3 in £.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by President:-

5.

That the several Bills being Nos. 14, 15, 16 & 17 be referred to Cr Coutts to study & report on. Carried.

President's Address. The President then addressed the Council reviewing the work in the Shire during his term of office & congratulated them on the amount of it. He heartily thanked Councillors for the assistance they had given him in carrying out his duties & also the officers for their general courtesy.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 18 day of Sept. 1912.

David W. Coutts

President.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS, 21st. August 1912.

NORTH RIDING.

George Mahoney of Hayarimi having been the only candidate nominated to fill the vacancy caused by his retirement by effluxion of time, I Do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the North Riding.

L. J. Hooper

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

August 21st. 1912.

SOUTH RIDING.

Alfred Ettershank of East Loddon Estate, having been the only candidate nominated to fill the vacancy caused by his retirement by effluxion of time I Do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the South Riding.

W. Binnett

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

August 21st. 1912.

EAST RIDING.

John Henry Coulter of Tandara, having been the only candidate nominated to fill the vacancy caused by his retirement by effluxion of time, I Do hereby declare him to be duly elected a Councillor of this Shire for the East Riding.

E. J. Carr

Returning Officer.

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

August 21st. 1912.

DECLARATIONS.

I, the undersigned, George Mahoney, 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
August
21st. day of September 1912.

Before me,

S. O. M. Frea
Councillor.

George Mahoney

I, the undersigned, Alfred Ettershank, 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
21st. day of August 1912.

Before me

David W. Coult
Councillor.

Alfred Ettershank

I, the undersigned, John Henry Coulter, 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
August
day of 29 1912.

Before me

S. O. M. Frea
Councillor.

J. H. Coulter

DECLARATION OF VALUER.

I, Charles Edmund Albrecht, of Serpentine, Valuer, Do solemnly & sincerely declare that I will, impartially & truly, according to the best of my judgment, make a valuation & return of rateable property situate within the Shire of East Loddon.

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

Declared at Serpentine in the
State of Victoria this 21st day of
August 1912.

Before me,

S. O. M. Frea J.P.

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

Chas. E. Albrecht

Shire Hall, SERPENTINE.

18th. September 1912.

Special & Ordinary Meetings held this day:-

Present:- Crs. McCrea, Coutts, Bissett, Keogh, Ettershank, Coulter, Mahoney & Carey.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Moved by Cr. Coulter, 2nd. by Cr. Mahoney:-

That Cr. McCrea take the chair pro tem. Carried.

The Assistant Secretary read the result of the Annual Elections, that the retiring Councillors had all been re-elected & the returns has been signed by the Returning Officers. Received.

Moved by Cr. Mahoney, 2nd. by Cr. Carey:-

That the President's Allowance for the ensuing year be £75. Carried.

Moved by Cr. Ettershank, 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:-

That a suitable cupboard be procured for use of the President. Carried.

The retiring President spoke a few words on the work done during the past year & thanked Crs. for their help & cooperation, then

Moved by Cr. McCrea, 2nd. by Cr. Keogh:-

That Cr. Coutts be elected President for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

The President was conducted to the Chair & returned thanks, & was congratulated by his brother Councillors.

Moved by Cr. Mahoney 2nd. by Cr. Carey:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Cr. McCrea, the retiring President, for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during his term of office. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Cr. Mahoney 2nd. by Cr. Bissett:-

That the whole Council be appointed a Finance & Tenders Committee, any three to form a quorum. Carried.
And the Special Meeting closed.SPECIAL MEETING to strike rate.The Assistant Secretary presented ^{the Secretary's} Statement of the rate on the basis of 12d & 15d in the £. He drew attention to the overdraft which was £1125 & would be increased by the day's paysheet. He dwelt I.

on the small amount available for works & the uncertainty of the amount which would be allotted as Special Grant. He pointed out the loss experienced by the non-occupation of Hurstwood Estate. He recommended the striking of an 18d rate. He was unable to estimate the result of the working of the Calivil Dip this year.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Report be received. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Council do strike a Rate of 12d in the £. on all ratable property in the Shire for the period 1st October 1912 & ending 30th September 1913 & that Henry Tresie the Rate-Collector be authorized to demand & collect the same.

Amendment moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Rate be 15d in the £.

The whole of the Council except Crs Ettershank & Coulter. Amendment carried. Motion lost.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:- Keogh:-

That this Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1912-13 shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £4361.18.7 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1569.11.1 is available but the sum of £2792.7.6 is further required. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That to raise the sum required viz. £2792. 7.6 this Council do make & levy a Rate of 15d in the £. upon the net annual value of the ratable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing 1st October 1912 & ending 30th Sept. 1913 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate Collector be authorised to demand & collect the same. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the President be appointed to write off abandoned rates & initial corrections in the Rate-book. Carried.

Notice of Motion by the President:-

That the Rate this day made be confirmed.

And the Special Meeting closed.

The Council then adjourned till 2 p.m.

ORDINARY MEETING.

2 p.m.:— Meeting resumed, the same Crs. present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:—

Moved by Cr. Mahoney 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:—

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence.

- No.1. From the Under Secretary with proclamation of holiday for Pyramid Hill Show. Received.
2. From the Railway Dept. that the question of closing the Station Ground at Dingee at 6 P.M. has been referred for report. Recd.
3. From the same as to the level crossing at Mitiamo, the like. Recd.
4. From the Health Dept. approving of the appointment of Mr. J.R.V. Anderson as Analyst. Received.
5. From the same complaining that the Analyst's report for 1911 had not been sent. The Assistant Secretary read the Secretary's correspondence on the subject, which was approved. Received. the motion of Crs. Coulter & Mahoney.
6. From the same with supplementary circular as to food samples. Recd.
7. From the same re preventing the spread of Diphtheria. To stand over.
8. From the same acknowledging the Engineer's report re Mitiamo Hall & that formal approval of the opening has been sent to the Secretary of the Hall Committee. Received.
9. From the Public Works Dept. that there is a balance of £57.15.10 standing to the credit of the Council for Unused Road Rents.
10. From the same that specifications & tenders submitted have been approved except that for the Prairie Dam.
- The Assistant Secretary explained the Engineer's correspondence & action which had resulted in £50 being passed. Secretary & Engineer's action approved.
11. From the Govt. Statist that he had forwarded the Crs. copies of the Victorian Year Book for 1910-11. Received with thanks.
12. From the Hon. R.H.S. Abbott inviting the Council to send in claims for Special Grants which he would have pleasure in supporting. The Assistant Secretary read the Secretary's correspondence on the subject which was approved. Received with thanks.
13. From the same with reply from the Public Works Dept. that the application already sent will have consideration. Recd. with thanks.

Corr. contd.

14. From the State Rivers & W.S.C. that your application for forming the road deviation at McCauley's will be acceded to. Received with thanks.
15. From the same agreeing to proposals as to payment for gravel. Received.
16. From the Municipal Association with Notice of Annual Session on 10th. & 11th. October, & asking for appointment of Delegate & with concession form & day-paper.
- Moved by Cr. Mahoney 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:—
- That the President be appointed to attend. Carried.
17. From N.T. Tonkin asking for the erection of a bridge at the Methodist Church Prairie. To stand over.
18. From Lea & Bailey declining to take up Contract 188. Received.
19. From Mr. John Patterson with thanks for letter of condolence on the death of the late Mr. Ettershank. Received.
20. From R.W. Leahy asking for a donation towards the Hall at Jarklan. Considerable discussion ensued, but ultimately it was:—
- Moved by the President. 2nd. by Cr. Mahoney:—
- That £5 be voted. Carried.
21. From the Society for Protection of Animals for subscription. Recd.
22. From the Boort Agricultural Society with complimentary tickets. Received with thanks.
23. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for proclamation of Public Holidays on 9th. & 10th. October, their Jubilee Show.
- Moved that Cr. Carey 2nd. by Cr. McCrea:—
- That the request be granted. Carried.
24. From Sims Bros. of Mitiamo asking leave to erect telephone poles on the road to Symmonds' Station.
- Moved by Cr. McCrea 2nd. by Cr. Carey:—
- That the request be granted subject to the Engineer's approval. Carried.
25. From the Public Health Dept. acknowledging receipt of Dr. Merrill's report on Diphtheria. Received.
26. From C. Vogele asking for a footpath at his shop, Dingee. S.O.
27. From the Shire of Rochester asking the Council to join in re-decking Piccadilly Ck. Bridge on Pine Grove Road.

Corr.contd.

Moved by Cr.Coulter 2nd.by Cr.McCrea:-

That the matter stand over till next meeting for receipt of Rochester Shire's report as to cost. Carried.

- 28. From Hon.T.Langdon with clipping shewing that the Bridgewater to Durham Ox Railway was listed for consideration by Parliament. Received with thanks.
- 29. From the Institute of Local Government Engineers of Australia with invitation to their 4th.National Conference in Melbourne. Received.
- 30. From the Secretary of Public Health Dept. acknowledging receipt of communication re Tandara Diptheria Epidemic & stating that the Education Dept. is being communicated with. Received.
- 31. From Dalgety & Co. acknowledging receipt of letter of condolence addressed to Mr.A.Ettershank. Received.
- 32. From Shire Analyst acknowledging receipt of samples for analysis & stating that report on them will follow. Received.
- 33. From Public Health Department notifying that By-Law No.3. has been confirmed & published in the Govt.Gazette. Received.
- 34. From Tonkin & Orchard, Prairie, asking for formation in front of their store.

Moved by Cr.McCrea 2nd.by Cr.Mahoney:-

That the Engineer inspect & report by next meeting.Carrrd.

- 35. From Head Teacher Tandara S.S. calling attention to the state of the footpath & drain in front of the School.

Moved by Cr.Coulter, 2nd.by Cr.Carey:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Engineer to attend to at once.

- 36. From Mr. Symonds,Bank Manager, with apology for non-attendance & congratulations to the New President. Received.
- 37. From T.Butler asking for information as to the concrete in Contract 176.

Moved by Cr.Ettershank 2nd.by Cr.Bissett:-

That the Engineer supply Mr.Butler with the information as soon as possible & report at next Meeting. Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer:- Repts:-£22.-.2.Payments:- £210.8.11, Net Overdraft:- £1121.5.4. Received.

Rate Collector:- Rates Current £6.4.- Int.-.3.11, Dogs.-.5.- Total £6.5.11. Received.

Shire Solicitors:- As to the collection of arrears of rates.

Reports contd. Moved by Cr.Mahoney 2nd.by Cr.Bissett:-

That the Shire Solicitors allow the extensions of time asked for & further press those who have not replied.Carrrd.

Dairy Inspector:- That he had collected £3.10.- for 12 dairies but will furnish a fuller report next meeting. Received.

Health Officer,Dr.Merrillees:- Reporting in detail as to the cases of Biphtheria at Tandara & recommending in particular that John Williams be isolated for a period.The Secretary had furnished the Department of Public Health with a copy of the report.Cr. Carey had interviewed Mr.Williams,the Father, & promised him to do his best to have him treated properly.

Moved by Cr.Carey 2nd.by Cr.Coulter:-

That the Council comply with Dr.Merrillees'recommendations. Carried.

Engineer's Report on the Dip:- That Mr.Graham of the Shire of Gordon had furnished him with particulars as to their regulations & he had drafted some which he submitted for consideration.From a financial aspect the Shire of Gordon had worked their dips at a loss & recommending that the price for dipping be 1½d. instead of a penny per head & ½d. instead of ¼d. for dipping out of season.Asking for consideration of the term "season" recommending the appointment of a caretaker, the erection of a painted board & the insertion of a pipe culvert at the entrance gate.

Shire of Gordon's report on Dips:-

Shire of Gordon to be thanked for his report & consideration of the subject to stand over till next meeting.

Secretary & Engineer:-

Clause 1. Reporting fair progress with all contracts, having regard to the frequency of showers but he had inspected the whole of the Eastern portion of the Shire from Kamarooka to Mitiamo.That Mr. Moxom had performed his clearing contracts satisfactorily, but some of the roads were badly washed out by storm water & should be repaired with stone of which there is ample in the neighbourhood.

Moved by Cr.Coulter,2nd.by Cr.Carey:-

That the clause be received but the repairs stand over till next meeting. Carried.

2. That he had examined the gravelling on the Tandara Road which is but slightly damaged & had arranged with Mr.Crapper to fill in the ruts at a cost of 35/-.

Moved by Cr.Carey 2nd.by Cr.Coulter:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

3. That he had examined the gravelling on the Dingee Road to the East & found it somewhat out up.He had asked Mr.Kett to fettle it up,provide 2 trucks of gravel & roll it.

Sec. & Eng's Rept. contd.

Moved by Cr. Coulter 2nd. by Cr. Carey:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

4. That on Dale's Road the 1st. formations required to be extended for about 16 chains of light formation. Cr. Carey stated that there was a petition coming in on the subject &

Moved by Cr. Carey 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:-

That the matter stand over till the petition arrives. Carried.

5. That on the Prairie road the new gravel has been rutted to some extent. There are a few yds. of gravel stacked but 4 more trucks should be procured & the whole rolled.

Moved by Cr. McCrea 2nd. by Cr. Carey:-

That the Engineer have the matter attended to at once. Cd.

6. That Mr. Vogele complains that his customers cannot get to his shop & he had asked Mr. Kett to construct about 1 1/2 chains of footpath as far as the Railway fence.

Moved by Cr. Coulter 2nd. by Cr. McCrea:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

7. That Mr. Tonkin asked for a crossing over the channel at the Methodist Church, Prairie, about to be erected. That he had replied to the effect that it is your custom to pay 1/2 the cost of such bridges which would be about £7.-- thus making the charge to the Church £3.10.-- That it is for you to decide whether you will make an exception in favor of a Church.

Moved by Cr. McCrea 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:-

That the Council provide the crossing. Carried.

8. That the Terrioks Road is in a very bad state & should be taken in hand as soon as funds will permit. There are long stretches of it that require solid formations & the whole should be gravelled as it is practically a main road with a great deal of traffic on it.

Received.

9. That the map of the Dingee Irrigation area shows in 2 instances that channels are to be constructed on the road which is two chs. wide. That objection should be taken to the State Rivers taking more than 50 links of it or there will be difficulty in finding material for our own formations.

Moved by Cr. Ettershank 2nd. by Cr. Mahoney:-

That this Council ask the State Rivers what roads are to be used for channels & what width. Carried.

Sec. & Eng's Rep. contd.

10. With regard to the well that the State Rivers invite us to remove timber from he thanks the removal of the timber would be dangerous & risky & hardly worth while. That the State Rivers should be asked to fill in the well at their own expense.

Moved by Cr. Carey 2nd. by Cr. Coulter:-

That the Engineer ascertain the cost of the well & ask the State Rivers to pay compensation for it. Carried.

11. That he had inspected the road clearings asked for but should hardly think that at Cheyne's & Chappel's worth clearing. However he had let the two contracts to Messrs. Lea & Ball at his original estimate of 5/- per chain, the one compensating for the heaviness of the other.

Moved by Cr. Ettershank, 2nd. by Cr. Bissett:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

12. That he had inspected the road between Devines & Cheyne's, Jarklan, & found there are three bad places which require forming & should be done. They would cost under £25 & he had called tenders for the same.

To stand over till Committee deal with tenders.

13. That he had inspected the sandhills cutting in Janiember West & found the 1st. section very badly done & called on Mr. Crapper to amend it. The 2nd. section & the small piece of formation further West are fairly well done.

Moved by Cr. Ettershank 2nd. by Cr. Bissett:-

That the Engineer refuse to pass the work until he is satisfied that clay as specified has been put in & report to the next meeting. Carried.

14. Showing the financial position of the Shire. Received.

15. That with regard to his paper on "Main & other Roads" he had sent it to the Institute of Municipal Engineers, who will bring it before their Council at their next Meeting.

To await result of deliberation of the Institute of Municipal Engineers.

16. That when at Mitiamo, he & his assistant had purchased food samples & made up 18 parcels & despatched a set to Mr. Anderson, your Analyst for analysing. He had advised the Board of Health. Appd.

Moved by Cr. Bissett, 2nd. by Cr. Keogh:-

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

Bills before the House.

The President reported that he had studied in particular the Thistles & Municipal Rating Bills, & considered they were very fair, but it seems strange that in the latter it had been left optional with Councils whether they adopted the valuation or not. All the Bills were therefore simply received.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders & Finance. Cr. Carey, by leave of the President, then retired.

On resuming:-

The Tenders Committee reported that they had opened 3 tenders for Contract No. 196. That in consequence of the price of it, they recommended that it be allowed to lie over sine die.

5 tenders for No. 197 that of Wm. Ball at £16.16.8 be accepted.

Moved by the President 2nd. by Cr. Keogh:-

That the report be received & adopted.

Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £574.12.7 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr. McCrea, 2nd. by Cr. Mahoney:-

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

Carried.

Cr. Keogh reported that another small culvert was required in the joint works on the boundary road recently executed by the Shire of Gordon & moved & was 2nd. by the President:-

That the Secretary communicate with the Engineer to the Shire of Gordon & ask him to put in the culvert & this Council will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost.

Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr. Keogh:- That the Engineer call upon Mr. O'Brien to remove the fence off the road in Contract 197 & fill up the holes.

By Cr. Coulter:- That the Engineer inspect the T piece on the 1st. road W West of Dingee with a view to draining the road & report by next meeting.

By Cr. Mahoney:- That the Engineer inspect Contract No. 184 as soon as possible. Mr. Owen reported that Mr. Albrecht intended to inspect it on Tuesday next.

Crs. Ettershank, Keogh & Bissett suggested that it would save time if Mr. Owen assisted the Secretary in taking the minutes at future meetings. AND the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 16th. October 1912.

S. C. McCrea Chairman
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 16th 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present Crs McCrea, Bissett, Shaw, Mahony:-

There being no quorum present the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting Cr McCrea being in the Chair on the motion of Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw & the meeting adjourned till 2.30. P.M.

2.30 P.M.

Business commenced Cr Ettershank being present.

The Secretary read apologies from the President & Cr Coulter:-

The Chairman explained that the minutes had been read & moved:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department asking that the books may

be ready for audit by 31st Inst:- that Mr R.H. Shackell had been appointed Auditor at a fee of £6.6.- with usual expenses. Read.

2. From the same that the sum of £97.2.- had been made available from the Unused Road rents. Received.

3. From the Commissioners of Railways that the gate at Dingee Railway Station will be left open for the use of the public on condition that they close it when leaving. Received with thanks.

4. From Mr Anderson, the Shire Analyst, with Report on samples sent.

Received a copy having been sent to the Health Department.

5. From the Municipal Association with notes on the Country Roads Bill. To stand over.

6. From the Shire of Rochester with Engineer's estimate of cost of repairing the Piccaninny Creek bridge on Mitiamo Road.

To stand over for Engineer's Report.

7. From W.J. Lea that he had accidentally broken through a bridge between Laird's & Murphy's on the Raywood Road with his traction engine. To stand over.

8. From L. Tuohy of Colbinabbin that he would be passing along the Elmore Road with a traction engine on 18th Inst. Received.

9. From the Shire Solicitors that they had paid into the Shire Account the sum of £38.3.4 rates & interest collected. Received.

10. From the Public Health Department with copies of gazettal of By-Law No. 3. Received.

11. From Mr J.C. Johnstone of Terricks West that he will assist in re-constructing the fence along the excision on the Mitiamo Road. Received with thanks.

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Corr. contd. 12. From Mr Ernest Old that he had paid over the balance of fees in hand & with report. Received.

13. From Putnam & Sons offering Cooper's sheep-dip. To stand over.

14. From Dalgety & Co the like. To stand over.

15. Harry & Sons asking leave to put a channel across the N.E. & W. road near their homestead with culvert.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the Chairman:-

That leave be granted under the supervision of the Engineer. Carried.

16. From the Under Secretary that public holidays had been gazetted for 9th & 10th Inst. Bendigo Show. Received.

17. From Arthur Jennings with thanks for donation to Inglewood High School. Received.

Various Annual Reports of Hospitals &c.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £101.10.8:- payments £574.12.7 :- net overdraft £1594.12.7. Received.

Rate Collector. No. 12. Rates current £36.- Interest £2.3.4:- Recd. No. 1. ,, arrears 15/- interest 10d. Recd.

Weigher Old. Fees. 16/6. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill. that he had registered 35 dairies & collected £12.10.-:- that he had found the dairies satisfactory. That Mr A.C. Gladman was milking 7 cows but claimed exemption from registration as he was using the milk for his own purposes & not selling.

The Secretary explained that under the terms of registration Mr Gladman was neither a cowkeeper nor dairyman & the Council concurred in that opinion.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Mr Gladman be held to be exempt. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. On works generally & completion of Dingee Road Contracts. Approved.
2. That Mr Crapper had repaired the gravelling on the Tandarra Road & Mr Kett that on Dingee Road to the East & Prairie Road to West. Approved.
3. That Mr Crapper had executed the small orders in Tandarra & that Mr Kett had put an upper deck to the bridge at Dingee & made the footpath at Vogele's & some petty repairs at the weighbridge & on the township. Approved.
4. That he had instructed Mr Old to test the weighbridge with coils of wire & clean all bearings. Approved.
5. That Mr Heil had satisfactorily completed the loaming on the Mitiamo road & was proceeding with the fence. That Mr Johnstone had offered to supply the new posts & droppers required. Approved with thanks to Mr Johnstone.
6. That Mr Hamilton had satisfactorily completed the Dip & Yards at Calivil & he, the Engineer, was awaiting settlement of the Regulations & the appointment of a caretaker. Asking as to purchase of dipping material. To stand over.
7. That Messrs Lea & Bailey had satisfactorily completed their clearing contracts. Received.
8. That Mr Crapper had been over his sandscoping in January W. & removed the sans. Received.
9. That he had inspected the new hall at Dingee & was waiting for notice of completion when he would send in his report. Approved.

Secy & Enger's Report contd. 10. He had examined bridge on Raywood road that Mr Lea's traction engine had broken through. He found it very old & rotten & had ordered the necessary timber for its repair & Mr Boyd will put it in. Would like advice as to traction-engine traffic. Received.

11. That he had the books written up & they are ready for audit. Approved.

12. Financial position. Received.

13. Asking for another roller for the N & S. Ridings. Had designed one to be loaded with water & weighing only 1 ton or thereabouts unloaded & 3 tons loaded. Cost about £40. To stand over till next meeting.

14. On the Country Main Roads Bill. Received.

15. As to Mr Chaplin's report on the repair of the Pissaninny Creek bridge recommending that the floor be battened & covered with 4" of tinned metal. After deliberation:-

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer suggest to the Shire of Rochester that a 2" upper deck covered with loam be provided. Carried.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Engineer's Report on Dip read:-

Re Dip. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the Chairman:-

That the Dipping season start on 25th October & terminate on 25th November this season. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the charge be 1d per head during the season & 1 farthing out of season. & deposit on 1/- per 100 be paid. Carried.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That 4 cases of Quibell's dip be procured. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to construct another yard on the

West side with suitable gates. To advertise the opening of the Dip in Inglewood, Bendigo & Pyramid Hill Advertisers & post notices at Post Offices.

Applications for the position of caretaker were received from

Messrs H. Smith & John Johnson.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the Chairman:-

That Mr John Johnson be appointed Caretaker of the Dip as from 25th October to 25th November at 10/- per day the Secretary to be empowered to retain his services should the applications for dipping so warrant. Carried.

Mr Ettershank invited the Caretaker to visit East Loddon Station on Tuesday next to view the system of dipping.

Finances.

The finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £432.14.8 & recommended their passing:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the Chairman:-

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

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Rate of 15d in the £. struck at the last meeting be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary call public meetings on Saturday 26th Instant for electing trustees of the Yarrayne Cemetery & general business & also for electing trustees of the Recreation Reserve, Serpentine. Carried.

Petition. Cr Mahoney presented a petition from Bailey Bros & Others asking for the formation of the E & W road between Bailey's & Chapple's.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Engineer inspect at early opportunity & report as to cost seeing Mr Bailey on the subject. Carried.

Instructions to officers.

By Cr Bissett:- to inspect the gravelling at McCauley's. The Engineer stated that he expected to do so on Friday.

By Cr Shaw:- That the Engineer have the stone-crossing at S.W. of Hooking's paddock in Yallock repaired.

By the Chairman:- complaining of the state of the quarters at the Mitiamo S.S. which the Department had promised to improve long ago. That the Department be written to & Mr Langdon asked to wait on the Minister & urge the matter on.

Condolence. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That a sincere vote of condolence be passed to Mr J.B. McCrea, formerly President of the Shire on the occasion of his bereavement by the death of Mrs McCrea. Carried unanimously. And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 20th day of November 1912.

David W. Coutts
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

November 20th 1912.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Coutts), & Crs Keogh, McCrea, Coulter, Mahoney, Ettershank, Carey, & Bissett.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence.

- I. From Victorian Railways with lease of site of Waterworks, Prairie for execution. Signed & sealed.
2. From Hon. H. McKenzie with copies of his speech on the Country Roads Bill. Received.
3. From the Municipal Association with Report of the Executive Committee on the same Bill. Received.
4. From the same with Report on further proceedings. S.O.
5. From Hon. T. Langdon asking the opinion of the Council on the same & acknowledging receipt of correspondence re Mitiamo S.S. S.O.
6. From the State Rivers re Channels in the Dingee Irrigation District that no roads will be reduced to less than one chain but they require a chain for their channels. That any loss by interference with the well will be fully compensated by the new channel supply. S.O.
7. From the Public Health Department acknowledging receipt of the Shire Engineer's Report on the Public Hall at Dingee & that the formal approval of the Board to the opening of the building has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Hall Committee. Received.
8. From the same with regulations as the handling of food-stuffs. Received.
9. From the same with regulations as to over-crowding public buildings & desiring that the same may be given effect to. Received.
10. From the same notifying that nominations for the election of a Member of the Board of Public Health for the Western Group must be lodged this day.
- II. From the Government Statist with forms of Municipal Statistics. To be attended to.
12. From H.A. Austin that his Council, the Shire of Buninyong, have nominated him & asking for nomination.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Mr H.A. Austin be nominated as Representative Member I.

^{nomination}
& his appointment be wired to the Department. Carried.

13. From the Shire of Strathfieldsaye with their objections to the Country Roads Bill. To stand over.
14. From the Education Department re quarters at Mitiamo S.S. that an estimate has been received from the Public Works Department. That the District Architect recommends the erection of a new residence costing about £400 but the erection is deferred but the repairs & alterations are under consideration.
15. From Hon. T. Langdon with copy of same letter sent to him.
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That in view of the drastic Reports of two Health Officers & the length of time that has elapsed since & the also the Report of the Inspector of Public Works the Education Department be urged to have the new premises erected at once. Carried.
16. From the Mitiamo Progress Association asking for the erection of a stone-crossing or bridge over the Piccaninny Creek on the Elmore Road.
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-
That the Engineer inspect & report as soon as convenient. Carried.
17. From the same drawing attention to 2 pieces of bad road near the township viz: about 13 chains on the N. & S. road East of the Railway & a similar length on the Tennysen Pine Grove Road.
18. From Cr McCrea that he had conferred with Cr Jones of the Gordon Shire who had expressed the willingness of that Shire to join in loaning the first piece.
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-
That the piece on the N. & S. Road be done provided the Shire of Gordon assist.
Cr Carey said that complaints were made that too much money was expended in Mitiamo & moved an amendment:- 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the work stand over until funds are available.
Amendment put & lost mover & 2nd alone voting for it. Motion put & carried.
19. From the Shire of Rochester that they had decided to have the Piccaninny Creek Bridge on the Pine Grove Road repaired (subject to the approval of this Council), with an upper deck of 9" x 3" or

9" x 4".

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Council will join in the cost of the repairs with a 3" upper deck. Carried.

20. From Inspector Brown that he had discovered the owner of a horse recently buried in Calivil & that he had refunded the cost 10/-.
Received.
21. From the Shire of Mareng with specification of road clearing to the boundary but that the Engineer had referred it back for further information. The Engineer explained that the specification did not set out the locality or dimension of the work to be done on the boundary ~~was~~ road. To stand over for the information.
22. From Mr William Davidson with terms for opening a road through his paddock to give access to the Pompapriel S.S. To s.o. for petition.
23. From Welch, Perrin & Co. with circular as to fire appliances. Read.
24. From the State Rivers with 7th Annual Report. To stand over.
25. From Cr Shaw with signatures to petition re Ridings, that he is satisfied with repairs to stone-crossing but may be called to town & may not be able to attend this day. Received.
26. From the Shire Solicitors for instructions.
Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-
That the Solicitors be instructed to take proceedings against the owners of the lands heavily in arrear. Carried.
27. From W. B. Hamilton asking for a further payment of £7.16.- on Contract No. 176. To s.o. for Engineer's report.
28. From E. Old reporting on the lamps & pump at Dingee. Read.
29. From P. J. H. Williams asking for expenses re his Boy's illness. To stand over till after lunch.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

The same Crs present:-

The Secretary read a Report on the Balance Sheet which he laid on the table. Also the Auditor's Report.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary's Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the statement & balance sheets having been examined & found just & true be allowed & certified to. Carried.

The sheets were duly signed & the special meeting closed.

General Business resumed the same Crs present.

Report.

Treasurer. Receipts £90.03.9:- Expenditure £432.14.8:- Over-draft £1936.13.6. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates Current £18. 6.3:- Arrears £34.15.-: Interest £2. 3.10. Total £55. 5.1. Received.

Dairy Inspector. That since last meeting he had registered 58 dairies & collected fees amounting to £15. 2.6. Totals:- Dairies 105:- Cows 884:- receipts £31. 2.6. Received.

Dip-Caretaker. that he had dipped 4807 sheep & used about 2½ boxes of dip. Has about 3,000 sheep ahead. His time 3½ weeks:- asking if to close on 25th. To stand over.

Weighbridge-keeper. that he had overhauled & tested the bridge shewing a shortage of 5lbs in 14cwt of wire & 8lbs in the ton. That the test was satisfactory & the bridge is in good order.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a fresh test be made up to 2 tons & Cr Coulter be asked to supervise. Carried.

The Engineer was instructed to arrange for next Saturday at 8 A.M.

Inspector of Nuisances Fattorini that he had had only 4 complaints during the last two months which he had attended to. He submitted one a/c for burying a horse which the Engineer deemed too high. Received the a/c left in the hands of the Engineer to settle.

Secretary & Engineer.

- I. On progress of works approaching completion. Received.
2. That Boyd has put in a new culvert in Foley's lane & will be reconstructing the bridge on the Raywood Road at Laird's but he, the Engineer had to get all new girders. Approved.
3. With regard to the new channels in the Dingee Irrigation Area, urging that 1½ chains be left to the Shire. Received.
4. As to Report of the State Rivers with regard to the Loddon United Waterworks Trust pointing out that the capital balance does not appear to be correct nor is any statement of year's expenditure shewn. Suggesting that Commissioner Catanach should be asked for an explanation.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary ask Commr Catanach for the information & also for a statement of the number of dams filled, what channels are running & when they started. Also the cost of running them. Carried.

5. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the State Rivers be asked to put the channels in running order immediately. Carried.

5. Urging the Council to consider the Country Roads Bill.

Secy & Engr's Report contd. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That this Council though agreeing that there is room for improvement in the system of dealing with Main Roads, are strongly opposed to the formation of a costly Government Department with power to override local Councils & warmly approve of the action of the Country party in standing out for adequate representation of Municipalities on any Board that may be appointed. Carried.

6. That he had written up the Rate & commentating on the result. Recd.
7. Financial position. Received.
8. Again asking for another roller for the N. & S. Ridings. The Engineer to make enquiries of the Engineer to the Shire of Korong as to weight & cost of their roller.
9. Reporting on the working of the Dip at Calivil.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the time for dipping be extended to 30th Inst. & that after that date persons dipping must pay the wages of the Caretaker. Carried.

10. As to Mr Hamilton's complaint. Referred to Committee.
11. On the dairies. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

R A T E B O O K .

The Secretary presented the new Rate which he had had written up. It was duly signed & sealed.

The Council then moved into Committee for dealing with finance. On resuming

Letter 27 & 28. Engr's Report. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the amount £7.16.- be passed for payment. Carried.

Letter 29. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the account claimed £2.5.- be passed for payment. Carried.

Finance. The Finance Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £35D. 8.- & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

RE DIVISION OF SHIRE INTO RIDINGS.

The Secretary was instructed to collect all the signatures with the view to getting the Petition in order at next meeting.

Petition. Cr Ettershank presented a Petition from W.G. Henderson & others asking the Council to open a road North from the Dingee Road to the Pomapiel S.S.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Petition be received. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Crs Ettershank & Bissett be asked to interview the owners of the land required to be purchased as to terms & report by next meeting. Carried.

Mitiamo Road purchase The Secretary presented a form of agreement with Dr Atkinson but he was instructed to send the same to the Shire Solicitors to deal with.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Coulter:-To inspect the drainage at Cox's corner on Dingee Road when State Rivers have finished their works there.

By Cr Bissett:-That the Engineer report on cost of removing the water-lifter from Miller's dam to Martin's paddock to draw from the Waranga channel.

By Cr Bissett:- to get ants round the hall destroyed.

Thistles. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Constables Brown & Pattonini be appointed Thistle Inspectors for the Shire & that they be instructed to commence operations at once at salaries of £1 per annum each & an allowance of £2 per week while in the field for 8 weeks. Inspectors to enforce Act strictly. Carried.

Thanks. Cr McCrea feelingly thanked the Council for their vote of sympathy on the death of his Mother.

Notice of Motion. By the President:-
That the resolution fixing the charge for dipping at the Calivil Dip out of season be rescinded.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19 day of February 1913.

David W. Boulton
President.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. *Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 18 DEC 1912*

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

December 18th 1912.

Ordinary meeting to have been held this day.

Present the President & Crs Shaw & Bissett:-after waiting till noon & no quorum being made the Councillors present sat as a Committee. The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-it was recommended that they be confirmed.

Correspondence.

1. From the Public Works Department that it is not possible to say at present when expenditure under the Main Roads Bill will be authorized. Forwarded by Hon. T. Langdon. Received.
2. From Hon. T. Langdon with advice from the Education Department that the erection of the new residence at Mitiamo S.S. is under consideration. Received.
3. From the same with copies of the "Workers' Compensation Bill". Read.
4. From the Public Health Department with posters re House Fly. The Secretary reported that he had distributed them throughout the Shire. Approved.
5. From the Shire of Marong that the Engineer had been instructed to furnish particulars as to clearing Contract on Southern boundary.
6. From W. T. Chaplin, Engineer to the Shire of Rochester, with specification, forms & estimate of repairs to Piccaniny Creek bridge, Pine Grove Road. The Engineer explained the alterations he had suggested & which Mr Chaplin had adopted.
7. From the same with amended specification & reduced estimate. The Engineer explained that he had distributed the tender forms to the leading Contractors. Correspondence received & Engineer's action approved.
8. From Harry Bros asking for a small piece of formation West of the works at the Tang-Tang. The Engineer reported that he had had it done at a cost of £6.11.7. Approved.
9. From J. Ride, Engineer to the Shire of Marong, with estimate of clearing Contract & particulars. Received.
10. From P. L. Edwards, Engineer to the Shire of Kerong, with particulars as to road roller. To stand over. To be further considered.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

Corr. contd. II. From E. Old reporting on fresh test of the weigh-bridge with Cr Coulter. Received & considered satisfactory.

12. From Hon. T. Langdon that it is the intention of the Government to again refer the Durham-Ox-Jarlan & Railway to the Railway Standing Committee. Received.

13. From the Public Health Department asking the Engineer to inspect & report on the Methodist Church at Prairie. The Engineer reported that he had done so. Received & Engineer's action approved.

14. From the Shire Solicitors as to the road purchase from Dr Atkinson. Received.

15. From the same as to proclamation of the road. To stand over till Council meeting.

16. From Commissioner Catanach in explanation of balance sheet & as to filling dams. The Secretary read his further correspondence which was approved.

17. From Constable Brown acknowledging appointment as thistle Inspector & the Secretary's instructions which would receive attention. Read.

18. From Dr Merrillees with report on Diphtheria at Tandarra. & with Account. The Secretary reported that he had sent a copy of the Report to the Public Health Department. Approved. A/c to be passed.

19. From the Public Health Department that they do not consider Mr Williams was entitled to any compensation. That Dr Merrillees is entitled to something but not the amount claimed. Received.

20. From Dr Merrillees reporting a case of Tuberculosis at Mitiamo. Read.

21. From Constable Patorini complaining of trespassing cows & asking for the establishment of a Pound. Received.

22. From J. L. Wyatt, Secretary to the United Country Movement with resolutions & asking for subscription of 10/6 towards expenses. To stand over for consideration.

23. From the Municipal Association with tabulated statement of the result of the Country Roads Bill. Received.

24. From the Shire of Rochester with Balance Sheet. Received.

25. From the Shire of Gordon the like. Received.

26. From the Chief Inspector, Sheep-Dipping Act asking if the Council have taken advantage of the Municipalities' Powers Extension Act & for particulars. The Secretary read his reply which was approved.

27. From Mr J. C. Johnstone that the price for the purchase of Dr Atkinson's land was £6 per acre. The Secretary reported that he had looked up Mr Johnstone's letter of March last & it was so. The difference 2.

Corr. contd. £14.4.- to be paid.

28. From the Shire of Huntley applying for half the cost of works at Methodist Church Kamarooka on the boundary road. To be paid.

29. From Cr McCrea asking advice as to Messrs Sims telephone line they are about to erect on the Pine-Grove Road:-that he cannot attend this day:-with compliments of the season.

The Engineer suggested that the poles should be erected on the fence line & Councillors acquiesced.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts:-£46.16.-:-Payments £350. 8.-:-Overdraft £2240. 5.6. Received.
Rate-Collector. Rates current. £23.11.3. Received.

Care-taker, Calivil Dip. J. Johnson, that he had finished operations & left the dip full of water. on f Oth Ulte:-Everything was satisfactory but he was going to look the gates. He had dipped ~~the~~ 3 sheep. Mr Gittins had applied for dipping 2,000 & paid a deposit of £1. He however only sent about 200 asking instructions. Suggesting that a shed be erected for tools & dipping material. Report received & ordered to stand over. Mr Gittins to be charged actual cost of dipping material besides the usual price for sheep dipped.

Secretary & Engineer.

Cl. I. Completion & inspection of all Contracts except the stone-crossing at Burke's Road. Received.

2. Inspection of road in Calivil with Mr Bailey. Recommending a bridge of 20'0" long over Calivil Creek & three pieces of formation about 16 chains long altogether. Approximate cost £110. To stand over till February Meeting.

3. That he had visited & inspected the Methodist Church at Prairie & sent in his report. Approved.

4. That he had designed a carriage & footbridge at the said Church & asked Mr W. H. Thomas for a price for putting it up. Approved.

5. That he had inspected the Prairie dam but only found 4'0" of water in it. He was putting a small culvert under the formation to assist in filling it. Approved.

6. That he had inspected the Dip & found little movement in the guttering in the drying pen. That the Shire of Gordon had worked at a profit of £107 last season & he hoped this would pay its way likewise. Received.

7. That Mr Boyd had completed the bridge on the Raywood Road which was equal to new. Cost for 2672 feet of timber about £26 & Mr Boyd's wages. The work is well done. Received.

8. As to shifting water-lifter at Miller's Dam it could not be done while the dam or the channel is full. Would be wasteful. Recommends putting up No. 8. Douglas Pump on the Waranga Channel bridges which would cost very little. Must get consent of State Rivers. Approved but to stand over for the meeting.

Secy & Engr's 9. Recommending application for a loan of £2500 to £3000 out
Report contd.

of the Country Roads Bill & shewing the result. Setting out the
 roads that should be treated. To stand over for meeting.

Cl. 10. Financial position. Overdraft £2240. 5.6. Received.

Instructions to officers.

Send letter from President to Bendigo Advertiser & Independent ask-
 Farmers to keep p- off the formations on the Dingee Road during
 the summer months.

By Cr Shaw:- to repair 3 culverts & fill a hole on the Raywood Road
 between the Dingee & Beavis's Roads.

By the President:- to repair approaches to Kelsh's Lagoon bridge.

The finance Committee examined accounts amounting to £297. 8.4 inclu-
 ding a bonus of £10 to the Engineer & £5 to Mr Eric Owen & recommended
 their payment & the Committee Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19th day of Feb 1913.

David W South
 President