

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. *Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held JAN 14 1913*

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

Jany 14th 1913.

Committee Meeting held this day:-

Present the President & Crs Ettershank & Bissett:-

Correspondence.

1. From the Public Works Department that £200 have been allotted towards various road works. The Council to expend £200 additional. Received.
2. From Hen. T. Langdon with thanks for complimentary letter:- notifying above allotment that was £50 more than the general run in his Electorate:- also with copy of the Main Roads Bill as passed:- as to the Railway that the increase of production might be added to the last statistics:- that it will be 3 or 4 months before the Committee visit the District.

The President stated that Mr Tayson having all the addresses & forms ready it would be advisable to let him gather the current statistics through the post so as to shew that the crop was of a permanent nature & not excessive for only one year.

3. From Commissioner Catanach in further explanation as to the accounts of the Lodden United Waterworks Trust. The Secretary expressed the opinion that the subscriptions made by the Council had not been properly ~~debited~~ credited in reduction of the capital liability but it was useless to deal any further with the question & the Committee concurred.
4. From the Education Department that the Minister had authorized the erection of the new quarters at the Mitiamo S. S. Received.
5. From the State Rivers & W.S. that permission will be given to erect pumps on the Waranga Channel bridges subject to the approval of plans. The Engineer submitted plan of stage & pump & stated that he had forwarded copy to the State Rivers. Approved.
6. From Cr Ettershank with terms for purchase of road to Pompapiel S.S. Cr Ettershank suggested that it would be advisable to close with Mr Martin's offer & send him a deposit of 5% viz:- £3. & this was decided on.

Reports.

Inspector of Thistles Fattorini that he had started work on 1st November & would finish by the end of this month but that it took 3 months instead of 2 though he did not ask for any further payment. The thistles generally had been out. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had prepared Contracts for tenders & asking instructions
2. Contract 196. Repairing Pom-Pom bridge. To stand over.
3. Contract 198. Road on East of Railway at Mitiamo. That he had asked the Shire of Gordon to contribute. Tenders to be called.
4. Contract No.199. Stage & pump on bridge at Martin's Pomapiel.
Tenders to be called for.
5. Contract No.201. Formations & at Bailey's & Chappel's Calivil.
Tenders to be called.
6. Contract No.200. Clearing fencing & East of Carrol's, Pomapiel.
Tenders to be called.
7. That the overdraft on 31st December 1912 was £2549.4.5 but was reduced to £2492.14.2.

Report received & adopted as dealt with.

Finance. The Committee examined accounts amounting to £77.18.1 & recommended their payment. They were signed accordingly & the meeting closed.
Confirmed this 19th day of Feb 1913.

David W. Coutts
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

February 19th 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of Committee Meetings of 18th December 1912 & 14th Jan 1913 & those of 20th November which had been read to the Committee were read or taken as read:-

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the actions of the Committees be approved & confirmed & all the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Government Statist with Statistical Register. Read

2. From the Public Works Department through Hon. T. Langdon that £200 had been allotted to the Shire for various roads the Council to expend £200 additional. Received.
3. From Municipal Association with Report of Annual Session. Received.
4. From Railway Commissioners with copy lease of Waterworks site at Prairie. Received.
5. From Lands Department with apology for last letter re Pound at Bear's Lagoon. Received.
6. From the same with terms of licence but no licence. To be applied for.
7. From Public Health Department acknowledging report of Engineer on Methodist Church at Prairie. Received.
8. From the same with scale of fees for analyses. Received.
9. From Hon. T. Langdon with Notice of Motion by Hon. P. McBride re re-fencing Bridgewater, Jarklan & line to the Railways Standing Committee. Received.
10. From the Public Health Department with requisitions on the Hall at Jarklan. To be attended to.
11. From the State Rivers & Water Supply approving of typical plan for pumps on bridges. Asking for copies for record. Received.
Copies already supplied.
12. Crs were afraid that the erection of the pumps would interfere with traffic. To stand over for tenders.
13. From the same with appointment to receive deputation on 14th Inst & from Hon. T. Langdon re the same. The President & Cr Mahoney had attended.
13. From Engineer Chaplin with appointment to meet the Shire Engineer

Corr.contd. at Piccaninny Creek on the Elmore Road. Cr McCrea had kindly at-

tended for the Engineer.

Received.

14. From Shire of Rochester that Cr McCrea had intimated that this Council would most likely not co-operate. They had therefore decided to take no further action.

Cr McCrea reported that the site would require a crossing 4 or 5 chains long:-that it would cost at least £100:- that the roads adjacent were very low & swampy & the traffic not sufficient at present to warrant the outlay:-that it might be required in future but in view of the state of the finances the matter stand over. The Progress Committee to be so informed.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Report be received & adopted & a hearty vote of thanks passed to Cr McCrea.

Carried.

15. From H.T.S.S. Pompapier ~~for~~ with names of scholars. For Mr Ettershank.

16. From Hon. T. Langdon with copy of Country Roads Bill as passed. Read.

17. From Department of Education that the Minister had authorized the erection of a residence at Mitiamo S.S.

Received.

18. From Secretary to General Booth Memorial Fund for subscription.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the letter be received.

Carried.

19. From Victorian Deaf & Dumb Institute for subscription. S.O for Cahamity Vote.

20. From Shire of Swan Hill with balance sheet.

Received.

21. From Vic. Eye & Ear Hospital for subscription. S.O. for Charity Vote.

22. From Public Health Department for Report. To be supplied.

23. From the same as to the treatment of Diphtheria. S.O. for Engr's Report.

24. From Under Secretary that 26th has been proclaimed a public holiday on account of Hospital Fete.

Received.

25. From Mitiamo Progress Association for establishment of Sanitary Service at Mitiamo:-formation at McIntyre's slaughter yards:- & proclamation as a township.

Cr Mahoney entered.

(1). Secretary to enquire & report by next meeting.

(2 & 3). Engineer to inspect & report. On motion of Crs McCrea & Coulter

26. From Cr Coulter that he had completed the signing of the Petition

Corr.contd. re Ridings & handed it to Cr McCrea.

Received.

27. From Inspector Brown with account for filling Railway Dam at Mitiamo.

Cr McCrea explained that the Railway Department supplied the trough with water & the public at Mitiamo & he did not think they should be asked to pay the account. He had authorized it.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Cr McCrea's action be approved & the account passed for payment.

Carried.

28. From H. Tresise asking for reduction of valuation by £2.

The Secretary explained that the Council could not deal with a valuation which could only be dealt with by the Court of Appeal.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Tresise be informed that he must apply to the proper Court at the proper time.

Carried.

29. From Mr F. Doody asking the Council to make a By-Law to deal with wandering cattle.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer report on the cost of Pound Yards & upkeep of the same.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Mr Doody be informed that it is unnecessary to make a By-Law but that the Inspector of Nuisances be asked to interview him a try & abate the nuisance.

Carried.

30. From the Shire of Gordon as to contributing to Contract No. 198. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

Reports. Treasurer. - Receipts £546.10.-. Payments £375. 6.5. Net overdraft. £2118.12.1. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates for December £31.16.8.-
1 Jan'y to date.

Rates current £498. 9.6:- Arrears £1. 3.-:- Interest £2.19.10:- Dogs 15/- Total £503. 7.4. Received.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown. with return of stock slaughtered. Sent on to Department. Received.

That he had inspected slaughter-yards & they were satisfactory. That he had called upon Mr McIntyre to make certain amendments, failing which he would take proceedings. That drains at Mitiamo require cleaning out. As to proposed sanitary service.

Received.

The Engineer promised to have the drains attended to at once.

Reports contd.

Thistle Inspr. Brown that he had inspected the district as far as possible. Star-thistles were growing in profusion stink-wort in isolated patches & Bathurst Burr making a rapid growth. That much cutting has been done but the weeds keep on growing. That 2 months are insufficient for the work.

Thistle Inspector Fattorini that he would finish his duties about the end of the month. The thistles have been cut satisfactorily, but still require attention. Asking that a/c against Mr A.E. Wallace be sent to him.

Considerable discussion ensued but ultimately it was

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Inspectors be instructed to proceed against defaulters. Carried.

Weigher Old that the accuracy of the weigh-bridge has been proved recently. Received.

Health Officer Dr Merrillees, for the year 1912.

Apart from the Tandarra out-break of Diphtheria there has been no case of infectious disease reported. Occasional inspections of premises in Mitiamo shew satisfactory results. Informal complaints have not been recognized. It would be advisable to consider some means of removing household garbage to avoid flies, which may become a menace in the event of Enteric Fever. Received.

Meeting of Ratepayers at Calivil on 3rd January. Minutes read & Report of re-

sult of deputation to State Rivers on 14th Inst on the subject of the Water Supply. The President & Cr Mahoney made supplementary Reports to the effect that the following were the main subjects brought forward. (1). Increase water supply.

(2). The thorough clearing out of the drains.

(3). That the people were quite prepared to pay extra rates.

Mr Mead in reply stated that to clean out the channels would involve raising the rate. That he would fill dams from the Waranga Channel on the same terms as last year. Councillors concurred in thinking that before the rate was raised the Rate-payers should be consulted at public meetings.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the Delegates for their attendance & efforts. Carried unanimously.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. That he had returned from holiday & thanking the Council. That he had interviewed Departments & left Mr Owen in charge of the office during his absence. Received.

2. As to the road roller pressing for the purchase of one on his design. To stand over.

3. That the Bridgewater & Railway line had been referred to the Committee. Received.

4. As to proclamation of road purchased from Dr Atkinson. To stand over for further consideration.

5. That he had interviewed Mr Holmes re the accounts of Dr Merrillees

& Mr Williams which the Department refused to recognize. Left in Secretary's hands.

4.

Re application from the United Country Movement for subscription. Secy & Engrs Report contd. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That IO/6 be voted out of the President's allowance. Carried.

7. As to Contract No. 198. Tenders invited subject to Shire of Gordon joining in. To stand over for tenders.

8. As to erecting pump on channel bridges. Crs spoke in opposition as the pumping would interfere with the traffic. There was no tender in but it was left in the hands of the Members for the South Riding & the Engineer to deal with.

9. Proposals as to working under the Country Roads Act. To stand over.

10. Cr Ettershank's report on road purchase through Carroll's A deposit of £3 had been paid to Mr Martin & receipt received. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCreat:-

That the arrangements made by Cr Ettershank with Mr Martin be approved & adopted & the Engineer make the necessary survey.

Carried.

11. That in the accounts passed at the December Committee meeting a £10 bonus has been passed to him & a similar one at the January meeting. Approved.

12. Drawing attention to the cutting up & sale of the Albert Park Estate & suggesting that the Tandarra Road should be extended right through to the Echua Road. Cr Ettershank seemed to think there was no hurry & the matter was ordered to stand over.

13. Suggesting that the salaries of the Thistle Inspectors be slightly increased. Received.

14. Inviting attention to the repeal of sec. 13 of the Unused Roads & Act whereby the Council will lose £100 per annum & suggesting that all Shires should be invited to consider the matter at a Special Meeting of the Municipal Association.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Secretary write to the Association drawing attention to it. Carried.

15. As to Finances. Received.

16. As to Petition re Ridings. To be pushed forward.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

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

On resuming the Committee reported:-

5.

That they had opened tenders for the various works, there being none for Contract I99. & the lowest were:-

Contract No. I98. Doody Bros	£29.11.-
.. No. 200. John Doody,	53. 7.6
.. No. 201. William Ball,	29.10.10.

& recommending their acceptance.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £147.18.2 & recommending their passing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

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

Instructions to Officers.

Charity Vote. The Secretary laid on the table a schedule of the usual Charity Votes amounting to £43. 3.-.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be approved & passed for payment. Carried.

By Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer inspect the channel crossings at Coffee's corner McElwain's gate & at A.E. Wallis's & write to the State Rivers asking them to provide for the escape of the water.

By Cr Ettershank:-

To make small formation at Boyd's near the Serpentine Creek bridge near Serpentine, the work to be done by Mr Boyd.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19th day of March 1913.

David W. Coutts

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

March 19th 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President (Cr Coutts), & Crs Bissett, McCrea, Ettershank,

Mahoney, Carey, Shaw, Keogh,

Minutes of last meeting read:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Treasury with account for Endowment £550. Received.
 2. From the same in reply to enquiry by Secretary that the a/c & Licences' Equivalent would be forwarded at the end of that week. Read.
 3. From the Lands Department Draughting Branch with proof plan of parish of Janiember West & asking what roads had been opened, closed or altered. The Secretary explained that he had answered these question "none". He had also asked leave to retain the plan & suggested that it should be brought up to date. Reply approved.
 4. From Clerk of Courts at Inglewood with £1.10.- half fine. Received.
 5. From Lands Department with gazettal of proclamation of Old Mitiamo Township. Secretary's reply asking for a plan of the present township read & approved.
 6. From Mr Thomas Keeley that he is willing to have the township proclaimed but he does not think that any streets were named or any plan registered. Secretary's reply read. To stand over for Secretary's Report.
 7. From the Public Works Department acknowledging receipt of Petition for re-subdivision of Shire into Ridings. Since gazetted & advertised.
 - 8 & 20. From Public Health Department that it is proposed to convene a Conference of Municipalities interested in the reception & maintenance of persons suffering from Infectious diseases in the Bendigo Hospital & asking the Council to send a representative. Conference to be held in Town-Hall, Bendigo on Thursday 3rd April since altered to Saturday 5th idem at 10 A.M.
- Crs drew attention to the omission of the Shires of Gordon & Korong & Rochester.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the President be asked to attend the Conference. Carried.

9.10. From the Shire of Tungamah asking contribution for carrying through

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Corr.contd. the case of Merritt v the Shire of Tungamah re Traction Engines.

The costs amount to £442.17.3 & may reach £475 less taxed costs.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the sum of £3.3.- be passed from Law Costs A/c. Carrd.

II & I2. From the Shire of Marong asking contribution to formation & stone-

crossing on boundary road between Yallak & Salisbury. The works

would cost £31.4.-.

Shaw

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

That the Council co-operate & contribute half the cost. Carrd.

I3. From the Shire Solicitors with title deed to new road purchased

from Dr Atkinson.

Received.

I4. From the same that they had prepared summons against Ridgway but he was not to be found. Secretary's correspondence read & approved.

I5. From J.T. Tweddle in reply to Secretary's enquiry, that the sale to Ridgway had fallen through & the land reverted to him. Also enclosing cheque for arrears & interest. Secretary had referred the same to the Shire Solicitors to deal with. Action approved.

I6. From the State Rivers & W.S. enquiring whether there was any objection to the sale of allotment IOB Janiember East to S. McNamara.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Council have no objection.

Carried.

I7 I8. From D. Rankin, Secretary to a meeting at Dingee, asking for a scheme

of water supply from the channels to be worked out for the township

of Dingee, with estimate of cost:- also that the Railway Department

be asked to co-operate & bring their buildings under the scheme.

Cr Carey reported that Mr Mead had been approached on the subject & was willing to entertain an application. To stand over for Engineer's Report.

I8. From the Lands Department that there is no special form of licence for permissive occupancy of the Pound Site at Bear's Lagoon. Read.

I9. From the Shire Solicitors re Ridgway & Tweddle that they have demanded payment of the balance due by Mr Tweddle. Read.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present except Cr Ettershank.

Corr.contd. 21. From J.W. Coleman asking for relief from flooding his premises at Tandarra.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the matter be referred to the Engineer to enquire into. Carrd.

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Corr.contd. 22. From the Public Health Department re Diphtheria at Tandarra

that the Minister was under no legal obligation to pay travelling expenses had decided that the sum of £2.2.- be paid & forwarding cheque

for that amount. Secretary read his correspondence on the subject

which was approved.

Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £899.14.9:- Payments £147.8.2:- net overdraft. £1355.16.7. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rate current £299.18.- Dogs £1.10.- Total £301.8.- Received.

Thistle Inspector Pattonini that he had started duty on 1st Nov. last

had received 2 months' pay at £2 per week but would be kept busy for some months. Bathurst-burr, stink-wort & star-thistle are to be seen all over the Shire. Asking for consideration.

Councillors seemed to think the duties had not been carried out satisfactorily.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Thistle Inspectors be allowed £1 per week from the expiration of their 8 weeks previous appointment till 16th

prox.

Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to draw their attention to stink-wort & burr.

Inspector of Nuisances Pattonini as to wandering stock. Read.

.. that complaints had been attended to. Read.

Health Officer Dr Deravin for year 1912.

That the health of the Shire had been excellent in the N & S. Ridings. Only 1 case of diphtheria at Pompiel had been reported to him. There had been a severe outbreak of Influenza in the middle of the year.

His attention had been called to the condition of the out-houses at the S.S. He had nothing else to report.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary ask the Education Department to reconstruct

the out-houses at the Serpentine S.S.

Carried.

Weigher Old with report & cheque for £23.12.6 for fees. Read.

Secretary & Engineer.

1. On works generally. Breaking up metal to stand over. Received.

2. That in company with the Committee he had inspected the bridge over the Waranga channel at Martin's & they had adopted his proposal in this instance but in other cases might put the pumps at the angle of the approaches fence. Approved.

3. That he had let the Contract for putting up the pump & stage to T. Butler at £11. Approved.

4. That he had set out the line of fence for the new road to Pompiel S.S. & the Contractor would go on as soon as he returned from Mitiamo. Approved.

Secy & Engr's
Report contd.

5. As to proclaiming the township of Mitiamo he had not succeeded in finding a plan of it. Mr Keeley consents to the proclamation but the question is who is to pay for the survey if one is required. To stand over till next meeting.
6. As to the sanitary service at Mitiamo he had made several enquiries & was gathering information. Mr Graham's letter was attached but the question is whether there are sufficient houses to warrant a scheme. A site should be secured near the town. Crs stated that such would be easily provided. After deliberation the Secretary was instructed to call a meeting of residents at Mitiamo & lay the particulars before them.
7. As to erecting a Pound there were 3 questions.
(1). Is it advisable to erect a Pound at all.
(2) The site. Bear's Lagoon:- Pompiel Forest, or more central.
(3). As to cost he could erect one for from £35 to £50. The usual salary was £1 per annum & the Pound-keeper took the fees.
To stand over till next meeting.
8. That he had arranged with Mr F.W. Kurz to clean out drains & culverts at Mitiamo for £8. Cr McCrea reported that the work had been well done.
Approved.
9. II. As to the Water-scheme at Dingee it would entail a considerable amount of work & the residents should provide for the initial expenditure. Giving an approximate scheme. To stand over for the Report from the State Rivers.
10. He had settled the Petition re the Ridings & Cr Shaw had delivered it at the Public Works Department.
Approved.
12. As to the drainage on the Dingee Road at Cox's he had met Mr Lockhart one of the officers in charge of the State Rivers works & he explained the works he proposed to do to meet the question & he, the Engineer, asked Mr Lockhart to extend a subway 15" pipe in this instance under the T approach & you would pay for it. The other places of flooding at Wallis's would be similarly treated but without expense to the Council.
Approved.
13. Reporting on the Dingee Road & recommending certain fettlings-up. That he had tested the approach at the Bullock Creek & did not think it would be affected by flood.
14. That Crs Bissett & Ettershank had expressed a desire to metal the approach to Bullock Creek & giving estimate for it.
15. That he had inspected the Prairie Road which was in good order but wanted a little fettling-up & gravel near the West end.

Secy & Engr's
Report contd.

- Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the Engineer put on a man on the roads & 2 trucks of gravel to effect the necessary repairs. Carried.
- The general fettling to stand over.
16. As to the finances the overdraft is reduced to £1355.16.7 but there are nearly £100 in hand. Outstanding rates amount to £1964. Read.
17. As to white ant in the Shire Hall he had had to put down a new floor in the Committee room but treated it & the ground with sulphate of copper. The library had been fearfully damaged. Approved but the President expressed the opinion that arsenic should have been used.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-
That the Secretary & Engineer's Report as read & dealt with be received & adopted. Carried.
- The Council then moved into Committee to deal with finance.
- Finance. On resuming the Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £199.12.10 & recommended their passing.
Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-
That the Report be received & adopted & the accounts passed. Carried.
- Instruction to Cr Carey drew attention to the drain in front of the S.S. at Officers. Tandarra & extended Eastwards.
- Water Supply. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-
That the Secretary write to the State Rivers & express the regret of the Council that the Commissioners should have gone back on their word given to the Deputation which waited on them in Melbourne on 14th February that the farmers would have their dams filled on the same terms as last year, viz £1 per dam & now ask them to pay the cost of pumping.
That as to the increased rate the Council think that rate-payers should have been consulted prior to raising the rate. They further consider that the old rate was quite sufficient to carry on the works required. Carried.
- Cr Carey reported that Mr William Aitken required a bridge over the side-cutting at his allotment in the parish of Yallock at Tandarra & was willing to pay half the cost.
Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-
That a crossing be put in. Carried.

Cr Bissett drew attention to a drain recently cut by Mr Gittins across the Echuca Road & moved:-& was 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Mr Gittins be called upon to put a culvert over the drain.
Carried.

Instructions. By Cr Bissett:- To ask State Rivers to put a culvert over cutting in Burke's lane.

To ask Benj. Heyward to repair culvert in Beavis's road where a plank is broken.

To engage Price to fettle up approach to Bullock Creek bridge.

By Cr McCrea:- That the Engineer report on the cost of half a mile of formation on the N. & S. Road at Pentreath's gate by next meeting.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the Council regret the departure of Mrs William Hardy, widow of the late Cr Hardy, & some of her family, from the district after residing here for so many years, & desire to convey to her their best wishes for her & their future welfare. Carried.

Notice of Motion.

By Cr Mahoney:-

That about 30 chains of formation be made on the Mitiamo Road between Hercus's & Hare's, Calivil.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 16th day of April 1913.

David W. Coutts
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 16th 1913.

There being no Councillors present at the Meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 23rd Inst at 11 A.M.

Max E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

April 23rd 1913.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

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

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Department of Public Health ^{Works} with gazettal of Petition for re-subdivision of the Shire into Ridings. Received.
2. From the same drawing attention to the amendments in the Pounds Act. Received.
3. From the same approving of plans & specification for Contract No. 201 as a charge against the Unused Roads & Water Frontages Act 1903 Rents subject to the insertion of a Minimum Wage clause. The Secretary explained that from previous correspondence there was no minimum wage fixed for the Shire but that he had inserted one in the new Contracts. Approved & received.
4. From the Department of Lands with tracing of the original survey of Mitiamo township but without lengths or bearings. Received.
5. From the Railway Commissioners that they will write further as to the Engineer's application for a plan of the Station ground at Mitiamo. Received.
6. From the Public Health Department in reply as to the Conference to be held in Bendigo on 5th Inst. re Infectious Diseases Hospital, that the omitted Shires referred to, were attached to the Inglewood & Echuca groups. Received.
7. From the Hon. T. Langdon that the Railways Standing Committee will be visiting the district the first week in May & asking advice as to arrangements.

From the same that final arrangements will be made this day &

with further suggestions.

Received.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the whole of the Council attend as representatives of the Council.

Carried. ~~Received~~

Cr Mahoney entered.

8. From J.C. Johnson, Manager of Dr Atkinson's Terricks West station

with cheque for rates, £242.17.6 & notifying that 923 acres in Hayarri had been sold to Messrs Pickles Bros of Mologa. Read.

9. From the State Rivers & W.S. with plan of the Loddon United Waterworks Area for inspection of rate-payers. The Secretary explained that the plan was on view in his office & shewed the area excised on account of the Dingee Irrigation Trust. Read.

10. From the Municipal Association inviting Motions for the Annual Session & with an abstract of recent legislation. Read. ~~Read.~~

11. From J.H. Lance of Mitiamo, blacksmith, asking approval of his premises at Mitiamo as a factory.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter stand over until the Secretary find out the Council's position.

Carried.

12. From Mr Horwood Gittins that he has filled up the drain across the Echua Road but that it was not out without the consent of the Council as it was there before Mr Gittins purchased from Norton Mr McNaughton. Received but get the drain fully filled in.

13. From the Mayor of Wonthaggi asking co-operation in getting the screened coal taken out thrown open to the public.

After deliberation:-

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the letter be received.

Carried

14. From Messrs Annall & Jackson with directories. Received.

15. From W. Bird, Secretary to the Shire of Swan Hill with copy specification for sanitary service & explanations as to its working.

Received.

Contd. From the Railway Department that their plans do not shew the

16 Mitiamo Township.

Received.

17. From the State Rivers in reply to enquiries, that the agreement was that the dams be filled provided the cost of pumping were paid. That the suggestion for increased rate came from the depuration. That the Commission believes that when the works are completed the distribution of water will be greatly improved. The Secretary pointed out that this reply did not tally with the Report of the Deputies. To stand over.

18. From Harry Bros. asking for a much larger bridge or a stone-crossing on the Dingee Road about 2 miles West from the Railway Station or they would be flooded out on their cultivation.

After considerable discussion it was:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer put in an 8'0" culvert.

Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed:-the same Crs present.

Factories Act. The Secretary expressed the opinion that the Factories Act did not operate in the Shire.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the Secretary enquire into the matter & report by next meeting.

Carried.

19. From V. Fattorini asking for the use of the Shire Hall for 4 dances in aid of the Shelter Shed for the S.S. Serpentine. Stating that the funds in hand were £10.18.- & that the probable cost will be £30.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the application be granted for tonight, free. Carried.

20. From the Station Master Prairie in explanation of the charge of 27/- for discharging 3 trucks of gravel. Read.-a/c to be paid.

21. From Tonkin & Orchard asking for formation in front of their store at Prairie.

The Engineer explained the difficulty of the position:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer inspect & report, asking householders to contribute.

Carried.

Corr. contd. 22. From C.H. Meaden in reply as to Unused Road Rents.

The Secretary explained the position & the injustice of it & suggested that it be put on the day-paper for consideration at the Annual Session of the Municipal Association.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the matter be one of the subjects for the Annual Session
Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts. -£1511.13.8.- Expenditure £199. 3.2.

Overdraft £42.17.5. Received.

Rate-Collector:- Rates current £1444. 3.11.- Arrears £ £14.10.-
Interest £1. 7.-:- Dogs £7.10.- total £1467.10.11
Received.

Thistle Inspector Fattorini that he had put A. Smith on to cut
burns star-thistle & stink-wort on Duffy's Dutton Bros
& Twiggs, & will collect the charges. These weeds are still
coming on but he will continue his duties for the year
without further charge. Received.

Thistle Inspector Brown reporting the action he had taken:-

Thanking Crs for additional grant:-that he had had the
thistles cut on the Reserves at a cost of 5/- . Read.

Cr McCrea & the Engineer as to the Meeting at Mitiamo on 2nd Inst.
as to Sanitary Service that they were desirous of having
it established even if it cost 30/- per par:-site left
to Progress Committee to select:-asking the Council to
proceed with the establishment of the Service.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Committee for
the trouble they had taken in the matter. Carried unly.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Council arrange for the Sanitary Service as soon
as possible. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Councillors for the East Riding be appointed a
Committee to go into the details & report. Carried.

President re Infectious Diseases Hospital at Bendigo. that he had

attended Conference at the Town Hall, Bendigo on 5th Inst
Dr Robertson, Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Health
in the Chair. That an estimate was submitted of £2000 for
the building & £500 a year for the maintenance of 20 beds.
Resolved that Dr Robertson be asked to draw up a Report
Scheme of Management & estimate of cost & submit them to
each Council & not only place the contributing basis before
them but a separate scheme of paying so much per head.
Since the Conference such scheme has been prepared & lies
before the Council. Drawing attention to the small number
of cases sent by the Shire & the liberal subscriptions

Reports contd. already made to the Bendigo Hospital. Suggesting that if
the contributing basis be adopted only half be asked for
the other half being paid by the State Treasurer.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for attend-
ing the Conference & for his Report. Carried.

The matter was ordered to stand over till the afternoon.

Secretary & Engineer. 1. On progress & completion of Contracts. Received.
2. On works proposed at Mitiamo & included in one Contract.
That he was assuming that the Shire of Rochester would
contribute to the extension of Tramway on Pine-Grove Road.
That he had asked them to do so.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the works on the Pine-Grove Road be done subject to
the Shire of Rochester joining. Carried.

3. That a bridge on the Mitiamo Road opposite the Pyramid Road was
worn out & required renewing but the public had blocked it in time
of flood & asking either that it be reconstructed or removed.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the bridge be removed. Carried.

4. The question of water supply to be referred to Progress Committee
As to the local water service from the Railway Tank that they

the Railway Commissioners had refused to allow of extension of
reticulation & asking that some scheme be organized. Received.

5. As to sanitary service at Mitiamo. Already dealt with.

6. As to repairs done on Prairie & Dingee Roads by Mr A. Price, Read.
Engineer to inspect.

7. As to the drainage works at Cox's corner on the Dingee Road the
State Rivers having altered their scheme the Engineer has cancelled
his offer for the Council to subscribe & asked them to do what
works are necessary at their own expense. Approved.

Cr Carey reported that in an interview with Mr Concoran, the
Officer of the State Rivers, they had come to the conclusion that it
would be advisable to put in a stone-crossing at joint cost of
the Council & the State Rivers.

8. That Mr Williams has erected a new shop at Dingee & asks for an
approach to be made to it & he will put in the necessary bridge
at his own expense.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

9. As to several items at Tandarra that he had made a study of the
same & authorized Mr Crapper to carry them out. These included
cleaning out the drain past the S.S. & running East:-the bridge

Sady & Engr's Report contd. * at Aitken's corner the approach to the Hall:-trimming up & gravelling & widening gravel. He had ordered 2 trucks of gravel. Action approved of.

10. That he had surveyed for the formations at Pentneath's, McCrea's & Hercus's & Hare's & invited tenders for them. To stand over for tenders.

11. Recommending that application be made for a properly constructed Post Office at Serpentine & the extension of the mail service from Dingee into Pompapial on to Serpentine. To stand over till the Railway is authorized.

12. Financial position & that practically the large overdraft had been wiped out. Received.

13. Asking for a new linoleum in the Committee room.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That a new linoleum be procured. Carried.

14. As to Mr Lance's application for approval of his premises at Mitiamo as a Factory:-already dealt with.

15. As to proclaiming the township of Mitiamo he had succeeded in getting a tracing & hoped to get more information shortly.

16. That he had not yet heard anything about the Petition re re-division of the Shire but expected to do so shortly. A wire arrived during the sitting intimating that the order would be made at the next meeting of the Executive Council. Received.

17. He had withheld answering Mr Meader's letter on the question of the Unused Road Rents & suggesting that the subject be placed in the Day Paper of the Annual Session. Already dealt with.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Weigher Old. with cheque for £14.16.6. Received.

Pound. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the necessary proceedings be taken to establish a Pound at Janiember East. Carried.

Memo: to enclose reserve fence to be 4'6" high with barbed wire on top.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with tenders & Finance. 6.

Finance.

The Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £208. 6.9 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

The Committee reported having opened the following tenders & that the lowest were as follows:-

Contract No.202.	<u>Doody Bros.</u>	£50. 7.11.
No.203.	" "	60.12.2
No.204.	" "	28. 9.2.

Cr McCrea objected to the Store crossing in Contract No.203 & it was decided to omit it. As to the works under this Contract it was decided to omit those on the Pine-Grove Road relating to extension of the Tramway unless the Rochester Shire shared the cost.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That subject as above the tenders be accepted. Carried.

Cr Carey asked for the filling up of a hole on the Tarricks Road which would cost about £3.10.--.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Carey be authorized to get the work done. Carried.

Filling Dams. As to the reply from the State Rivers to the Council's motion at the last meeting:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the deputies deny the statement made therein that in proposing to clean out the channels in the Shire they were only carrying out the request of the deputation. What they stated was--said was "that the Calivil portion of the Loddon United Water Trust area were willing to pay any extra cost in cleaning out channels provided they got a guaranteed supply from the Warranga Channel. Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a copy of the resolution passed at the last meeting & of the reply read that day be forwarded to Mr Langdon. Carried.

Instructions to officers. Cr Ettershank asked the Engineer to attend to

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the formation near the Serpentine Creek bridge at
Serpentine next week.

Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershark:-

That this Council is prepared to pay per capita for
cases sent to the Hospital from this Shire in prefer-
ence to subscribing towards a new building. Carried.

The President requested Councillors to endeavor to reach the
meetings earlier so as to be able to put the business through
earlier & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 21st day of May 1913.

David W. Coutts

President.

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON. *Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held*

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

May 21st. 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day.

Present:- The President (Cr. Coutts), & Crs. Bissett, Carey,

McCrea, Coulter, Mahoney & Shaw.

Minutes of the Last meeting were read.

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

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence.

1. From the Treasury with claim for £93, Licenses Equivalent.
Since paid in.
2. From the Public Health Department with memorandum re Notifiable
diseases. Received.
3. From Dr. Willis of Bendigo Hospital, notifying a case of Tuber-
colosis at Dingee. Received.
4. From the Chief Inspector of Factories, that the Minister has
extended the registration of Factories to the whole
of Victoria. That other Determinations had recently
come into force notably that applying to Country Shop
Assistants. To stand over for Secretary's Report.
5. From the Public Works Department, that the Inspector of Municip-
al Accounts required the weighbridge-keeper to be guaranteed.
Secretary reported that he had taken steps to take out a Policy
for £50. Received, Secretary's action approved.
6. From the Director of Education as to the celebration of Empire
Day. The Secretary explained that he had communicated with
the Head-teachers of all the Schools in the Shire.
Received Secretary's action approved.
7. From the same approving the arrangements made in the Shire. Recd.
8. - 12. Replies from State Schools. Received. 8
13. From Hon. T. Langdon, with the State Rivers Commission reply re
Water Supply. Referred to Committee.
14. From such Commissioners with their reply. Ditto.
15. From John Crapper, as to Flood Damage & sundry works required
in Dingee & Tandanna. Left to the Engineer to inspect.
16. From D. Hopkins for 30 chains of formation on the Prairie Road
at Dutton's, Engineer to Survey.

Cont. continued.

17. & 18. From Harry Bros. urging the insertion of a 12'0" bridge on the Dingee Road at their dam & that nothing less will do. Moved by Cr. Carey, 2nd. by Cr. McCrea:-
That a 12'0" culvert be put in. Carried.
19. From Cr. McCrea in explanation of what took place at the Meeting at Calivil on the question of Water Supply. Referred to Committee.
20. From Cr. Coulter asking the President to convene a Public Meeting at Tandarra re the increase of the Water Rate. Referred to Commit. Cr. Ettershank entered.
21. From Henry Jackman complaining of flooding. Urging the clearing out of the drain at Tandarra, asking for the insertion of a carriage bridge at his place on the usual terms. S.O. for Gen. Business. Ditto.
22. From the same with further complaints. Ditto.
23. From James Coutts, asking the Engineer to visit Prairie on account of his land being flooded. Stand over for Engineer's Rept.
24. From the Shire of Yackandandah with Report re St John's wort Received.
25. From William Boyd of Tandarra complaining of the increase of the Water Rate. Secretary explained that the Council intended holding a public meeting at Tandarra which Mr Boyd could attend. Reply approved. Letter read.
26. From the Mitiamo Progress Committee with replies submitted by the Engineer, to questions. Cr. McCrea expressed the opinion that that if the Mitiamo people do not like to look after the lamps they should do without them. Letter read.
27. From the Shire of Rochester refusing to join in the Pine-Grove works. Received.
28. From the Country Roads Board asking for information as to main Roads. Information to be supplied.
29. From the Shire Solicitors that they will put through the transfer of Robert Boyd's allotment. Received.
30. From the Lands Department with plan shewing the latest settlers on Hurstwood Estate. Received.
31. From Head Teacher, S.S. Mitiamo as to Empire Day. Received.
32. From Shire Solicitors with transfer of Boyd's allotment. S.O. for Secretary's Report.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £243. 8.5. Payments £208. 6.9.- Overdraft £63. 11.4. Received.
Rate-Collector. Rates £92. 15.2.- Interest £4. 11.9.- Dog fees £29. 5.- Total £126. 11. 11. Received.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed.: the same Crs present.

Secretary & Engineer's Report.

1. That he had inspected Price's works on Prairie Road which were good but those on Dingee Road had been badly out up since last rains but will not be secure until gravelled or metalled. Read.
2. That he had met Mr Jas. Coutts at Prairie & finally authorized him to put a small dam across the side cutting on the ^{North} South of Ternyson Road & he appeared to be satisfied. Approved.
3. That he had submitted a scheme for treating the township of Prairie to Messrs Tonkin & Orchard & advised them to consult ^{mi} Messrs Miles & Falls as to proclaing it a township. Cr. McCrea reported that Messrs Tonkin & Orchard were not prepared to adopt the Engineer's scheme.
Moved by Cr. Carey 2nd by Cr. Coulter:-
That it be left to Cr. McCrea to interview the parties interested & report by next meeting. Carried.
4. That on the Dingee Road he had found that the State Rivers had put in a concrete culvert on the Dingee Road at Cox's & a subway under the channel on the South side. That a stone-crossing would shortly go in as agreed upon. Received.
5. As to culvert at Harry's. Already dealt with.
6. Urging that an inexpensive Contract be let for fettling up the new formations on the Dingee Road.
Moved by Cr. Ettershank 2nd by Cr. Coulter:-
That the recommendation be adopted at a cost not exceeding £15. Carried.
7. That the works on the deviation at Oatway's are being carried out. Received.
8. As to works at Tandarra in the hands of Mr Crapper delayed by rain. Will set out those required at Watson's. Received.
9. That he had inspected & passed the pump at Martin's, Pompaipel. Approved.
10. Had submitted questions to the Mitiamo Progress Committee but their resolution asking for the re-construction of the bridge on the Mitiamo Road at the West was unwarranted as the watercourse had been diverted by the Railway Department & no water

could pass under the bridge. Bridge to remain for the present.

II. As to proclaiming the township with necessary procedure. Approved.

I2. As to Factories Act that the Council may safely certify to the suitability of Mr Lance's premises as a factory.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the application be verified to. Carried.

I3. That in view of the Shire of Rochester refusing to join in the Pine-Grove Road works he had settled Contract No.203 at £24.12.- instead of £60.12.2. Approved.

I4. Submitting correspondence with Mr Langdon on the subject of the Rating & charge for filling dams. Referred to Committee.

I5. That he had received a number of enquiries as to fencing off Unused Roads which could not be answered without personal interviews. As the Council do not now receive half the rents he had had asked for an allowance of £2.2.--.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary enquire whether, now that the rents are taken away from the Shires, returns as to closed roads are still to be furnished & enquiries answered. Carried.

I6. That the re-subdivision of the Shire into Ridings has been gazetted. Received.

I7. That he had surveyed the site for the Pound & will call for tenders for the fencing. It will be necessary to declare the site a Pound:-fix the scale of fees, have a board painted & erected & appoint a Pound-keeper. Received & notices of Motion given.

I8. That in conjunction with the President & Crs Bissett & Ettershank he had made an agreement with Mr R. Boyd for the purchase of allotment 3 Janiember East for £10 & made arrangements for removal of fence & erection of new one to give access to the Serpentine Creek bridge at Serpentine.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the action be approved & confirmed. Carried.

I9. That he had only taken out 2 summonses for rates since he had been in office:-the first had been satisfactorily settled

& judgment for £15. 1.5 & £1.12.- costs had been obtained in the other. He had given the Defendant one month in which to pay. Approved.

20. That the overdraft to date is £63.11.4. Received.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

The Council then moved into Committee.

Water-Rate. On resuming the Committee made the following reports:-

That the Secretary ask Mr Langdon to arrange a meeting with Mr Commissioner Mead on the subject of Water Supply.

That a public Meeting be convened at Tandarra on Wednesday 28th May at 2.P.M.

Finance.

That they had examined accounts amounting to £130.18.5 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Comm. Nos 21, 22. From Mr Jackman. Mr William Govett appeared at the table

& asked that his dam be allowed to remain or his house would be flooded out. He had obtained Mr Coleman's permission.

Ultimately it was decided to receive the correspondence & take no action but the Engineer was instructed to see whether more waterway was requisite under the railway line. Mr Govett was so informed & withdrew.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Mahoney be authorized to get certain stumps on the road between Kirwan's & Hussey's removed. Carried.

Instructions to Officers. By Cr Coulter to ask Mr Matchett to fill up drain or provide crossing

That the State Rivers be asked to have the road at B. Farrell's, ^{East} West of the P.R. repaired.

By Cr Carey:-

That the Engineer have a small piece of formation made (about 5 chns), on Beavis's Road W. of Lawry's. Ask J. Lawry to do it at schedule rate.

Instns contd. By Cr Ettershank:- That Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of a bridge over the Serpentine Creek at the Serpentine P.R. & also of opening up Kelsh's Road. N. & S.

By Cr Bissett:-

That the Engineer report on the boundary road between Janiember East & Yarrayne & between Janiember East & Pomp-
piel.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Ettershank:- that the site surveyed for a Pound at Bear's Lagoon be adopted for Impounding purposes.
That the table of rates for Impounding be settled.
That applications be invited for a Pound-keeper.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this ^{18th} day of June 1913.

David W. Coulter
President.

I N C O M M I T T E E . May 21st 1913.

Re Water Supply. The same Crs present.

All papers relating to the subject were laid before the Com-
mittee including a detail report on the state of the channels.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Secretary write to Mr Langdon to arrange a meet-
ing with Commissioner Mead when on his tour, & the rate-
payers be invited to meet him at the Shire Hall. Carried.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary call a meeting of rate-payers at
Tandarra Hall on Wednesday 28th Inst at 2 P.M. Carried.

Instruction by Cr Shaw:- That the Engineer take out the expen-
diture by the Shire on the channels prior to their being
taken over by the State Rivers.

That Mr E.L. Smith be asked how many men are employed on
the channels.

And the Committee meeting closed.

Confirmed this day of June 1913.

**SHIRE OF EAST LODDON – MINUTE BOOKS
JUNE 1913 TO NOVEMBER 1918**

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

June 18th 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

Minutes of last meeting read:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. I. From the Public Works Department notifying the grant-

ing of the Petition for re-subdivision of the Shire into Ridings
Received.

2. From the same returning deposit cheque of £20. Received.

3. From the same approving of plans specifications & tenders of
Contracts 198, 200, 202 & 204. Amount £147. -.I. Received.

4. From the same with Claim for £29.15.- Contract No. 198. out of
Unused Road rents. Received.

5. From the same that all Contracts under the Special Grant must
be completed by 30th June or will lapse. Payments will be made
till the end of July. Received.

6. From the Wheat Commission with Report. To stand over.

7. From Mr E.L. Smith of the State Rivers that there were no men at
work on the channels on the date mentioned but Mr L. Smith
was employed as acting Water Bailiff to 15th May. Received.

8. From the State Rivers through Mr Langdon, that no date was fix-
ed for a visit through the Shire by Mr Elwood Mead but the
Council would be notified of any such visit. Received.

9. From Mr W. Thomas as to the meeting at Tandarra on the question
of the Water-Rate & asking that the resolution there passed
be carried out. The Secretary reported that he had drawn a Peti-
tion in due form & sent it to Mr Thomas for signature. This he
read. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the form of Petition be approved.

Carried.

10. From Victorian Railways with particulars of their Station Ground
at Mitiamo & charging 10/6 therefor which the Secretary had
paid. Action approved.

II. From the Public Health Department asking for an inspection of

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contd. the cellars of de-licensed house. The Secretary had referred the same to Inspector Fattorini who had inspected that at Mr Cobb's & found it filled in. This was the only house in the Shire. Action approved.

I2. From the same with Circular as to disinfection. Received.

I3. From the Chairman of the Country Roads Board complaining of Hon. R.H.S. Abbott's speeches during his recent election tour. Received.

I4. From the Shire of Rochester asking for a copy of the Agreement made for treating the Mitiamo Road. To stand over.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

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

contd. I5. From Lawrence Bagnell junr asking for formations & clearing near his place in Jarklan.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer inspect & survey & if necessary call tenders. Carried.

I6. From Mr Stielow, H.T.S.S. Serpentine with thanks for donation. Read

I7. From Messrs Tonkin & Orchard declining to accept the Engineer's scheme for Prairie but asking for small formation in front of their store:- also for carriage bridges at their private houses.

I8. From the same asking for extension of gravelled formation for 7 chains. Both letters to stand over.

I9. From Mr J. Kett that he cannot do the fettling up on the Dingee Road until it dries up. The Engineer reported that he had seen Mr Kett the day before & he had submitted a reasonable price for the work which he had accepted. Mr Kett would start as soon as he obtained the timber for Messrs Harry's bridge. Cr Bissett objected to the rolling but the Engineer pressed for it as most essential.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer's action be approved. Carried.

20. From Messrs Tatchell Dunlop & Co with cheque for judgment against Carin who was negotiating the sale of his property. Read.

station. Cr McCrea introduced Mr Henry Jackman who wished to lay a complaint before the Council. The standing orders were suspended

on the motion of Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

Mr Jackman complained of the unequal distribution of the water owing to the construction of banks along allotments by which he received more than his share & suggested the erection of a longer bridge or a stone-crossing. Ultimately:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That as many Crs as possible meet at Mr Jackman's residence on Wednesday 25th Inst at noon to inspect & enquire into the matter. Carried.

The President & Crs Carey, McCrea & Bisset expressed their willingness to attend & the Secretary was instructed to invite Crs Shaw & Coulter to do likewise.

The President informed Mr Jackman of the resolution who thanked the Council & withdrew.

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Treasurer. Receipts £278. 7.10. Payments £130.18.5. Cr balance £82.3.10. Received.

Rate-Collector Rates current, £216. 4.11. Arrears £9.10.3. Interest £9.4.2.-Dogs £4. Received.

Weigh-bridge, keeper, E. Old. Receipts £16. 7.-. Received.

Inspector of Thistles, Brown. that he had caused Burrs & Star-thistle to be cut in many places & had inspected the S.E. portion of the Shire including the parishes of Kamarooka, Tandarra & Wallock & had taken the necessary steps to have Stars cut. Received.

Secretary Return of Rates in Mitiamo township amounting to £37.11.3. Received.

Secretary & Engineer, I. On business of the month. Received.

2. On the question of the defeat of Hon. R.H.S. Abbott suggesting a vote of thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Abbott for past services. Carried unanimously.

3. As to inability to get earthwork pushed on on account of excessive wet. Received.

4. That in company with Cr Bissett he had inspected the boundary road between Jariember East & Varrayne & found that 3 pieces of formation were required & a stone-crossing. On the N & S boundary road only a length of 3 chains was required. Stand over for general business.

5. That in company with Mr Donald Hopkins he had surveyed for 26 chains of light formation & a box culvert on the Prairie Road at Dutton's & 8½ chains of formation without culvert at Collins's. Tenders to be called by next meeting.

6. As to Messrs Tonkin & Orchard's requirements. Cr McCrea reported that they refuse to adopt the Engineer's scheme but he had authorised Mr Ball to make up alongside the store with earth. Mr Jas. Couuts had been relieved by the bank the Engineer had authorised him to put up. That Messrs Tonkin & Orchard who had a bank round their allotment was being removed. That the sheep trucking yards were unapproachable & a culvert should be put in immediately.

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Treasurer. Receipts £278. 7.10. Payments £130.18.5. Cr balance £82.3.10. Received.

Rate-Collector Rates current, £216. 4.11. Arrears £9.10.3. Interest £9.4.2.-Dogs £4. Received.

Weigh-bridge, keeper, E. Old. Receipts £16. 7.--. Received.

Inspector of Thistles, Brown. that he had caused Burrs & Star-thistle to be cut in many places & had inspected the S.E. portion of the Shire including the parishes of Kamarooka, Tandarra & Tallook & had taken the necessary steps to have Stars cut. Received.

Secretary Return of Rates in Mitiamo township amounting to £37.11.3. Received.

Secretary & Engineer, I. On business of the month. Received.

2. On the question of the defeat of Hon. R.H.S. Abbott suggesting a vote of thanks.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Abbott for past services. Carried unanimously.

3. As to inability to get earthwork pushed on on account of excessive wet. Received.
4. That in company with Cr Bissett he had inspected the boundary road between Jariember East & Varrayne & found that 3 pieces of formation were required & a stone-crossing. On the N & S boundary road only a length of 3 chains was required. Stand over for general business.
5. That in company with Mr Donald Hopkins he had surveyed for 26 chains of light formation & a box culvert on the Prairie Road at Dutton's & 8½ chains of formation without culvert at Collins's. Tenders to be called by next meeting.
6. As to Messrs Tonkin & Orchard's requirements. Cr McCrea reported that they refuse to adopt the Engineer's scheme but he had authorised Mr Ball to make up alongside the store with earth. Mr Jas. Couuts had been relieved by the bank the Engineer had authorised him to put up. That Messrs Tonkin & Orchard who had a bank round their allotment was being removed. That the sheep trucking yards were unapproachable & a culvert should be put in immediately.

Secy & Engr's
Report contd.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a 14 feet culvert be put in at once at the sheep yards & the Railway Department be asked to bear the cost of it. Also that the formation be extended to the North as soon as possible.

Carried.

7. Recommending that the works required on Wilkinson Swamp Road be embodied in a Contract & tenders invited for them.

Approved.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That an account for £4.10.- put in by Mr Ball for earth-work at Tonkin & Orchard's be left to the Engineer to settle.

Carried.

8. As to townshiplan of Mitiamo. Lying in abeyance. Sanitary service the like. Approved.
9. As to Bear's Lagoon Pound yards &c. He had prepared all plans & invited tenders. Approved.
10. That he had not yet inspected the Kelsh's Lagoon Road or site for bridge over Serpentine Creek as he thought it best to let the works lie over until the report on the Railway is received. Approved.
11. As to the appointment of Returning Officers for the forthcoming election.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary be appointed Returning Officer for all Ridings.

Carried.

12. As to Revision Court.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the next meeting be adjourned to the 23rd July

at 10 A.M. & the Revision Court held on that day at noon.

Carried.

13. As to Rate-collections. Amounts submitted out of Special Grant of £200 but part of it will lapse & have to be revoted. Of account submitted out of Unised Road Rents leaving balance of £75. 2.-. Approved.
13. That there is a credit balance of £91.14.10. Approved.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Carried.

Corr. No. 14. Shire of Rochester. The Secretary read a semi-private letter from

Cr McIntyre of the Rochester Shire explaining the position with regard to the Mitiamo Road & expressing the desire of the Council to continue to work amicably with this Shire. He also read a precis of the history of the negotiations relating to the Mitiamo & Prairie Roads which he had sent to the Rochester Shire. That Shire desired the completion of the Prairie Road to the Eastern boundary of this Shire. The Engineer stated that it had never been asked for.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the precis be approved but the question of com-

pleting the Prairie Road stand over until an application for it come in. Carried.

The Secretary to advise Cr McIntyre.

Corr.No.6. Wheat Commission's Report.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Cr Mahoney be asked to look into the Report & report by next meeting if possible. Carried.

Report of Rate-Collector that the following rates were outstanding on 11th

June 1913.	<u>Rates.</u>	<u>Interest.</u>
North Riding.	£72. -.2	£ 3.15.7
South ..	43.17.6	1. 6.10
East ..	<u>69.11.5</u>	<u>3. 8.-</u>
	<u>£185. 9.1</u>	<u>8.10.5.</u>

Received.

Bear's Lagoon Pound. Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the following place be adopted by the Council of the Shire of East Loddon for Impounding purposes:-

The allotment on the Eastern side of allotment 165 in the parish of Janiember East commencing at the N.E. corner thereof & containing 4a.3r.28p. & that the said site shall be designated "The Bear's Lagoon Pound Yard". Carried

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That the table of rates to be charged for the trespass of cattle & their sustenance while impounded in the Bear's Lagoon Pound shall be that shewn in the schedule hereto signed by the Council. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That applications be invited for the office of Pound-keeper to the Bear's Lagoon Pound at a salary of £5 per annum. Carried.

Moved into Committee.

On resuming. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £223.14.11 & recommending their passing. Ettershank

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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

Tenders. The Committee reported that they had opened only one tender for Contract No.206 viz:-that of J.Johnson which was deemed too high. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr ~~the President~~ ^{Ettershank}

That it be left in the hands of the Engineer to settle on Saturday week. Carried.

Petition presented by Cr Carey from E.Old & others asking for the extension of the gravelling North in Dingee & the insertion of a carriage crossing 14'0" wide at the Hall the Petitioners undertaking to erect the crossing if the Council find the material.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Petition lie on the table for a month & that the Engineer inspect & report. Carried.

Engr's report cl.4. Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That tenders be called for the middle section on the Black Gate road & the 3 chain section on the N. & S. road by next meeting. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.

By Cr Bissett to inspect approach to the Waranga Channel bridge on the Echuca Road.

To get Boyd to put in a culvert at Mr Gittins's gate on the East, same road.

By Cr Mahoney To have a handrail erected at the culvert on the new road near Pompapiel S.S.

By Cr Mahoney:- To report on the cost of about 15 chains of formation on N & S road East of Four-posts between Leahy's & Hardy's & 15 chains further on between Davis's allotments.

By the President To report on the cost of loaming about 50 chains of the formation at Leahy's on Hardy's road to the East loam obtainable from N & S road or from Adams' paddock.

Cr McCrea asked for the formation of about 7 chains on the Echuca Road a mile North of the Terricks P.R.

Moved by ~~the~~ Cr Carey 2nd by the President:-

That it be left in the hands of Cr McCrea to get done. Carried.

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Country Road Board questions. The Engineer brought up his answers to the questions for consideration & expression of opinion.

Ordered to stand over till next meeting.

Notice of Motion by Cr McGrea:-

That tenders be called at the next meeting for 14 chains of formation on the boundary road between Talambe & Hayanmi between Bell's & Gittins', East Riding.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 2^{3rd} day of July 1913.

David W. South

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine

28th. June 1913.

Committee Meeting to open tenders.

Present:- Crs. Ettershank & Shaw.

Contract No.207, Wm. Ball,

Formations & loaming on Prairie Road
between Duttons', Coghlan's & Adams'

Accepted

£44. 9. 8

Contract No.208,

Formations & stone-crossing on Black-
Gate road &c. near Serpentine.

Left in the Engineer's hands,

Since let to J.T.O'Shannessy by him
@ £77. -- -

Contract No.209,

loaming &c on Hardy's road East of
Four-posts, Jarklan.

Accepted J.T.O'Shannessy £39.18. 6

The Engineer reported as to Contract No.206, that Mr.
Johnson declined to reduce his tender for it.

Engineer instructed to call for fresh tenders.

And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 23rd day of July 1913.

David W Coult

President.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

July 16th 1913.

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

Chas. E. Albrecht

Secretary.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine.

July 23rd 1913.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Coutts), & Crs McCrea, Coulter, Ethers-
hank, Bissett:-

The Minutes of the last meeting on 28th June & the adjournment
on 16th July were read:-

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Crs Shaw & Mahoney entered.

Death of Mr D.C. Laird. The President stated that he had just learned of the
the death of their old Colleague Mr D.C. Laird which occurred
on Monday morning & he had been buried yesterday. No one in
Serpentine knew anything about it till all was over.
He moved:- That a letter of condolence be sent to the family:-
Cr Bissett rose to second the motion & expressed his regret
that information had not been disseminated as he & the whole
Council would have attended the funeral. The deceased has been
an esteemed colleague for very many years. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department returning Contracts 207,
208, 209 approved but asking for insertion of Minimum Wage clause
Received. The Engineer stated that he had had the clause in-
serted in the General Conditions for all future Contracts.

3. From the same in reply to enquiries under the Unused Roads & Co
Act that it is still necessary to furnish returns & answer
queries but it is thought that that the Shires will still bene-
fit indirectly as the money collected will be spent on Main
Roads.

Received.

3. From the same with form of claim for £200 special grant & that
vouchers received not later than 30th Inst will be paid. Recd.

4. From the Railway Department that the question of putting a
culvert ~~on~~ on the road at the Prairie Railway Station has been
referred for report.

Received.

5. From the same in regard to the proposed sanitary service at
Mitiamo, it has been referred for report.

Received.

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6. From the Lands Department asking if there is any objection to the sale of 5½ acres at Elmswood to Mr W.G.Coutts.

Moved by Cr Ettershark 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That no objection be offered.

Carried.

- BWB*
7. From the State Rivers & W.S. in reply to Secretary's letter, that the effect of the ~~behaviour~~ of the Main Channel on the behaviour of flood water is being closely watched. That the suggestions made by the Shire Engineer will receive due attention & everything done to avoid loss to ratepayers. Received.

8. From the Public Works Department enquiring as to the Audit. Answered that it will be the same as usual. Answer approved.

9. From the Church of England Immigration Officer with circular as to farm lads & laborers. The Secretary read his reply which was approved.

10. From the same with thanks for suggestions. Received.

11. From Hen.F.G.Clark M.L.C. on his election to the Legislative Council. Received.

12. From Hen.R.H.S.Abbott with thanks for letter. Received.

13. From Messrs Tatchell & Co, with plan of recent surveys at Witiamo & asking that they be certified to. Also from Mr Smalley in explanation. To stand over till later.

Cr Keogh entered.

14. From the same with transfer of road through Martin's for execution by the Council. Duly executed.

15. From the same with certificate of Title to Boyd's allotment with his title & account of costs. Received:-costs passed.

16. From C.H.Davis with statement of sales of Albert Park amounting to 4482.0.23 & asking for apportionment of rates. Received with thanks. Apportionment supplied.

17. From R.Matchett of Moonee Ponds that the drain referred to in Kamarooka was there before he purchased. He thinks however that a small stone-crossing should be put in. The Engineer was instructed to get the drain filled in.

18. From Mr Joseph Kett that he has not yet got the timber for the bridge at Harry's but will urge the saw-mills to send it on. Engineer to write again.

19. From the Mitiamo Progress Committee asking for inspection of the Rubbish Dépôt near the Bullock Creek & for removal of veran-

dah.posts from the foot-path.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Inspector of Nuisances report⁷ on it & any other
obstructions on the footpaths. Carried.

Cr McCrea

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From ~~the same~~ as to the Sanitary Service that the Engineer's proposals are deemed too expensive by the Progress Committee who will write their suggestions. To stand over.

21. From the same Committee to the same effect & that Messrs Bannerman & McKay have been requested to draw up a specification. That there is opposition to the site near the Creek. Drawing attention to a broken foot-bridge at McIntyre's. With thanks to the Engr. To stand over.

Adjourned for Revision Court.

REVISION COURT.

Report.

The Secretary presented the Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists He also laid on the table a list of claims which he explained. He set out a tabulated statement of the number of rate-payers on each list for last year & this.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

The several Lists having been examined:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the Chairman:-

That the Voters' List & Separate Voters' Lists of the North Riding having been examined & approved be certified to. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

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 McCrea:-

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

And the Court adjourned.

Ordinary business resumed.

Corr.No.22. From the same Committee asking for the extension of the gravel-

ling on the Pine Grove Road. Secretary to reply.

23. From the Shire of Rochester re the Pine-Grove & Prairie Roads that their Engineer will meet me on the ground. Received.
24. From Mr Chaplin their Engineer asking for appointment. Recd.
25. From W.W.Gruner asking for a foot-bridge in front of his store at Dingee. Already attended to.
26. From Mr J.H.McCrea asking for repair of road between him & Mr Kirwan's Calivil. To stand over.
27. From Jas.P.Murphy asking for repair of road between him & Mr Aitkin's Tandarra. To stand over.
28. From Messrs McCauley Bros asking leave to apply for an agricultural Lease of a closed road in the Albert Park Estate.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That no objection be offered but the road to be still preserved as such. Carried.

29. From Mr John Miles of Prairie asking leave to clear the dead timber off a road between Mr F.Woods & Mr Humbert's, North of Talambe for Firewood purposes.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That leave be granted subject to the supervision of the Engineer. Carried.

30. From Mr William Harry that he had never out a formation made by the Council & complaining of the delay in putting up his bridge. Engineer to explain.
Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M. Business resumed the same Crs present except Cr Ettershank.

Corr.contd. 31. From the Association for Advancement of the Blind for subscription.

Moved by Br Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That £1.1.- be voted. Carried.

32. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for a subscription towards their prize fund.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That £2.2.- be voted. Carried.

33. From Mr Langdon in reply to the Secretary's letter that the question of Mr Mead's visiting the district is being considered

& you will be advised in 2 or 3 days. That he cannot gather any information as to the Railway except that the Committee are taking more evidence from the Railway Officers & the State Rivers. As to the Water question: to stand over.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by the President:-

That the Secretary write the State Rivers & ask them to support the line. Carried.

34. From Mr John Wirth asking leave to plant trees in the streets of Kamarooka. The Engineer reported that he had replied that you would be pleased for him to do so. Action approved.

35. From Mr D. Hopkins asking for extension of formations on Prairie Road. To be considered when funds are available.

36. From Stephen McNamara for the free use of the Hall for the dance in aid of the School Shelter shed on 25th Ultio.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the application be refused. Carried.

37. From the Shire of Warragul opposing the re-distribution of Electorates. & asking for co-operation.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That co-operation be granted. Carried.

38. From J.C. Johnstone of Terricks West Station asking leave to remove the crossing-bridge at the former Mrs Buckland's & putting it up elsewhere.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That permission be granted. Carried.

39. From Mr D.W. Coutts for leave to have a private telephone erected from the township to allotment 223B parish of Janiember West.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

Standing Orders Cr Coulter presented a Petition from F.R.W. Dredge & others asking for extension of the gravelling on the East end of the Dingee Road & of the foot-path to the S.S. To stand over for the Engineer's Report.

Water Supply. Cr Coulter handed in the Petition to the Minister of Water Supply & the following Minutes of proceedings of a meeting held 5.

at Tandarra on the 19th Inst:- Cr Coulter in the Chair:-

"That Messrs Boyd, H. Hooking & D. Cable be sent on a deputation to wait on the Minister of Water Supply."

"That the Shire Secretary make all necessary arrangements to meet the Minister about Show Week".

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Secretary make all necessary arrangements for presenting the Petition & attending with the deputation to the Minister of Water Supply during Show Week & advise the delegates.

Carried.

The Petition to be remodelled so as to be addressed to the Minister of Water Supply instead of to Mr Commissioner Mead.

Cr Coulter pressed the President to be with the deputation if he possibly can.

Reports. Treasurer. Cr Coulter presented a letter from the Deputy P.M.G. addressed to the Post Mistress at Dingee in reply to her application to close the Post Office at 3 P.M. on Saturdays:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the written consent of the Council be given to the proposal.

Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £94. 4.6. Payments £223.14.11 :- net Over draft £ 85.17.9. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £19.16.9:-Interest £1.5.10. Dogs £2.5.- total £23. 7.7. Received.

Cr Coulter asked leave to retire & withdrew.

Dingee weigh-bridge keeper Old. fees collected £2.4.-. Recd.

Inspector of Nuisances Brown that there is a broken footbridge at Mr McIntyre's which he had called upon him to repair or remove & he had elected to remove it. Complaining of the state of the drain at the back of the Railway Hotel. The Engineer undertook to write to the proprietor.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Engineer have the old bridge removed & a 4'0" culvert put in on the Mitiamo Road at the West in line with the cemented drain for flushing purposes. Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's.

- I. On little progress of works owing to wet. That in company with Cr Bissett he journeyed to Tandarra to attend the Conference on 25th Ultio: That he had pushed on with surveys & invited a Committee meeting on 28th when Contracts 207, 208 & 209 were let.

Secy & Engr's Report contd.

& asking that they be confirmed.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the action of the Committee be approved & confirmed.
Carried.

2. That he had inspected the first N. & S. road East of Hardy's & found that there were 3 pieces of formation that required making totalling 50 chains. That he was informed that only two persons would use it when the E & W road is loamed. The cost will probably be £75. Asking instructions.

Cr Mahoney stated that there was sufficient traffic to warrant the works & moved & was 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the road be surveyed & tenders called without loam.
Carried.

3. That he had been over the Dingee Road & found the side-cuts too wet for fettling. He noticed the cut at Harry's which has since been filled up by E. Old. He had written to Harry Bros to enquire. A stone-crossing is going in at Cox's corner & he had arranged with Mr Crapper to put in two such crossings at the subways on the same road at £5 each. He will store any sound pipes.
Approved.

4. Mr Kett has not yet started Harry's bridge but he had written urging him on & instructed him to put it in at the cut & leave the existing bridge where it is. Approved. Urge on again.

5. Various works required at Dingee.
Approved.

6. *LWB* That to extend the gravel from the railway gates to the Hall would cost about £60. ~~Approved but without funds available.~~
To stand over until funds available.

7. That Mr Kelynaock asks for another lamp which he will keep in order. He had ^{been} promised it subject to Council's approval.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the lamp be sent.
Carried.

8. He had inspected the N. & S. road East of Dingee & that on the 2nd road to the North at Carter's where Myers' Creek crosses. There was too much water to survey but it will cost from £50 to £60. There is another piece of 6 chains to the West. On the N & S road there are 3 pieces of formation required which will cost £45. Asking instructions.
To stand over till next meeting.

Secy & Engr's 9. He had examined the sites for foot-bridges ^{at Prairie} & Also the Report contd. extension of formation for 11½ chains. He would like to see it gravelled but it would run into £120.

Formation to be made without gravel.
10. He had surveyed for 7 chains of formation on the Echua Road at Mr Gittins' gateway. Had met that gentleman who was satisfied with what he had set ~~et~~ out & did not think that between him & Bell's was needed. Engineer to get the first formation made only along the low part & to survey for that between ^tGitins' & Bell.

11. He had surveyed for making up about 2½ chains South of the approach to the Waranga Channel bridge & had instructed Mr Boyd to do it. Approved.

12. Financial position of Shire. Received.

13. Recommending the striking of a 15d rate for the coming year. To stand over.

14. That he had prepared the Voters' Lists & Separate Voters' Lists. Approved.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

Moved into Committee.

In Committee. The Secretary read the correspondence from the Shire Solicitors on the subject of the Thistle prosecutions. Messrs Tatchell thought there was no good case but sent up full instructions for the Inspectors in future. The Secretary recommended that the present cases be dropped. Prosecutions to be withdrawn.

Country Roads Returns. Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer send in his professional replies. Carried.

Poundkeeper. The Secretary read Messrs Tatchell & Co's form of appointment & description of duties.

Business resumed.

Tenders

The Committee reported that only one tender for Contract No. 206 Bear's Lagoon Pound-yards that of J. Johnson at £25.8.6.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That Mr Johnson's tender be accepted. Carried.

The Committee reported that there was only one applicant for 8.

the office of Poundkeeper Mr R.Cobb:-

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That Mr R.Cobb be appointed Poundkeeper to take office as soon as the yards are ready. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That the regulations for the Poundkeeper as settled by the Shire Solicitors be approved & adopted. Carried.

Sanitary Service at Mitiamo to stand over.

Corr.No.26. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That tenders be called for the works asked for by Mr T.H.McCrea at the February meeting. Carried.

Finance.

The Committee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £145.15.6 & recommended their payment.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

The Engineer was requested to call upon Mr Doody to proceed with his Contracts at once.

Cr Shaw asked for a small piece of formation at the South boundaries of the old S & E Ridings.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That it be left in the hands of Cr Shaw to get done. Carried.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by the President:-

That the Engineer survey & call tenders for about 5 chns of formation & a 6'0" bridge on the Baywood Road near Messrs Keogh's & Devine's & 7 chains of formation on the Mitiamo Road between O'Sullivan's & Smith's but without culvert. Carried.

Corr.No.27. J.P.Murphy's application.To stand over till next meeting.

W.C.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Enginger have a W.C. for ladies fitted in the S.W.angle of the Shire Reserve. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer survey for & call tenders for the portion of the Prairie Road at the West of the gravel & repair of the stone-crossing. Carried.

and the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 20th day of August 1913

David W. South

President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

August 20th 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, (Cr Coutts), & Crs Ettershark Mahoney,

McCrea, Bissett, Coulter, Carey, Keogh, Shaw.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Public Works Department with Claim for £48. 1.9

out of Special Grant of £200 making £62. 18.3 in all & that balance has passed. Received.

2. From the same, a wire, that they have no record of the Claim already sent in being in the office. Received.

3. From the same that the Bear's Lagoon Pound Fees have been gazetted & with copy of the gazettal. Received.

4. From the same that the table of Rates has been approved by the Governor in Council but the Pound site & appointment of Poundkeeper will be gazetted at your expense. Received.

5. From the Victorian Railways that it has been decided to put in the culvert at the Prairie Railway Dam. Received.

6. From the Public Health Department as to Small-Pox & asking co-operation. The Secretary explained the position of the Shire & that the Health Officers resided at Inglewood & Pyramid Hill. Secretary's action approved.

7. From the same in further explanation. Received.

8. From Dr Jackson of Bendigo reporting a case of Tuberculosis at Dingee. Received.

9. From the Country Roads Board acknowledging receipt of the Engineer's replies to their queries. Received.

10. From the President with Petition of Messrs J.J. Leahy & others asking for extension of the loaming on Hardy's Road. To stand over.

11. From Hon. F.G. Clark, M.L.C. as to the question of re-distribution of seats in the Assembly. Received.

12. From Frank Allan, Chief Inspector of Vermin, with pamphlets on ~~Vex~~ Rabbit Destruction. Received.

Corr. contd. I3. From the Director of Education as to accepting the services of the Sanitary Contractor at Mitiamo for the S.S. there, that it is for the Head Teacher's consideration. Received.

I4. From the Staff Officer for works asking consent to the use of a road for a Rifle Range. To stand over.

I5. From the Decentralization United Country Movement with invitation to a Conference in Melbourne in Show Week & asking for the appointment of a delegate.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the President be asked to attend. Carried.

I6. From Inspector Brown as to the drain at Mitiamo complained of. Received.

I7. From Mr Kett that he has been delayed by rain but will proceed with Harry's bridge at once. Received.

I8. From John Doody that he has been delayed by rain but will push on with his Contracts. Received.

I9. From John Crapper that Mr Watson wants a crossing over his-~~dra~~ explained that the drain at his gate. The Engineer ~~Explained that~~ the drain had been cut to relieve Mr Watson & that he should either move his gateway or pay half the cost of a crossing-bridge. Approved.

20. From the Mitiamo Progress Association with revised specification for sanitary service & asking that the service be established at once. To stand over.

21. From the same approving of the Engineer's suggestion to establish the Rubbish Depot on Mr Keeley's allotment & urging the invitation of tenders. To stand over.

22. From Cr McCrea to the same effect. To stand over.

23. From the Shire of Rochester with joint report of the Engineers on the Tennyson Road works. The Engineer reported that the Shire of Rochester had ordered the works to lie over until they learned what the Country Roads Board were going to do. Cr McCrea stated that the people of Mitiamo were very anxious to have the extension of the formation even though it be without gravel at present & moved:-& was 2nd. by Cr. Mahoney:-

That section 6 of Contract No. 203 be carried out by the Contractor on the terms of his tender. Carried.

Amendment by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the work stand over until funds are available.

For the amendment Crs Shaw, Coulter & Carey:.

Against the rest of the Council. Amendment lost.

Motion put & carried.

Adjourned till 2. P.M.

2. P.M.

Business resumed, the same Crs present.

Contd. 24. From the Shire of Yackandandah with resolutions as to Noxious Weeds in the N.E. municipalities. Received.

25. From the Shire of Oxley with resolutions as to dredging in Rivers & Streams & asking co-operation.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That co-operation be accorded. Carried.

26. From Mr John Lawry that he has been stopped by rain but will proceed with his formation as soon as possible. Received.

27. From the Victorian Democratic Political Party on the question of the Mal-administration of the Police Department. Received.

28. From N.T. Tonkin resigning his office of care-taker of the Prairie Waterworks & recommending Mr T.H. Tonkin as his Successor
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the resignation be accepted & Mr T.H. Tonkin appointed Caretaker. Carried.

29. From Hon. T. Langdon enquiring the wishes of the Council as to constituting Wednesday or Saturday a general half-holiday.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That it be Saturday.

Cr Carey said that the question was being discussed in Bendigo & that he favored Wednesday. The motion however was put & carried

30. From the same that Mr Mead cannot visit Serpentine at present but will make an appointment as soon as possible. Received.

31. From L. Laird with thanks for letter of condolence. Received

32. From the Boort Agricultural Society for subscription.

33. From the Pyramid Agricultural Society for subscription.

Contd.

prize fund.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the usual subscription of £1.1.- be voted to each.
Carried.

34. From the same asking to have the Annual Show day 22nd October proclaimed a public holiday in the North & East Ridings.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the request be granted. Carried.

35. From the President suggesting the postponement of the next meeting to a suitable date.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the next ordinary meeting be adjourned till Friday
29th September. Carried.

36. Circular from W.C. Rowe as to Fire-fighting Machines. Engineer to enquire.

37. From the Municipal Association with copies of the Bills relating to Legislative Council Elections, Unimproved values & Motor Cars. Received.

38. From the Good Roads Association of Victoria with pamphlet. Recd.

39. From J.T.O'Sharnessy asking to be allowed £4 royalty charged on loam obtained from Mr Adams' paddock for Contract No.209 there being none available on the road.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That the amount be granted. Carried.

40. From the State Rivers in reply as to supporting the construction of the Railway to Durham-Ox before the Standing Committee that Mr Mead had only been examined as to the Tragowel Irrigation District. Received.

41. From G.H.Burke asking for certain informations at Stone's & Watson's & repair of approaches to culvert between Leahy's & Daveies'.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

But That the Engineer get the ^{first} works done. Carried.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the second item be referred to Mr Gladman to get done.
Carried.

- Ord. No. 14. As to the Rifle Range. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That permission be granted with the co-operation of the
4.

Shire of Marong.

Carried.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £50.I.9:- payments £185.I5.6:- Overdraft
£220.II.6. Received.

Rate-Collector. Rates current £34.I9.9I:- arrears 9/5:- interest
£I.I6.8:- Dogs £I. Total £38.5.9. Received.

G.T.Brown Inspector of Nuisances. as to obstructions on foot-
paths at Mitiamo. Received.

Secretary & Engineer.

- I. On progress of works. As to Contract No.204 Cr Mahoney com-
plained that the Contract did not include the worst places
& moved:- & was 2nd by the President:-

That a further 10 chains of loaming be done & 15 chains
of formation at the East end. Carried.

2. On Tenⁿnyson Road extension. Already dealt with.
3. Surveys in the North of Jarklan. Approved.
4. That in his tender for Contract No 204 Mr J.Doddy had omitted
a second culvert & recommending that the cost £5 be allowed
him.
Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the £5 be allowed. Carried.

5. That he had inspected the extensions asked for on Hardy's
Road but thought they might stand over till the New Year.
To stand over.
6. As to Elections. Approved.

7. That only £62.I8.3 had been obtained from the Special Grant
& recommending that application be made for re-vote of the
balance & a Special Grant of £750.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

8. That application be made for the re-vote & the grant.
That he had issued 57 notices for arrears of rates gathered in
II & would send the unpaid ones to the Shire Solicitors. Approved.

9. Financial position.

Moved by Cr Keogh 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

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

Wheat Commission. Cr Mahoney reported on this subject adversely as to the
present & was supported by Cr Carey:- Received.

Moved by Cr President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to Cr Mahoney for his
Report & to Cr Carey for the study he had given to the
subject. Carried.

Sanitary Service at Mitiamo.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the question of the site for Rubbish Depot be left
in Cr McCrea's hands. Carried.

Engineer to invite applications for the service.

Works on Ist N. & S. road East of Dingee. Not required.-those at Carter's
to stand over till January.

Instruction Moved by Cr Carey to the Engineer:- To survey & frame estimate
for repairing the Terricks Road between Dingee & Prairie.

By Cr Coulter:- as to Murphy's application, Engineer to inspect
& report also a small piece on 3 ch. road opposite
G. Aitken's & as to drainage only one on E. & W. road
& one on N. & S. See Mr Geo. Aitken.

Dip.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the scale of charges be the same as last year
& the Dip be opened on 1st October November & the sea-
son end on 30th November. Carried.

Finance Committee. The Committee reported that they had examined accounts
amounting to £283.14.11 & recommended their payment:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

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

Tenders.

The Committee reported having opened tenders for the various
Contracts & recommending that the following being the lowest

be accepted:- Contract No. 210. (3 tenders), Joseph Kett £61.9.6
" No. 211. (2 tenders), W. Ball £38. 5.5
" No. 212. (3 tenders), Jos. Dee £40.10.-
" No. 214. (1 tender), Jos. Kett £60. 2.7

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Report be received & adopted. Carried.

Formation at Elliot's. Cr Mahoney reported that about 6 or 7 chains of format
ion were required near Mr Elliot's homestead. That he could get it
done at schedule rate.

Moved by Cr Bissett 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That it be left in the hands of Cr Mahoney to get done.
Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Keogh:-

That Cr Ettershank point out to the Engineer some small
pieces of work required between Serpentine & Mr Carroll's
& that the Engineer get them done. Carried.

Petition of
Dredge & Ors.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That tenders be called for extension of the gravelling
East of Dingee to the Irrigation Channel. Carried.

~~Instruction by Cr Coulter~~ Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr ^{McCrea.} Coulter:-

sew That application be made to the State Rivers to reopen
a drain running North on Jackman's road that they had
filled up to take away the water. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by the President:-

That Mr Langdon be thanked for his action re the Wheat
Commission & invited to lunch at the next meeting. Carried.

Cr Keogh to be also invited.

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

That a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the
able manner in which he had conducted the business during
his term of office. Crs spoke in support. Carried unanimously.

Moved by- The President replied at length setting forth the pro-
ceedings of the year & the prosperous position of the Shire. Read.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Secretary & Engi-
eer for the way in which he had carried out his various
duties & that a similar vote be conveyed to the other offi-
cers. Carried.

Mr Albrecht returned thanks for himself & brother officers.

Cr Keogh also returned thanks for the kindness & courtesy he had
experienced at the hands of his brother Crs & to the officers for
their attentions ~~& the meeting closed.~~

Notices of Motion.

By Cr McCrea:- That a sanitary Rate of 28/6 per pan be struck on
the Mitamo Township as from 1st October for the year ending
30th September 1914.

By Cr Ettershank:-

That a General Rate of 15d in the £. be struck as from 1st
October 1913 for the year ending 30th September 1914 & that
Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be empowered to demand &
collect the same.
And the meeting closed. Confirmed this 19th day of September 1913

President. David W. South
Chairman

Shire of East Loddon.

SPECIAL ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

August 28th 1913.

In consequence of the Re-subdivision of the Shire into Ridings
all Councillors have vacated their seats.

N O R T H R I D I N G .

Messrs D.W.Coutts, George Mahoney, S.O. McCrea & Donald Hopkins
having been nominated for the 3 seats, a Poll has been taken
with the following results:-

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Joutts, David William,	25	103	101	229
Hopkins, Donald,	12	25	62	99
Mahoney, George,	31	107	89	227
McCrea, Sydney Oswald,	31	97	70	198
Informal.	-	-		
Totals.	99	332	322	

I, therefore declare D.W.Coutts, George Mahoney & S.O.McCrea
duly elected Councillors of the Shire for the North Riding.

Chas. E. Albrecht

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

Returning Officer.

August 28th 1913.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

South Riding.

Messrs William Bissett, Alfred Ettershank, & James Alfred Shaw
having been the only Candidates nominated to fill the three va-
cancies in this Riding, I Do hereby declare them to be duly elec-
ted Councillors of the Shire for the South Riding.

Chas. E. Albrecht
Returning Officer

Shire Hall, Serpentine.

Returning Officer.

August 28th 1913.

Foot Riding



East Riding.

Messrs Edward A.J. Carey, John Henry Coulter, & Nicholas T. Tonkin
having been the only Candidates nominated to fill the ^hree va-
cancies in this Riding, I do hereby declare them to be duly
elected Councillors of the Shire for the East Riding.

Chas E. Albrecht

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

Returning Officer.

August 28th 1913.

DECLARATIONS .

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

David W. Coutts

Declared at Serpentine, this

2nd day of September 1913

before me,

Wm. E. Albrecht

A Commissioner of the Supreme
Court for taking affidavits,

I, the undersigned, Sydney Oswald McCrea Do hereby declare
that I will faithfully & impartially, according to the best of
my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities re-
posed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government
Act 1903.

S. O. McCrea

Declared at Serpentine, this

19 day of Sept 1913

before me,

Wm. E. Albrecht

A Commissioner of the Supreme Court
Councillor.
for taking Affidavits.

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 re-
posed in me as a Councillor, by virtue of the Local Government
Act 1903.

George Mahoney

Declared at Serpentine, this

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

E. J. Barry

Councillor.

DECLARATIONS.

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

Declared at Serpentine, this

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

W. Bissett

~~A Commissioner of the Supreme
Court for taking affidavits.~~

S. C. W. Frea
Councillor

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 re-
posed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government
Act 1903.

Declared at Serpentine this

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

Alfred Ettershank

David W. Bouth

Councillor.

I the undersigned, **James Alfred Shaw**, Do hereby declare
that I will faithfully & impartially according to the best of
my skill & judgment, execute all the powers & authorities re-
posed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government
Act 1903.

Declared at Serpentine, this

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

James A. Shaw

David W. Bouth

Councillor.

James A. Shaw

DECLARATIONS.

I, the undersigned, Edward A. J. Carey. 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

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

E. A. J. Carey

~~A Commissioner of the Supreme Court for taking affidavits.~~

S. C. M. Egan
Councillor

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

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

J. H. Coulter

Councillor.

S. C. M. Egan

I, the undersigned, Nicholas T Tonkin 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

19th day of Sept 1913

before me,

Nicholas Terence Tonkin

S. C. M. Egan

Councillor.

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 all the 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 ~~13~~ ¹⁷ day
~~of August~~ ^{September} 1913. Before me,

Chas E. Albrecht

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

W. Bisset J. P.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

17th. September 1913.

There being no Councillors at the meeting to have been held this day, I do adjourn the same till Friday the 19th. Sept. 1913 at 11 a.m.

Charles Albrecht

Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

Sept. 19th 1913.

SPECIAL MEETING .

Present:-the President Cr Coutts & Crs Bissett, McCrea, Carey Coulter, Mahoney, Tonkin.

The Secretary read the result of the Elections & reported that all the Councillors had made their declarations. The Chairman introduced Cr Tonkin & he & all Crs took their seats moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey,

That the retiring President take the Chair pro tem.

Carried.

P R E S I D E N T ' S A L L O W A N C E .

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the President's Allowance for the ensuing twelve months be £70. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman returned thanks for the kind way in which he had been treated during his term of office & promised to render all the assistance he could to the newly elected President.

Moved by the Chairman 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the whole Council be appointed Tenders & Finance Committees any three to form a quorum. Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That this meeting stand adjourned for half an hour. Carried.

O R D I N A R Y M E E T I N G .

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Bissett:-

That the same be confirmed. Carried.

Ordinary Meeting adjourned Special Meeting resumed.

Cr Shaw entered & took his seat.

Cr Bissett nominated Cr Shaw for the office of President & there being no other nominations moved & was 2nd by Cr Coulter to that effect.

Cr Shaw thanked his proposer but declined the honor.

Cr Ettershank entered & took his seat.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Cr Bissett be appointed President for the

ensuing twelve months.

Carried unanimously.

The President was then conducted to the Chair & duly installed. He then returned thanks dwelling on the fact that last year he was in such indifferent health that he could not accept the honor but he was thankful to say that he had so much recovered that he could safely do so. He had persuaded Cr Shaw to undertake deputation business & would do his best. He moved & was 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That a hearty vote of thanks be passed to the retiring President who had carried out his duties to the satisfaction of all rate-payers as evidence by his having been placed at the head of the poll at the recent Elections.

Carried unanimously.

Cr Courts returned thanks & congratulated the President on his re-election & the Special Meeting closed.

General Business resumed.

Correspondence. 1. From the Under-Secretary with proclamation of holiday in N. & E Ridings for Pyramid Hill Show. Received.

2. From the Public Works Department to Mr Langdon that the balance of the Special Grant will be re-voted & the application for £750 for the current year will be considered when the allocation of votes for roads & bridges is being made. Received.

3. From the same that the balance of the Special Grant cannot be paid until revoted by Parliament. Received.

4. From Hon. T Langdon in explanation & with thanks for invitation to lunch this day. Received.

5. From the State Rivers & W.S. with register of lands in Dingee Irrigation & W.S. District for inspection of Rate-payers. Recd.

6. From the Government Statist with Statistical Register. Recd.

7. From the Premier with copies of his speeches while in London. Received with thanks.

8. From the Public Works Department as to audit. Secretary will be ready the first week in October.

9. From the Public Health Department as to accommodation for Small-Pox Contacts. Received:- will be considered if necessary.

10. From Dr Jackson of Bendigo, reporting a case of Tuberculosis at Kamarooka. Received.

Corr.contd. 11. From Dr Lewers of Bendigo, reporting a case of Diphtheria at Dingee. Received.

12. From Hon. T. Langdon that he will attend lunch today. Recd.

13. From Hon. F. G. Clark that he wishes to reserve his judgment on the dredging in Rivers &c until the Reports of the Royal Commission on the subject are in. Received.

14. From A. R. Robertson as to wire-netting on lands adjoining Crown lands that the Government have increased the supply of netting free of cost to one half. Received.

15. From T. J. Keogh with thanks for invitation to lunch Received.

16. From the Municipal Association with Business Paper for the Annual Session on 22nd October & asking for appointment of Delegate.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the President be asked to attend. Carried.

17. From the Shire of Yackandandah that the Minister of Agriculture would receive a deputation on the Noxious Weeds question on 24th September at 2 P.M. President to attend.

18. From the Port Melbourne Town Council offering old lamp-pillars at low prices. Received.

19. From Dutton Bros asking for the clearing of Closed Roads recently opened in the parish of Janiember East.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer inspect & report & invite tenders in 10 days returnable to the President. Carried.

20. From the Ajax chemical Fire Engine Agency with prices. Recd.

21. From the Head Teacher S. S. Mitiamo, declining to make use of the Sanitary Service at Mitiamo on account of the cost.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the matter be referred back to the Department to increase the allowance to the H.T. Carried.

22. From Jas. Forsyth asking for the removal of certain small bridges on the Terricks Road & the substitution of stone-crossings. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That a stone-crossing be put in at No. 5 of the survey & also where advisable in the 3rd section. Carried.

Cofr. contd. 23. From the United Country Movement at Portland that the

Conference would be held in the supper-room of the Masonic Hall
on Thursday 25th Sept. at 10.15.A.M. Received.

24. From the Valuer of the Dingee Irrigation & W.S.Trust with
Valuation of the Dingee Weigh-bridge.

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

That the notice be sent to the Secretary of the State Rivers
the Council admitting no liability for any rates. Carrd.

25. From the Bendigo Agricultural Society asking for the proclamation
of a public holiday on the 15th & 16th Oct. their Show Days.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the request be complied with. Carried.

26. From T. Keeley with offer for sale of site for Rubbish Depot at
Mitiamo. Received.

27. From Cr McCrea recommending the acceptance of Mr T. Keeley's offer
Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the recommendation be approved & adopted. Carried.

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

29. From the Austin Hospital with Report. Received.

30. From W.C.Reeves that he will be exhibiting the Road Grading Machi-
nery at the Show in Melbourne. Received.

31. From the Bendigo Benevolent Society with Report. Received.

32. From Mr T.P. Jenkins complaining of the site for the Rubbish Depot.
To stand over.

33. Wire from Hon.T.Langdon that he was unable to come. Received.

34. From B. Leahy asking permission to fence & put a gate on the road
between Mr Ettershank's & his property.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That no objection be offered. Carried.

35. From Mr James Coutts complaining of the works at Prairie.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the matter be left in the hands of the Members
for the East Riding & the Engineer to deal with & adjust.

36. From Constable Brown asking for carriage crossings at Mitiamo. Carried.
Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £108. 1.-. Payments £243. 14. 11. Overdraft
 £356. 15. 6. Received.
Rate-Collector. Rates Current, £78. 4. 17. Arrears £2. 6.-. Interest
 £4. 14. 10.- Dogs 15/- Total £86. -. 5. Recd.
Inspector of Dairies.
 That he had registered 21 dairies & collected £5. 10.-
 fees. The dairies were in good order & the returns satis-
 factory. Received.

Inspector of Thistles. - Pattorini. that Star thistle & Bathurst

Burr are shewing up. That he is endeavoring to enforce
 the Thistle Acts & asking instructions as to commencing
 duty. Received.

Joint Report of Engineers of this & the Shire of Rochester as to
completing the Prairie Road at the East. Received.

Weighter Old with return of weighings amounting to £2. 14.-. Recd.

Petition. Cr Mahoney presented a petition from Messrs C. Dutton & others
 for formations & clearings between Adams' & Hardy's &
 Dutton's & Twigg's.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Courts:-

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

Secretary & Engineer.

1. On good progress of works generally but great impediment by reason
 of only one roller.

Moved by Cr Eitershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Engineer obtain prices of rollers by next meet-
 ing. Carried.

2. That he had inspected the works of Mr Crapper at Tandarra par-
 ticularly those on the Wilkinson Swamp Road. There is a 5'0" bridge
 there which should come out & be replaced by one 20'0" long. He
 had arranged for several petty repairs. Mr Murphy requires a long
 stone-crossing. Mr G. Aitken only asks for a few chains of drain
 at his place & the extension of the approach to the Myers' Creek
 bridge for 2 chains at the North. He could get Crapper to do these.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Engineer get the works at Aitken's done. Carried.
 The stone-crossing at Murphy's to stand over till next
 meeting.

3. That he had surveyed for extension of the gravelling at Dingee.
 That Mr Kett's works are all finished but rolling. He had surveyed
 the Terricks Road between Dingee & 2 miles to the North & embod-
 ied the works required in a Contract to be let that day omitting
 one bridge that Mr Forsyth says is too small. There are many stone-
 crossings on this road which make it difficult to travel sheep.
 Bridges or the enlargement of them would be costly. He thought the
 bad places should be made up first & only stone-crossings put in
 where absolutely necessary. Approved.

4. The fettling-up of the Dingee Road has made the formations good
 for dry weather but they should be metalled or gravelled as soon
 as possible. Received.

5. He had found the works at Witiamo satisfactory. Received.

6. He had, with the concurrence of Cr McCrea, accepted an offer by
Mr T. Keeley to sell you 3 acres of his allotment 1A. It is 14
 chains East of the gravelled road as there is a swamp at the cor-
 ner. He had put the gate at the W. end:-the frontage was 9 chains

West of Mr Rudkin's gate. He objected to the site chosen & wanted it carried 20 chains further East but that would be too far for the lead which is at present a mile. There should be nothing disagreeable in working the depot.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That it be referred to the Mitiamo Progress Association to inspect & if advisable pick out a site.

Carried.

7. He had surveyed for a small formation & 2'0" box culvert on the Echuca Road at Hird's & authorized Mr Ball to do them. Approved.
8. He had inspected Mr J. Doody's works at Hercus & Hare's. There is a small piece required between the two sections but a long one at the East end. Mr Doody is not prepared to take on any further work at present. Asking instructions.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That the Engineer meet him on the ground with the view to carrying the formations or loaning through. Carried.

9. That the Bear's Lagoon Pound Yards were finished & he had ordered the books. Approved.
10. He had collected all outstanding rates but deferred reporting till after the audit. Received.
11. That the Trustees of the Tarrayne Cemetery are in difficulties for want of funds to carry on. The Health Department voted £15 but only passed £11 for actual repairs & there is nothing to pay liabilities & working expenses. Asking for a grant of £7 which could be tacked on to the President's allowance.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That £7 be granted.

Carried.

12. That Crs Bissett & Eitershank had let Contracts No. 213 at £14.17.6 & asking that it be confirmed.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the action be approved.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Carried.

SANITARY SERVICE .

MITIAMO .

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That a sanitary Charge of 28/6 per pan per annum, be struck as from 1st October 1913 for the year ending 30th September 1914 on the Township of Mitiamo. Carried.

Application for Contract.

There was only one application, that of William Johnson, at 25/4 per pan. An informal one by wire in another name was not entertained.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That William Johnson be appointed the Contractor for 12 months as from 1st November 1913 in the terms of the specification.

Carried.

Notice of Motion, by Cr Carey to confirm pan charge.

Moved by Cr Coutts 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the Secretary enquire of the Borough of Inglewood as to their transactions with public departments in connection with such services.

Carried.

Tenders. The tenders Committee reported having opened- the following

tenders:- Contract No.216.	William Johnson, fence,	£19. 6.6
	No.217. Percyth & Old.	85. 2.6
	No.218. J.Kett	117.12.-
& recommended their acceptance.		

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Report be received & adopted & the tenders accepted.

Carried.

Finance. The Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £488.17.9 & recommending their payment.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Carried.

SPECIAL MEETING TO STRIKE RATE.

The Secretary laid on the Table the Statement of the Rate & read his Report.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That this Council do now adopt & confirm the estimate for the year 1913-14, shewing as detailed therein that the sum of £4509. 5.8 is required for the several items of expenditure detailed therein & that the sum of £1699. 8.2 is available but the sum of £2809.17.6 is further required. Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That to raise the sum required viz:-£2809.17.6 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 Oct. 1913 & ending 30th Sept. 1914 & that Henry Tresise, the Rate-Collector, be authorized to demand & collect the same.

Carried.

Notice of Motion by Cr Mahoney to confirm the Rate.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

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

Special Meeting closed.

Ordinary business resumed.

Loddon United Waterworks Trust.

The Secretary laid on the table the Petition from the residents of Tandarra & Yallook asking for the excision of certain areas which could not be served. Cr Coulter stated it was the desire of the Petitioners that the Secretary attend on the deputation & present the Petition. Cr Ettershank expressed his sympathy with the petitioners but did not want the debt to be passed on to the rest of the rate-payers. The Secretary was requested to attend on behalf of the Council & to bear in mind Cr Ettershanks point. Cr Mahoney drew attention to the practice that had been in vogue of allowing the East Riding of the Shire to overdraw at the expense of the other Ridings. He thought each Riding should only expend its own funds & moved & was 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That in future each Riding provide its own funds for its own works. Carried.

In adjusting the balance sheet for this year it was agreed that any Dr Balance should be adjusted pro rata between the Ridings. And the Meeting closed.

Confirmed this 19th day of ^{November}~~October~~ 1913

W. Bissell
President.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,
October 15th 1913.

There being no Councillors present at the meeting to have been held this day I do adjourn the same to Wednesday 22nd Inst at 11 A.M.

Chas. E. Albrecht
Secretary.

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

October 22nd 1913.

Adjourned Ordinary Meeting to have been held this day:-
Present Crs Tonkin & Mahoney & later Cr Ettershank.

The Members present went into Committee to deal with tenders & Finance. They examined accounts amounting to £250. 6.1 & recommended their passing.

Tenders for waste timber on Dingee & Terricks Road.

For the former M.O'Neill	£5. 1.6
T.B.Tripconey,	6.15.6

For the latter:- James Forsyth, 15.-

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That Mr Tripconey's tender be accepted for the former but that of Mr Forsyth be held over for enquiry by the Engineer. Carried.

The Secretary ran through the correspondence in the day-paper
IO. From the Post Mistress Tandarra asking the consent of the Council to closing the P.O. at 2.30 on Saturdays.

Recommended that the application be referred to Crs Carey & Coulter for report.

II. From V. Fattorini that a picnic is being given to the children of the Serpentine S.S. on 24th to be followed by a dance for the parents in the evening the proceeds to go towards improvements at the School & asking for the use of the hall free for that evening. Recommended to be granted this time.

Dip. After some discussion the Secretary & the Engineer was asked to post notices as to Dipping operations at the P.O.s & the Dip which he promised to do.

For the information of Crs present the Engineer read his Report .

The meeting was then declared to have lapsed.

Confirmed this 19th Nov. 1913

W. Bissett
President

Shire Hall, Serpentine,

November 19th 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

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

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th September were read:-

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

The Minutes of the October meeting when there was no quorum but
certain business was conducted by Committees formed out of Crs
present ^{was a} ~~was~~ read:-

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the minutes as read & the action of the Committees
therein recorded be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From the Under Secretary with proclamations of holidays
for Bendigo Show 15th & 16th Oct.

Received.

2. From Public Works Department that William Bird had been
appointed Auditor at a fee of £7.7.--.

Received.

3. From Mitiamo Progress Committee that they had chosen another
site for the Rubbish Dépôt & asking for its survey as soon as
possible. Since surveyed.

4. From the Borough of Inglewood with particulars on the same sub-
ject.

Received with thanks.

5. From Railway Commissioners that they are disposed to have
their service taken over by the Shire but asking for a reduc-
tion in the charge. The Secretary had replied that the charge
was heavy at present but would be reduced next year if possible.
Secretary's reply approved.

6. From the State Rivers that the rating of the Dingee Weigh-
bridge had been excised from the rate-book.

Received.

7. From Cr Coulter asking the President to call a meeting of
Rate-payers at Tandarra as soon as Mr Albrecht gets a defi-
nite reply from the Minister for Water Supply. To stand over
till answer comes but see motion post.

8. From the Shire of Wimmera asking co-operation in opposing
the Unimproved Values Bill.

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Corr. contd.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That co-operation be granted.

Carried.

9. From the Shire of Tambo asking co-operation in repealing the Railway Lands Acquisition Act. Received.

10. From the Post Mistress Tandarra asking the consent of the Council to closing the P.O. on Saturdays at 2.30.P.M.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the request be granted but from 3 P.M. instead of 2.30. Carried.

12. From the Govt. Statist with Statistical Register &c. Received.

13. From the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works' Memdum on the Metropolitan Bill. Received.

14. From the Commonwealth with Memo: as to telephones. Received.

15. From the Govt. Statist for statistics. To be supplied.

16. From the Education Department that they will increase the allowance to the Mitiamo S.S. for sanitary service.

Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That no further action be taken.

Carried.

17. From Inspector Brown that he had served all householders with notice of the sanitary charge. Received.

18. From the same that the system is coming into operation & urging on the survey of the new site. Received.

19. From the Contractor for the service that he will clean out & disinfect the drains fortnightly for 5/- a time.

20. From Hon. T. Langdon with copy of L.C.A. 1913. Received. To stand over till next meeting.

21. From Mr J.A. Stewart asking for the use of the Shire Hall for Presbyterian Church service on 16th. The Secretary had granted it for that time. The President explained that many years ago a resolution had been passed making the Hall available for any religious service on Sundays. Secretary's action approved.

22. From Walter Miles applying for release from Sydney Quarantine. Received.

23. From the Royal Life Saving Society for subscriptions.

24. From the Shire of Rochester inviting to a conference re the formation of a Railway Trust in connection with the Elmore-Cohuna Railway. Withdrawn as it was sent by mistake.

Corr. contd. 25. "From Dr Lewers of the Bendigo Hospital reporting a case of Diphtheria at Prairie. Received.

26. From the Public Works Department asking for the guaranteeing of the Dairy Inspector & the Sheep-dip officer. Secretary had applied for policies.

27. From Mr Robert Boyd, maintenance man asking for an increase of wages on account of extra cost of living.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the wages be increased to II/6 per day from 1st prox. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

A N N U A L M E E T I N G .

The same Crs present.

The Secretary read a Report & laid on the table the Audited Statement & Balance sheets & the auditor's Report.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary's Report be received. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the auditor's Report be received.

Dr B.

Moved by the ^{President} ~~Chairman~~ 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the £5 voted to the Portland Decentralization League be tacked on to the President's allowance next year. Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the £2 omitted to be debited to Contract I57 two years ago be written off. Carried.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

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

The sheets were then duly signed by the Council.

Cr Coutts complimented the Secretary on the way in which the books had been kept. The Secretary returned thanks & the special meeting closed.

General Meeting resumed.

Reports. The President reported that in consequence of ill-health he had been unable to attend the Annual Session of the Municipal Association. He regretted that he had been unable to do so.

Received.

Treasurer. Oct. 22nd. Receipts £40. -.8 Payments £488.17.9
overdraft. £797.14.4. Received.

Nov. 19th. Receipts £7.18. -:- Payments £250. 6.1
overdraft £1040. 2.5. Received.

Rate-Collector. 30 Sept. £20.19.2. 22nd Oct. £1. 3.6. Received.

Weigher Old at Dingee. Receipts 12/6. Received.

Health Officer, Dr Deravin that with the exception of an outbreak of Influenza the health of the Shire in N & S Ridings was good. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill that he had registered 29 dairies & collected fees amounting to £8.12.6. Received.

Cr Carey took exception to the Inspector not inspecting stock:-
he had seen a cancerous beast. A discussion took place as to the duty of the Inspector with regard to his examining herds.
He moved & was 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary look up the question & report to the next meeting. Carried.

Poundkeeper. That he had had one horse in pound which had been released at a cost of £3. 5.--. Received.

Secretary & Engineer. 22.10.13.

- I. Having attended on the deputation to the Minister of Water Supply on the Tandarra water question & the Minister promised to look into the matter with the State Rivers Commissioners & communicate the result.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary write to the Minister & ask for his Report. Carried.

2. He had then laid before the Minister the peculiar position of the longstanding liability of the Loddon United Water-trust with the view to having it written off. The Minister would give no promise in the matter while admitting the injustice. Urging a little perseverance. Received.
3. He called at the offices of the Public Works Department on the subject of the closed road rents & Mr Henry the Officer in charge, promised to send an officer up to call on the lessees & thus relieve this office of a great deal of work. Approved.
4. That while in town he had been taken ill but Mr Owen had attended to the office work & got the books ready for audit. Received.
5. They had written up the rate according to the new Ridings

Reports contd. a work of great difficulty. They had also adjusted the Dr balance according to the decimal of the altered Ridings.

They should now be soon wiped out.

Approved.

6. He had inspected the clearing & formations asked for by Dutton Bros but thought they had better stand over till after harvest. Temporary relief might be given by grubbing a few stumps at the East end.

Approved.

7. He was having some little adjustments made to the Pound-yard & the Dip.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Carried.

Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a vote of thanks be passed to the Secretary & Engineer for attending the conference with the Minister of Water Supply & for his endeavors to get them relief.

Carried.

Secretary & Engineer's Report, 1911-13.

1. That all Contracts were completed & inspected.
2. That he had made a survey of the altered site of the Rubbish Depot at Mitiamo but that he thought it only fair that usual survey fees should be paid for it. He had surveyed once free of charge.

Received.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the fee claimed be not allowed.

Carried.

3. That the new Rate has been written up & handed to Mr Tresise the rate-collector who has issued the demand notices. Rate-payer should be asked to pay their rates as soon as convenient to save interest on overdraft.
4. He thought Councils should again approach the Government with a view to having the municipal finances determined at an earlier date than the Departments persist in adhering to. The Govt. Financial year closes on 30th June but Councils are kept entirely in the dark as to their position until the end of December, the commencement of the holidays. Crs stated that the matter had been discussed at the Annual Session of the Municipal Association & unanimously agreed with but the Minister took no notice.

Received.

Received.

5. Referring to the difficulty of making a quorum at the December

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the Secretary invited Crs to make arrangements to suit themselves. He also asked for an extended holiday at Xmas . Crs Shaw, McCrea, Coutts, Ettershank Carey & the President are expected to attend the December meeting unless prevented.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the Secretary get 6 weeks' holiday this coming Xmas. Carried. The Secretary expressed his gratitude.

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

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

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

That the Dip be kept open during the first week in December but the charge for dipping be 1¹/₂d per sheep instead of 1d. That after that date the dip be closed own. Carried.

Petition.

Cr Carey presented a Petition from W. Harry & others asking that the scale of charges for weighing on the Dingee weighbridge in vogue up to 12th August 1912 be reverted to as the new charge was excessive & in excess of the charges at Tandarra & Prairie.

The Secretary explained that he deemed that everything done by the Council for the convenience of rate-payers should pay its way. The old scale did not pay:-the scale had been revised & the percentage to the weigher lowered. The charges were only reasonable & could not be altered without repealing the By-Law for which notices of motion must be given.

After deliberation it was moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Mahoney:-

That the Council cannot see its way to granting the prayer of the Petition. Carried.

Pan Charge. Moved by Cr Carey 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Mitiamo Pan Charge made on 19th September last be confirmed. Carried.

General Rate. Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That the General Rate made on 19th Sept. last be confirmed. Carried.

Roller.

The Engineer laid on the table a tender from A. Roberts & Sons for a 3 ton roller in 3 sections for £67.10.-

The Engineer pressed for a light roller to be loaded with earth or water but would be satisfied with any one for the North & South Riding.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That a Committee consisting of the Presiden, Crs Coutts & Shaw & the Engineer be appointed to enquire into the question of rollers & report. Carried.

The Council then moved into Committee to deal with Finance. On resuming the Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £323.17.8 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr Mahoney 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Justices of the Peace. The President drew attention to the fact that in consequence of the death of the late Mr D.C. Laird the District was short of J.P.s

Moved by Cr Tonkin 2nd by Cr Carey:-

That the names of Crs Mahoney, McCrea, Shaw & Coutts be submitted to the Attorney General with the request that they be appointed in the Commission of the Peace. Carried.

Thistles. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Tonkin:-

That the Inspectors of Thistles be instructed to commence duty as from tomorrow, 20th Inst at salaries of £2 per week for a period of 8 weeks. Carried.

Notices of Motion. By Cr Ettershank:- That the Width of Tires Act be extended to the Shire.

By Cr Mahoney:- That a small piece of formation be made between G. Mahoney's & J. McCrea in Calivil & 2 formations on the Echuca Road.

Instruction to Engineer. To repair the stone-crossing in McMahon's Swamp. & the meeting closed.

Confirmed this 17th day of December 1913.

W. Bissett
President.

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Shire Hall, Serpentine,

December 17th 1913.

Ordinary Meeting held this day:-

Present the President, Cr Bissett & Crs Shaw, Coulter, Etter-
shank, McCrea:-

The Minutes ^{ut} of the last meeting were read:-

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the same be confirmed.

Carried.

Correspondence. 1. From Hon. Thos. Langdon that he cannot yet obtain any reliable information as to Special Grants but expects to do so shortly. He writes that he has been in constant communication with the Secretary to the Standing Committee who intimates that they are waiting for information from the Railway Officer who, I am informed, will shortly give evidence before the Committee:-
Re appointment of Local J.P.s enclosing the Attorney General's letter.
Received.

2. From the latter that the matter will receive consideration.
Received.

3. From Hon. P.G. Clark that he has spoken against making the Land Tax valuation the basis of assessment but was defeated on the vote. There is no chance of defeating the Unimproved Values Bill but he thinks it will be a dead letter so far as most of the Shires are concerned.
Received.

4. From the Public Health Department with requirements of the Board to the Public-Hall Mechanics' Institute at Bear's Lagoon & asking for Report of the Engineer.
Received.

5. From the Director of the School of Mines, the Shire Analyst, that he cannot undertake any analyses of food samples for 3 months.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the samples stand over till March next. Carried.

6. From Robertson & Co. offering to negotiate for a policy under the Workers' Compensation Act. *To stand over till the Bill passed.*

7. From the Shire of Norvell asking co-operation in amending the Country Roads Act that the Board have authority to purchase land for planting & hiring such to municipalities.
Received.

8. From the Shire of Rochester, Balance Sheet.
Received.

9. From the Shire of Gordon, Balance Sheet.
Received.

Cont. contd. IO. From Joseph Dee explaining why he has not proceeded with Contract No. 212 & promising to do it in January.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That an extension of time be granted till the February Meeting. Carried.

- II. From the State Rivers & W.S. Commission with Report for 1912-13 shewing therein that the liability for the old loan of 30 years ago is still £18142.16.10. Received.
- 12. Circular from Barford & Perkins of Water Ballast Road Rollers. Received.
- 13. Circular from Standard Publishing Co. offering volume on Reinforced Concrete at 18/-. Received.
- 14. From T.H. Flere with invitation to a lecture he is giving in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne on 18th Inst. on his new method of road construction. Received with thanks.
- 15. From Miss Crapper with thanks for granting half holiday on Saturdays. at Tandarra P.O. Received.

Reports. Treasurer. Receipts £60. 5.7:- Payments £323.17.8:- Overdraft £1304. -.3. Received.
 Rate-Collector. Rates current £16.11.3:- Arrears £8.17.6:- Interest 3/10:- Dog 5/- total £25.17.7. Recd.
 Weigher, Dingee. Collections £7.16.6. Received.

Mitiamo Sanitary Contractor. that he had delivered 36 pans & with the names of the householders. That his price of 10/- per month for cleaning out the drains included disinfectant but if the Council provide this he will do it for 8/- per month. That he had completed 3 sides of the fencing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the Contractor clean out the drains for 4 months at 8/- per month. Carried.

Poundkeeper, Bear's Lagoon. Received.
Calivil Dip Caretaker. That he had finished dipping. The dip worked well & the draining pens gave no trouble. He had dipped 7033 sheep & used 3 cases & 6 packets of material. He expected to have dipped more but the farmers have fewer sheep this season. Received.

Dairy Inspector O'Neill that he does not make it a practice of examining the cows as he does not consider himself competent to do so. That his salary would not permit it as it would take up too much time. He collects the fees & inspects the dairies. In his opinion there should never be a lumpy-jawed cow milked for the good of the community. To stand over for Secretary's Report.

Thistle Inspector Fattorini. that he had used his best endeavors to enforce the Thistle Acts. The work up to the present had been carried out satisfactorily. He had had a little trouble in a few cases but on my pointing out that I intend enforcing the Act the

Reports contd.

the work was done. He had not completed the whole district yet. The thistles are bad this year owing to there being a lot of seedlings.

Received.

Thistle Inspector Brown that he had inspected as much of his district as possible & served a number of notices. He found a great growth of star-thistle & satisfactory progress is being made with the cutting. In one particular portion of the parish of Mitiamo parish he had caused thistles to be cut at intervals right throughout the year. A few Bathurst Burrs are springing up in favorable spots but he had as yet, seen no stink-wort.

Cr Coulter complained that the Inspector had never visited the S.E. portion of the Shire & the Secretary was requested to instruct him to do so. Report received.

Cr Coutts entered.Secretary & Engineer.

1. That by the Maintenance Man, Boyd, he had had all the culverts & bridges on the Dingee Road repaired. That he had arranged to take out a bridge on the boundary road between McGrath's & Mrs Brook's & put in a 6'0" x 2'0" culvert. Approved.
2. He had inspected the culverts on Cobb's Road & arranged for their repair. Approved.
3. That the beams in the new span of the bridge over Bear's Lagoon on Cobb's Road had opened up. He had had the bridge thoroughly screwed up & a series of large bolts introduced. He trusted the bridge would now be substantial. Approved.
4. He had arranged for the repair of the bridges over the Serpentine Creek both in Cobb's Road & that at East Loddon Estate. Approved.
5. That there is a culvert on the E. & W. road between Mr Potter's & his son's quite worn out. Mr Potter avers that it was never any use & I am having it taken out.

Cr Coutts stated that he thought the bridge was very necessary & was supported by Cr Ettershank.

He therefore moved & was 2nd by Cr Ettershank:-

That the bridge be reconstructed. Carried.

6. That Kulsh's Lagoon bridge is always a source of trouble rabbits finding their way into the abutment endangering the piles. He proposed examining it on his return with the view to adding another bay. To stand over for inspection with Cr Coutts.
7. Asking instructions as to calling fresh tenders for repair of the Pom-Pom bridge which was advertised last year.

To stand over.

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8. At the September meeting you had let part of Contract No.

216, the fencing of rubbish-depot at Mitiamo but there was no tender for the shed & tank &c. He had succeeded in getting a tender from John McKay & Co at £23 & this, with the approval of the President, he had accepted & asking for its confirmation.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the action of the President & Engineer be approved & confirmed. Carried.

9. That the Calivil Dip had worked satisfactorily & at a profit of £1. 8.--. Received.

10. As to the Petition from the Tandarra people he had received no word from the Minister who was now out of office. As a new rate on the Loddon United Watertrust area would soon be struck recommending that a protest be entered against such rate until the Petition had been dealt with. Received.

W.H.
11. Cr Coulter reported that they had held a meeting on Thursday & did not wish to take any further action at present. Recommending for consideration the granting of 2½% discount to ratepayers paying their rates before 31st December & 1¼% to those paying before 31st March as a means of reducing the interest on overdraft. Received.

12. That he had looked through the Health Acts as to Dairies & found the duties of the Inspector defined in regulation No.V. That he is to visit & inspect grazing areas & report any deficiencies found but as to diseased cattle he thought a veterinary surgeon or other competent person must be engaged with the view to destroying any cattle. He had written Mr O'Neill on the subject but had hitherto had no reply. To stand over till next meeting. on the motion of Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter.

13. Arrangements made during his absence on leave. That he is starting on Monday 22nd. Approved.

14. Suggesting the calling of a meeting should anything arise in connection with the Durham-Ox, Jarklan &c Railway. Approved.

15. "Inviting the President to visit the Cemetery with a view to putting in a claim for a share in the Special Grant for Cemeteries. Approved.

16. That only £16.11.3 of the new rate had come in while the overdraft was £1304. Received.

Moved by Cr Coulter 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

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

Adjourned till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

Business resumed the same Crs present.

A letter was in the hands of the President from Mr T. Butler:-

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That the letter be received. Carried.

Roller.

M. G. The Engineer laid certain advertisements relating to rollers on the table. Ultimately he was instructed to write to leading firms for prices & submit same to the Committee & that Cr Ettershank take the place of Cr Shaw on such Committee.

Road Grader.

Mr Wakelin, representing Messrs Mitchell & Co., of West Foots-cray, was in attendance & exhibited a model of the Austin Grader, which they offered to supply at £85 cash & to give a practical illustration of the working of the implement. After deliberation the Engineer was instructed to write to the Shires of Gordon, ~~Numerkah~~ Wycheproof & Charlton for particulars as to the graders they use & the practical results. Cr Coutts said that if possible, he would attend an exhibition of the working of the grader at Boort.

Registrar of Births & Deaths. Moved by the President 2nd by Cr Shaw:-

That the Secretary write to the Law Department & enquire whether it is true that the Registrar of Births & Deaths at Serpentine has resigned & whether the office which has been in operation for nearly half a century has been closed. & if so for what reason. Carried.

Cigarettes.

The President complained of the practice of throwing the live stumps of cigarettes on the ground at sport gatherings & moved:- That the Secretary write the Law Department & ask that such practice be included under the definition of "the careless use of fire". Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

That Mr Albrecht consenting hereto, his appointment be terminated as from 1st February next & that from that date he be appointed Secretary, Engineer & Valuer up to the 1st day of May 1914 at a salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Shaw 2nd by Cr McCrea:-

That Mr Eric Owen consenting he be appointed Assistant Engineer as from 1st February 1914 to 1st May at a salary at the rate of £125 per annum to cover horse-hire but not field assistance.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by Cr Coulter:-

Mr. G. That the Width of Tires ^{Provisions of the Local Government Act 1903 (Pt XXII)} ~~not~~ be brought into operation in the Shire.

Carried.

Finance Committee. The Committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £221. 3.3 & recommended their passing.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

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

Carried.

Moved by Cr McCrea 2nd by Cr Coutts:-

That a small piece of formation be made between Geo.

Mahoney's & S.O. McCrea's & between 2 formations on the Echuca Road.

Carried.

Moved by Cr Ettershank 2nd by the President:-

That a bonus of £5 be passed to Mr Eric Owen for his assistance at the Council table during the past year.

Carried.

Before closing the Meeting, the President mentioned the untimely death of Mr. John Henry Sargood, Manager for many years of the Yarraberb Estate. Although not a member of this Council, he had long been a Councillor for the neighbouring Shire of Marong. He was a man of the purest integrity & one that everybody who knew him highly respected. He moved:-

That a record of regret & sympathy be placed on the Minute Book & that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Sargood.

Cr. Shaw, in/seconding, expressed similar sentiments & was supported by Crs. Ettershank, Coulter & McCrea. Carried unanimously.

And the meeting closed.

Confirmed this

18th day of February 1914.
W. Binett