Council Meeting 14th Feby 1917

The follwoing members were present

Crs Carey (Pres) Coulter Mahoney and Ettershank.

There being no quorum the members mentioned sat as a committee to deal with the business, their recommendations and decisions to be sub-mitted to the next ordinary meeting for endorsement.

Correspondence dealth with.

1. Director of Recruiting, asking for support in campaign.

To stand over to next meeting? Mr Sampson M H R to be asked to recommend a date for a recruiting rally.

2. Shire of Lillydale asking Council to support action to secure legislation to govern motor car lighting.

To be supported.

3. Shire of Kerang, protesting against farmers not being represented on the Wheat Commission.

To be supported.

4. Postmaster General, asking if any objection to the Post Office being called Serpentine.

To be informed that there is no objection.

5. Municipal Association, asking if any motions for next Sessi-on.

To stand over to next meeting.

6. Public Works Dept, notifying allocation of Government Grants, the Council to expend £ for £ on £129.15.3.

Left in the Engineers hands to arrange for collection.

7. Country Roads Board. approving of renewal of stringers etc at the Bullock Creek Bridge on Mitiamo Road.

Received.

8. SAME, approval of acceptance of tender of T. Mossop for fencing at Hurstwood Bridge £101.17.9

Received

9. SAME, stating Board in sympathy with Council's efforts to prevent use of narrow tires and overloading but stating that as the bridge is designed for 16 tons that they would like the notices removed.

Notices to be removed.

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10. Country Roads Board, re arrangements made with late Engineer re plans.

To stand over to next meeting.

11. Ocean Accident and Guarantee Co, relative to Bank Messenger Laurens fidelity Guarantee.

Highway robbery risk to be taken out.

12. T Gilmore, stating he had driven his car into an unspecified drain on a road and asking for £5 damages.

Received.

13. Hamley Kerr, asking for refund of £2.2.6 on account of horse resold at Pound, owing to sale being invalid.

Money to be refunded.

14. Isabella Vogele, asking for renewal of Slaughtering Licence at Dingee

Mrs Vogele attended and was informed by the President that her licence would be issued provided thaty before next meeting, she removed the yards from present site and thaty same were approved by the Inspector.

15. Dr Pritchard M.B.B.S. asking for appointment as Health Officer vice Dr Jacobs resigned.

Appointed on the motion of Crs Carey and Mahoney.

16. W J Hamilton relative to Contract 272 Calivil Creek bridge, stating conditions on which he was agreeable to carry out the altered work.

Work to be carried out as recommended by the Engineer.

17. Sly and Starling offering surplus timber and ironwork at the Hurstwood bridge for sale.

Received.

18. Lienhop and Co, stating no objection to the Shire timber remaining at Phillips, Mitiamo.

Received.

19. Stone Bros, applying for licence for oil tractor.

Granted.

20. George Lakey
20. William Gook } applying for traction engine licences.

To stand over to next meeting.

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Tenders accepted.

10/1917 J Johnson Formations on Four posts road £31.19.7

12/1917 W Ball Culvert and form near Coutts and McCotmacks 22,15.8

13/1917 ToBUTLER Formations and culvert near Lows and Hirds,Echuca road. 63. 4. 1

15/1917 J Ketterer Culvert near Prairie R.S. 46.10. 0

18/1917 J Johnson Formations near Gows,Lairds, Dobbies,Dip corner,Calivil 49.17. 3.

1M. C.R.B. J Kett Stone Crossing,Myers Creek at Dingee £140.7.nO

3P/16 C.R.B T Mossop Fencing Potter road. 101.17. 9

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Correspondence Ctd.

21. Frank Doody, applying for "writing" given by him on Kerrs behalf.

Request to be complied with, if possible, and that he be informed that the Council relieves of his responsibility.

22. Paterson and Co, re Roll of Honor

To stand over to next meeting.

Reports.

SHIRE ENGINEER.

The Engineer reported as follows.

1. Reporting that contract specifications had been prepared.

Received

Cl 2. Relative to WEB Hamilton Contract 271. crossings on Mitiamo Bendigo Road reporting extras

Nett £2.16.6 Extras £4.1.11 deductions.

Adopted on motion of Crs Carey and Mahoney.

Cl 3. Cost of necessary formation of Cobbs road neat Mossops, Janiember East.

Stand over to next meeting.

Cl 4. Works necessary on Cobbs bridge Janiember East.

To be done by roadsman Boyd.

Cl 5. Estimate of cost of works necessary on Yarrayne road

Stand over to next meeting.

Cl6. Tradtion Engine traffice, suggesting by laws to govern same.

Stand over to next meeting.

Cl 7. Maintenance works report

Received.

Cl 8. Reporting extras amounting to £1.10.0 on Contract 270 T Butler Raywood Pyramid road.

Adopted.

Cl 9. Gravel for Rogers corner, stating Mr Taylor agreeable for removal from North side of road, Council to fix price.

Adopted.

Cl10. Asking for date of inspection of Calivil dip.

To stand over to next meeting.

Cl 11. Statement of completion of Bullock Creek Bridge.

Adopted.

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cl 12. Reporting as to works necessary on W B Hamilton's contract No 272 on the Calivil Creek Bridge. Attend Schedule £126-3-2 Q.C.T

Already dealt with, cross decking to be done

cl 13. Overdue contracts.

Adopted.

Other reports.

Treasurer, reporting Credit Balance £56.18.1

Received.

Collector reporting amounts collected.

Health Officers (2) annual reports.

Received.

Copy of Secretarys annual report on Public Health.

Adopted.

Dr Miller, reporting case of Scarlet Fever at Dingee.

Received.

Engineer, showing difference between pegs at Hurstwood Bridge.

Received.

Thistle Inspector, asking for instructions as to initiating prosecutions.

Inspector to give notice by advertisement and to prosecute offenders before next meeting.

Dog Inspector, asking for instructions as to enforcing Act.

Act to be strictly enforced.

EXTRAS ON CONTRACT 2M/ C R B

Adopted. £252÷2÷11 on Shire Acc and £117÷9÷8 on Acc amounting to County Road Board Acc were recommended for payment Q.C.T 21.2.17.

Roadsman Boyd was granted a fortnights leave of absence when convenient, and, after resolving not to hold any meeting until the next Ordinary meeting, the meeting closed.

Confirmed by full Council

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E a J Lewis

President.

Declaration by Councillor

I, William Bissett, of Serpentine, do hereby declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the Local Government Act 1915.

Declared at Serpentine this
14 day of March in
the year 1917 before me

Wm. Bissett

Councillor.

Council Meeting

March 14th 1917

Present.

Crs Carey (President) W Bissett Mahoney McCrae Coulter Tonkin and Coutts.

Cr William Bissett took the usual declaration and his seat.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coulter.

The Council then adjourned for 10 minutes out of respect for the memory of the late Cr William Bissett Senr.

On resumption Cr Carey feelingly referred to the death of the late Cr William Bissett, who had served faithfully as a Councillor of the Shire for the period of over 40 years and moved that a vote of condolence be passed, expressing to his relatives the Council's great sorrow at his demise and loss from their midst.

This was seconded by Councillor George Mahoney and supported by all the Councillors and the Shire Secretary.

The motion was carried with deep regret andthe Secretary ordered to record same on the minutes.

Councillor William Bissett was then welcomed by the President in a neat speech, in which he expresssed the wish that Cr Bissett would be perfectly happy in his association with the Council and the ratepayers and that he would be long spared to endeavor to emulate the example set him by his late father, who had been so painstaking in his duty, so selfsacrificing in his life, and had been beloved, not only by the district residents but by all who had the honor of being acquainted with him.

This was supported by other Councillors present.

Councillor Bissett then feelingly responded, stating that he would do his best to carry out the example set him, and to further the interests of the Shire of East Loddon and district.

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Inward Correspondence.

1. Treasury, forwarding claim for £275 for Government Endowment.

Secretary to attend to collection.

2. Country Roads Board. stating approval of acceptance tender of T. J Kett for stone crossing in Myers Creek Dingee £140.7.0, etc.

Received.

3. Same. drawing attention to the fact that the maintenance allocation for Mitiamo road has been exceeded and no further money available.

Received.

4. Shire of Gordon, relative to Bill's swamp road, stating willingness to share cost of widening bank, subject to East Loddon Shire doing these works.

Cr Mahoney moved. That tenders be called for the work,
Cr Coutts sec. Engineer to interview Mr Graham C.E. and confer.

Carried.

5. Shire of Whittlesea ~~——~~ protests against Daylight Saving Act.
5A. " " Swan Hill ~~——~~

Cr Tonkin moved. That protests be supported.
" Coulter secd.

Carried.

6. Decentralisation and Country Development League, asking for delegated to coming conference.

Cr Coutts moved That the President attend, or his deputy.
" Tonkin secd

Cd

Cr Carey moved That Cr Coulter be the deputy.
" Coutts secd

Cd.

P Hardiman Mitiamo, applying for renewal of Slaughtering licence.

Renewal granted on motion of Crs Tonkin and Coulter.

Ocean Accident Co, re G Laurens guarantee, with details of charges.

Cr Tonkin moved. That a fidelity guarantee be taken out.
Cr Coutts secd.

Carried.

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9. Recruiting Corresrondence.

Received, Secretary to attend to same.

10. C W Perry, asking for improvements to his road.

Cr Coutts moved. That the Engineer inspect and report.

" McCrae seed

Cd.

11. Tandarra School Committee, asking for permission to lay water on to school garden from Shire dam.

Cr Mahoney moved. That permission be granted, subject to the pleasure

" Coutts seed. of the Council, the School Committee to bear all c cost.

Carried.

Mr Albrecht's letter relative to commission on Country Roads Board works was dealt with in Committee, and after thoroughly going into the matter Cr Coutts moved, with Cr Tonkin seconding " That the Secretary write Mr Albrecht stating that the Council has given due consideration to his letter and that, seeing that the Board has given him 5%, as against from three to four per cent usually allowed and are following their usual custom of allowing 2% on letting of work and 3% on progress payments certified to by him, that he is being fairly treated by the Board. and advise him that the matter now remains simply a private matter between him and the Board. Also that the Secretary draw his attention to the fact that the Board usually pays 2% on approved Specification on the Engineers estimate, and that he should be entitled to claim same on Dingee road works, if approved. "

Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer. Received.

Collector. Received.

Sanitary Rate Collector Received.

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Reports Ctd.

4. Thistle Inspector, reporting difficulty in getting Landholders to eradicate thistles.

Cr Mahoney moved. That, where the legal notice has been ignored or not properly complied with, the Inspector put men on to to cut, stack and burn Star thistle, Burrs and stinkwort at 9/- per diem at the expense of the defaulting landholder.

" Tonkin seed. Carried.

5. Dog Inspector.

Received.

6. Inspector of Nuisances Brown. re Vogele's yards at Dingee, stating unsatisfactory at present.

It was resolved to allow Mrs Vogele 14 days to remove the yards, Constable Brown to be notified of same.

Traction Engine By Law.

Cr Coulter moved That traction engine by-law No1/1917 as submitted by the secretary be passed and adopted and that it be confirmed at next meeting.

Seconded by Cr Bissett and carried.

Licences to use traction engines, subject to the new By-Law were ordered to be issued to Messrs G Lakey and William Cook, who have still to apply for the necessary permits.

Certificates of Honor.

Cr Coutts moved. That the Secretary order 125 copies of the

" Tonkin seed. soldiers certificate of honor and forward same to the relatives of each soldier who enlisted from the Shire.

Carried.

HONORBOARD.

Cr Coulter moved. That the Engineer get prices and designs for

" Coutts seed. an honor board to hold 200 names.

Carried.

March 14th 1917

Engineers report.

Clauses 3 and 5 of February.

Held over to next meeting.

Calivil dip inspection was arranged for 26th inst at 3 p.m.

March report.

Clause 1. Church road near Harrys, report on formations etc necessary.

Cr Coulter moved. That tenders be called.

" Tonkin secd.

Carried.

Cr Carey moved.

Cr Coulter secd. That the contract for formations on Terricks road near McIlwains be readvertised and that the Engineer call tenders for formation and stone crossing near Cr Careys gate.

Cd

Clause 2. Stating arranged with T Dripps to carry out formation eork on Thomas corner, Tandarra, 6½ chains for £9.12.6

Adopted.

Clause 3. Report showing cost of stone crossing and other work at Murphys and Aitkens corner, Tandarra.

Cr Carey moved. That the work be done when money is availa

" Tonkin secd -ble.

Carried.

Clause 4. Estimated cost of two footbridges in Myers Creek and at Council dam on Dingee Rochester road.

It was arranged that the footbridge on the Council dam crossing be a log crossing and be constructed by the roadsman.

Clause 5. Stated instructed roadsmen to get on with grading of Echuca road and Prairie road before winter.

Adopted.

Clause 6. Stating desirable to cross deck Tyffe's bridge over Bears lagoon at cost of £75.

Cr Coutts moved That tenders be called.

Cr Mahoney secd Carried

Engineer's report.

Clause 7. Reporting in position to make general report.

To be done.

Clause 8.
Report on contracts and maintenance, stating Contractors should be forced to start works earlier.

Adopted, Cr Mahoney moved. That Johnson be instructed to start the " McCrae seed formation between Gow's and Lows at once and that a 24" x 12" culvert be put in as an extra" to contract on schedule rates.

Carried.

Clause 9. Stating Mr W G Coutts wishes exchange of road strip on Inglewood road for strip on his property on east side.

Referred to South riding members and Engineer to confer on the ground with Mr Coutts and report, on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coutts.

Clause 10. Reporting extras on Contracts for adoption as below.

271 G Hamilton £6.0.6

279 W Ball 4.

Adopted on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Coulter.

Clauses 11 and 12. 11. General

12. Stating will prepare specifications for works on Ludemanns and Dale's rod for next meeting.

Received.

Finance Committee.

Cr Coulter moved That accounts amounting to £272.14. 5 be " Tonkin seed. passed for payment

Carried.

Cr Tonkin moved the adoption of the report of the Tenders Committee, the following tenders being accepted

1/1917	Echuca road	W G Ball	£47.15.11
2/1917	Jackmans "	J Crapper	27.4.2
4/1917	Mitiamo Streets	O'Halloran and Sons	£296.18.8
5/1917	W B Hamilton	£62.6.9	Hurstwood road.
6/1917	J Ketterer	29.8.6	McGraths road.
7/1917	ditto	40.16.0	Form and crossing Tandarra road.
8/1917	J Crapper	7.10.0	Campbells forest road.
9/1917	W G Ball	15.2. 8	Swan Hill Road

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11/1917 T Butler £22.7.0 Hursrwood road
16/1917 W B Hamilton to be instructed that the Council will let him Contract for Hursrwood road 16/1917 at Schedule rates for 5/1917.

Instructions to Engineer.
Cr Mahoney. Dayman to do Two chains of extension on two chain road before Mitiamo road corner between Kirwans and S O Mc Crae's.

Cr Tonkin.
Engineer inspect on Echuca road across Runnymede road near Woods.

Cr McCrae

Engineer call tenders before next meeting for two pieces of forma-ation between Johnsons and Bert Lows, also small piece near W Baileys

Cr Coutts.

Dayman to gravel footpaths at Bears Lagoon.

Cr Mahoney moved. That the matter of a typewriter and duplicator
" Carey secd. be held over to next meeting for consideration.

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed. J C McCrae

President

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Council Meeting April 11th 1917

Present. Cr McCrae (Chairman) Crs Bissett, Coutts, Shaw, Tonkin, Ettershank, Mahon ey,

In the absence of the President Cr McCrae was voted to the Chair on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Ettershank.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Bissett.

Inwards Correspondence.

1. From family of Late Ct Bissett, thanking Council for sympathy in their bereavement.

Received.

2. Country Roads Board, forwarding 10 ton notices to be placed on Hurstwood Bridge.

Attended to.

3. State Treasury, forwarding claim for £93 for Licensing Fund.

Attended to.

4. Chief Secretary, approval of holiday for Hospital Fete.

Received.

5. Public Works Deprt, asking for report as to whether Messrs McGrath Bros have been cultivating unused road South of Allots 113-114, Janiember East, asking what increased rental should be charged.

To be informed that the road was cultivated in error, and that grazing licence should be issued.

6. J Dee, stating will try and do piece of formation near Keogh's but cannot do piece near Miles Bros for some time, asking if can stand over.

Work to stand over, but Dee to be asked to do same as soon as possible.

7. G J Lakey, stating burned culvert on Jagers lane through careless use of fire but will repir same.

To be informed that dayman will be sent to repair same at his expense, since he failed to do so, and that cost be kept and charged to Lakey.

8. Tatchell Dunlop and Smalley, asking instructions as to prosecuting defaulting ratepayers.

Cr Coutts moved That the Collector interview the persons named and report tom the Council.

" McCrae secd Carried.

April 12th 1917 Ctd.

Reports.

Treasurer,report on finances.

Received.

Rate Collector,report of collections for March.

Received.

Health Officer,reporting case of Scarlet Fever at Calivil and stating he has closed State School.

Cr Mahoney moved. That Dr Pritchard be written to asking him if he thinks it is not advisable to extend the period for closing the School

" McCrae sedd

Carried.

W Johnson,reporting sanitary rates collected for March.

Defaulting ratepayers to be written to regarding payment of rates and Johnson to be paid for 6 loads gravel deliverdd to the Depot on Cr McCrae's authority.

Thistle Inspector.

Received.

The Engineer (Mr G W C Venables C.E.') reported as under.

Clause 1. Stating contracts prepared.

Adopted.

Clause 2. Cost of formations on Echuca road near Runnymede road corner

Cr Tonkin moved That tenders be called.
" McCrae secd

Carried.

Clause 3. Reporting prepared tenders for Bills swamp works.

Adopted.

Clause 4. REporting on cost of for mations on road West of Calivil School and suggesting that it be given to J Johnson as an cntrn to Sontract at Schedule rates.

Cr McCnae moved That J Johnson do the work at Schedule rates.
" Mahoney send

Carried.

Use 5.Reporting on gravelling paths at Bears Lagoon suggesting that Sections 501-502 of the L.G.Act be put in operation to secure gravel.

Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Coutts sec nded " That

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Engineers report CTD.

the Engineer inspect and report at next Council meeting as to gravel at Bears Lagoon and interview landholders regarding supply of same.

Carried.

Clause 6 Reporting detail as to works arranged for at Calivil Dip.

Cr Coutts moved and Cr McCrae secd " That the works as arranged for by the Riding members and Engineer be approved of and that the Concrete Co be asked to do the donerete work as suggested by the Engineer.

Carried.

Clause 7. Report on Perrys road ,Janiember East

Cr Coutts moved and Cr McCrae seed " That the Engineer arrange to have Boyd grade the road for 1 mile as he did at Black Gate Bane and that detailed costs be kept.

Carried.

Clause 8. Reporting on Inglewood road exchange as suggested by Mr W G Coutts.

It was decided to take no action in this matter.

Clause 9. Mossops road formation.

Cr Ettershank moved That tenders be called for the work for

" Shaw secd next meeting.

Carried.

Clause 10. Works necessary on Serpentine Yarrayne road.

Cr Bissett moved That tenders be called for next meeting and

" Ettershank secd that the Engineer interview Mr Coutts regarding the supply of loam.

Carried.

Clause 11. Reporting extras on contracts as under

264 T Butler Bullock Creek Bridge near Shaws £13.12.0

276 J Kett Myers Creek crossing 9.14.0

Adopted on the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrae.

Clause 12. Stating new Union Jack required for Hall.

Cr McCrea moved That a new Union Jack be purchased.

" Coutts seed Carried.

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Mr Ernest Coutts applied for permission to erect a telephone line on roads in the Parish of Jarklin and Janiember West and this was granted on the motion of Crs Ettershank and McCrae.

Cr Ettershank moved the adoption of the Fenders Committe 's report, the following tenders being accepted.

3/1917	Formationand stone crossing Terricks road	J Ketterer	£71. 5. 5
17/1917	ditto and metalling Inglewood road	J Ketterer	197 . 10. 7
19/1917	ditto and culvert Church road near Harrys	T Heyward	55. 13. 0
20/1917	ditto and stone crossing near Cr Carey's	J Crapper	33. 19. 8
21/1917	Redecking Fyfe's bridge	W B Hamilton	84. 17. 3
22/1917	Formation and crossing near Ludemanns and Dales	J Ketterer	71. 13. 0
23/ 1917	Formation near Johnstons and near W Bailey's and Lowe's	J Johnson	74. 4 . 0

Seconded by Cr Shaw and carried.

Cr Mahoney moved the adoption of the Finance Committe's report, the following accounts being passed for payment

Shire A/c £397.19.4 /

Seconded by Cr Tonkin and carried.

Traction Engines By-law was formally confirmed on the motion of Crs Mahoney and McCrea.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Shaw seconded " That the matter of selecting an Honor Board be left in Cr Ettershanks hands, with power to act.

Carried.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Shaw seconded " That a new Typewriter be purchased.

Carried.

It was decided to seek information as to the cost of Duplicators and the saving effected in Shire Offices, by the use of same.

The Engineer was instructed to extend the approaches at the new Burstwood bridge, after first getting the sanction of Korong Shire.

On the motion of Crs Mahoney and McCrea it was decided to write

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to the Country Roads Board, asking if the Board was prepared to do urgent works on the Mitiamo and Prairie roads, where damaged by the last floods.

Cr Ettershank moved and Cr McCrea seconded " That the Engineer send the grader out to fettle the roads with the grader when the weather breaks.

Carried.

Cr McCrea moved and Cr Tonkin seconded " That Mr Jas McIntyre be asked to complete the work of filling in objectionable dam at Mitiamo within 4 weeks from date.

Carried.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED.

Confirmed.

President [illegible]

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Council Meeting

May 9th 1917

Present Crs Carey (President) , Coutts, McCrae , Ettershank , Mahoney, Bissett , and Tonkin.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Bissett.

LETTERS.

1. Water Supply Commission, stating its officers have been requested to co-operate in destroying Noxious Weeds.
Received.

2. Country Roads Board, stating flood damages must be repaired from the Maintenance vote, provision for which will be made on 30th June.

3. Good roads association, protesting against the stoppage and curtailment of the Country Roads Board operations. asking the Council to support resolution of protest.
Cr Mahoney Moved That the Country Roads Board be written to,
" Coutts secd pointing out that the Prairie and Dingee and Mitiamo roads are practically impassable as the result of last floods, and that, as they were taken over by the Board and the Shire cannot possibly do the work from maintenance , which would be useless inview of the work required, the Board be asked to make some suggestion to overcome the difficulty.
CARRIED.
Cr Mahoney moved That the Council, at next meeting, consider the
" Carey secd advisability of increasing the widths of Prairie and Mitiamo roads.
Carried.

4. State Recruiting Committee, asking for support to movement to urge people to secure War savings certificates.
Left in the Secretarys hands to secure 300 to 400 stamps for placing on letters sent out, urging people to take up these certificates.
In connexion with the letter from the Good Roads Association, asking for a protest against the curtailment of the Country Roads Boards operations, Cr Tonkin moved and Cr Coutts seconded " That the protest be supported and the resolution in support sent to the Hon the Premier"
Carried.

5. Education Dept, forwarding programme to be used on Empire Day.
Received.

6. Public Works Dept, asking Council what increased rental should be charged for Messrs Mc Grath Bros unused road which was cultivat -ed by them.

Cr McCrae moved and Cr Etershank seconded "That the amount of 50% above rental value for grazing purposes be recommended".
Carried.

7. R D Watson, Dingee, disclaiming any knowledge of Scarlet Fever Case treated at Bendigo Hospital and charges made to Council.
Received.

8. Dr Pritchard, stating closed Prairie State School for 3 weeks for Chicken Pox.
Action confirmed on motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey.

9. Same, stating reasons why Calivil Creek isolation period for Scarlet Fever need not be continued or extended.
Received.

10. Country Municipal Association, asking that the Shire Engineer be appointed to attend as delegate to represent the Council at Engineering Conference to be held in Bendigo on 25th May.
Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Coutts secd "That the Engineer be asked to represent the Council" Carried.

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11. Shire of Maldon, asking Council to support the movement to ask the Government to take steps to see that all Crown Lands that are infested with Thistles and Noxious Weeds are kept free from same.

Cr Carey Moved and Cr Tonkin seconded " That the support of the the Council be accorded to the proposal and that the Secretary write to the Shire of Maldon conveying this information.

Carried.

12. J G Lakey, asking Council to give him time to repair a culvert damaged by fire .

Roadsman Boyd to attend to same.

13. W E Clift, asking for increase in Salary as Dog Collector, Rate Collector, and Thistle Inspector.

This was dealt with in Committee, and Cr Coutts moved, with Cr Mahoney seconding " That the remuneration for Dog Fees collected be increased to 30% and that Mr Clift be notified that it is the desire of the Council that he live in the Shire ".

Carried.

14. LUKE MURPHY, asking for reason why the tender of T Butler for Fyfe's bridge was not adopted.

CR Mahoney moved
" Ettershank secd

That the letter be received and that the writer be informed that the Council acted without prejudice in the best interests of the ratepayers.

Carried

Reports.

Treasurer, reporting Credit Balance £L892.18.4 and giving Riding Bal'ces.

Received.

Rate Collector, report of monies collected for April.

Received.

Sanitary Collector, reporting £9.19.6 paid in.

Received.

Thistle Inspector, reporting on work done for April.

Received

ENGINEERS REPORT MAY 9th 1917

THE ENGINEER reported as under.

The President and Councillors
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report for your information and action thereon

1. That contract specifications have been prepared for all works as resolved on at last meeting, and these have been advertised for today.

Received.

2. Hurstwood Bridge approaches- I have made the necessary survey, but am awaiting the sanction of Korong Shire before preparing tenders.

RECEIVED.

3. GRAVEL PITS. I have inspected gravel pits in Messrs D Hopkins and J Sloan's properties. In the former land there is a fair supply of fair quality gravel, also toppings. Mr Hopkins offered to sell gravel at 1/- per cyd and the toppings at 6d per cyd. The latter will make good footpath material, if carefully selected.

(CR Ettershank moved and Cr Coutts secd "That the toppings at 6d per cyd be used at Bears Lagoon paths. Carried.)

In Mr Sloans land there is a splendid supply of gravel. I wrote Mr Sloan regarding same, but have so far had no reply. As this pit is excellently situated, and there are some 8000 to 9000 cyds available, so far as I can judge without boring, steps should be taken to acquire either the whole or a portion of same, as it will be of great benefit for road making purposes.

(The Secretary was requested to look up previous correspondence from Mr Sloan regarding the sale of the gravel.)

4. Eeles Brothers drain AT Green Hills on Raywood Rd. I inspected this locality recently, and found that what is desired is that the Council will grant Mr Eeles permission to clean out an old drain, which has become silted up. This drain is South of Myers Creek. The water lies in a hollow about 20 chains South of the creek and is said by Mr Eeles to damage his land. As the outlet, if the drain is constructed, is into Myers Creek, I am of the opinion that no damage can be caused if permission be granted.

Permission granted, on the motion of Crs Carey and Ettershank, during the pleasure of the Council.

5. Road at corner of Messrs W Henderson's and Aitkens.
I inspected the road at the corner stated above, which is at the intersection of the North South and East West roads, North of Mr W Henderson's house. 9 chains of 15' x 15" formation are required from the North side of the intersection Southward, the first 5 chains requiring loaming, after first boxing out the formation for same.

The work can be done by roadsman Boyd, if some assistance is granted him, cheaply and well, as loam is reasonably close. The cost of the work will be about as under £13.

It was resolved that Boyd do the work, on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Bissett.

6. I interviewed Mr Coutts re loam for Albert Park corner, but he does not care to sell same, owing to the damage it would cause to his property. There is an unused road in same and I have provided for the loam to be taken from the sides of same.

Action confirmed.

7. Calivil Creek Bridge near Stone's.
Contractor W Hamilton has finished this work and made a very good job. The altered schedule has resulted in a saving so far as I can judge, of about £30 on the

cost of the original contract's intentions, in addition to ensuring a more satisfactory result.

Tracey should be instructed to remove the banks in the creek bed, otherwise scouring must eventually take place.

ADOPTED, Crs Mahoney and Coutts moved and seconded "That Tracey do the works as suggested"

Carried

8. All contracts have now been signed up. Some contractors are behind time, but satisfactory excuses for the most part have been tendered.

Contractor O'Halloran has experienced difficulty in getting stone breakers for Mitiamo metalling. The following contracts are in progress.

T Mossop, fencing Potters road, which will be finished about next meeting.
W Ball 1/1917 Echuca Road works.
J Crapper 2/1917 Stone Crossing at Jackmans Rd.
W B Hamilton 5/1917 Formation and gravel Hunstwood Rd
T Butler 11/1917 Works near Kelsh's lagoon
J Ketterer 18/1917 Metalling Inglewood Rd
T Heyward 19/1917 Church road near Harry's
The following contracts have been completed
W Ball 9/1917 Formations near Davies' on Swan Hill road.
J Johnson 10/1917 Formations on Four Posts Rd
J Kett 277 Stone Crossing in Bullock Creek Nth of Prairie.
Contractor Kett will probably also have made a start on the stone crossing on the Prairie road in Myers Creek.

RECEIVED.

9. The following extras and deductions for April require adoption

277 J Kett Bullock Creek crossing £3.4.0 EXTRAS
10/1917 J Johnson Four Posts Rd 5.1.6 EXTRAS.
19/1917 T Heyward Church Rd 9.6.0 Ded'n

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Cr Tonkin moved and Cr Coutts seconded " That the report be adopted.

Carried.

10. MAINTENANCE WORKS

Good steady work has been done by the maintenance men during the past four weeks. Amongst other works, the light formation at Perry's road, which was some 70 chains long, was made and rolled for £9.2.6. This made a very fair rough job, which will suffice for the small amount of traffic on this road.

Received.

OTHER REPORTS.

Cr McCrae presented the report of the Finance Committee, the following being the amounts presented for payment

Shire A/c £485. 4. 7
C.R.B " 16.0. 0

Cr Mahoney seconded the adoption of the report.

Carried.

The following tenders were accepted on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Bissett

24/1917	Bills Swamp	E W G Ball	£41 . 13 .2
25/1917	Echuca Road	ditto	20
26/1917	Mossops Rd	W B Hamilton	43 . 2. 1
27/1917	Yarrayne Rd	T Butler	163 . 13. 0

MAY (9th 1917

MRS VOGELE'S LICENCE

Cr Tonkin moved
" Carey secd

That Mrs Vogele be given until next Council meeting to erect proper slaughtering yards and failing this that the temporary licence be cancelled.

Carried.

The matter of purchase of an Honor Board was left over to the next Council meeting for Cr Ettershank to enquire and if necessary take action in the matter.

The Engineer was instructed to get prices and details of a road scarifier for the roadsman.

Cr Mahoney moved
" Coutts seconded

That the Shire of Gordon be written to, asking that they co-operate in making about 15 chains of formation in two pieces between C Heils and Cheynes on the boundary road.

Carried.

Cr Ettershank moved
" Bissett secd

That tenders be called for next meeting for metalling from the formation at the parsonage in Serpentine Southward to use up metal in Serpentine.

Carried.

The Engineer was instructed, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey to inspect a small piece of road between J Thomas and Coutts and between Hiatts and Harrys on the three chains wide road, East of Dingee.

The President reported on his attendance as delegate to the Municipal Conference at Benalla and was thanked for his attendance

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED.

Confirmed

E a J Carey Chairman

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ORDINARY MEETING
JUNE 13th 1917

PRESENT

Crs Carey, Ettershank, Coutts and Shaw
There being no quorum of members present, the Councillors present acted as a Committee, their action to be confirmed at July meeting.
~~Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed on the motion of~~

~~Cr~~ ~~and~~

Inwards Correspondence

1. Southern Cross Tobacco Fund, appeal for tobacco for Soldiers.
Held Over.

2. Bendigo Chamber of Commerce, asking if Councillors desire to attend the 4th annual meeting of the Chamber, tickets available at the sum of 3/6 each.
RECEIVED.

3. State Recruiting Committee, asking for public meetings to be held tp stimulate recruiting.
RECEIVED

4. SAME, asking for the taking of action to bring the necessity of taking up War Loan Certificates before the Public.
RECEIVED

5. The Hon the Premier, 5A. Country Roads Board, with reference to the stoppage of permanent road works under the Country Roads Act, and stating that this has been caused owing to the need for economy and the shortage of Loan Funds.
Engineer to prepare estimate for Submission to Board.

6. Country Municipal Association, asking for nominations for the Executive Committee, etc.
Retiring Officers to be renominated.

7. Report of Conference re Eradication of St Johns Wort held at Wangaratta on 19th May.
Received.

8. Dingee etc Branch of Farmers Union, asking Council to further the movement for an improvement in train service on the Bendigo to Kerang line.
Proposal to be supported.

9. D J McCauley, asking Council to donate £10 in aid of extension of channel.
Account to be paid at July meeting.

10. Mitiamo Progress Association, drawing attention to bad state of road from Mitiamo to Picanniny Creek, also two bad culverts on same, also asking that Contractor be made to push on with the metalling of streets in township.
Engineer to report at next meeting of the Council.

11. Cox and Co, forwarding price for honor board £26.10/-
12. Grundy and Co, ditto £45.
LEFT IN HANDS OF CR ETTERSHANK AND THE ENGINEER.

12. Golden City Implement Co,forwarding price for scarifier
12A Ed Old. Bruce. ditto ditto

Held Over-Engineer to make further enquiries.

13. Jas G Sloan ,agreeing to sell 2 acres of gravel pit in his land South of Mr G M Hamilton's,at £10 per acre,Council to fence and pay transfer expenses.

ENGINEER TO REPORT FURTHER.

14A. Mrs O'Neill,drawing attention to badly lit state of hall.

14. Gloria Light Co.forwarding quotation for lighting Shire Hall.

HELD OVER TO JULY MEETING.

15 Bridgewater Carnival Committee,asking for holiday on 25th july for Red Cross Carnival.

GRANTED FOR SOUTH RIDING.

16 O'Halloran and Sons ,re delay in starting Mitiamo Contract

Dealt with in Engineers report

17 W A McCauley,asking for adjustment of rate said to be twice paid.

SECRETARY TO REPORT.

18. Mrs Vogele,with reference to delay in completing yards,stating no labor available

EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED TO JULY 28TH 1917

Reports.

1. Treasurer,reporting Credit Balance £1537.6.0,with position of ridings as under

North	Credit	£284.18.4
South	"	1216.16.5
East	Debit	60. 2.2

Received

2. Rate Collector. reporting collections amounting to £90. 9. 3.

Received

3. Mitiamo Sanitary Rate Collector,reporting £1.18.0 collected.

Received

4. Rate Collector,reporting absence from duty owing to sickness and an injury to his knee,for which he had to seek medical adice.

RECEIVED.

Cr S O McCrae

Cr S O McCrae

CRS present authorised the Secretary to write to Cr S O McCrae,to express their regret at his recent severe accident and to express the hope that he would soon be able to take his usual place at the Council meetings,and also that the recovery would be permanent.

Engineers report. The Engineer reported as will be noted on following page,and the Commitee decided to take the action recorded on the several clauses therein.

JUNE 13th 1917

The Engineer reported as follows,

The President and Councillors

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report for your information and action thereon

1.Lakeys's culvert on Jagers Road.
The cost of replacing the damaged portion of the culvert burned by G J Lakey on the above road is about £14.10.0 for material alone,and I shall be glad of instructions as to taking steps to recover the cost of same. The timber will be worked in by Rosdsmen Boyd and Huggins at an early date.

Engineer to try to recover the amount of cost.

2. I inspected bad portions of road on the two chain road East of the Railway line leading into Prairie between Messrs Harry's and Hiatts and Cr Tonkin and myself,with the sanction of the President let the following work to Contractor Kett, viz,
North section 7 chains formation 16'0" x 12" and culvert.
South section 9 " " as above,but no culvert.
The price for the work is £34.1.10 and a contract has been prepared and sent for signature to Contractor Kett.
He has made a start on same,but was flooded out by recent rains.

Action Approved.

3. Regarding the formation required between Messrs J Thomas and Coutts near [illegible] Prairie,I have not yet inspected but learned that about two or three chains of formation and a box culvert are required. As there appears to be no urgency for this work,I would suggest that it be offered to Contractor Ball,who will be working in the vicinity,at schedule rates.

Adopted- Work to stand over.

4.Re banks on roads,there are several places where banks are causing flooding of roads and inconvenience to travellers. One instance is at the Echuca road opposite Mr Gittins, another opposite Eccles Bros at the west corner of the Yallook School road. It is nearly impossible to get definite evidence as to the maker of the obstructions,but action should be taken to prevent same. Another matter requiring attention is the practice of turning irrigation water on to roads in the Dingee area. This causes great damage.

Engineer to issue advertisements stating that the practice must be discontinued.

5.Re formation carried out by Roadsman Huggins on the road between Messrs Hiatt's and Bunnings,Yallook,10¼ chains were completed,the cost being 12/6 per chain. This price was very light owing to the landholders carrying out the plowing.

RECD.

June 13th 1917

6. Re metal for crossing near Hardy's on Four Posts Road, I cannot get a Borung carter to undertake the work of supplying the 10 cyds required, and would suggest that Roadsman Tracey be instructed to cart same after the winter. The cost will be about 12/- per cyd.
Roadsman Tracey to do the work.

7. I beg to report having attended the Conference of Engineers at Bendigo, as instructed, on 25th ultimo, when valuable discussions affecting municipal work took place. There was considerable diversity of opinion as to earth formations, as each Shire has different natural difficulties. As requested, I forwarded a later written contribution on the subject to the Secretary of the Conference, giving my experience and conclusions. I found that the prices per cyd here are higher/ and have been for years, than those in the neighboring Shires. I suggested that enquiry be made into the elevating grader of the New Era type, which scoops in the side cuts and elevates to the road center for the formation, thus leaving the necessary cess on each side. I have seen the machine on channel work, which it does very cheaply, but have no knowledge of its formation capabilities, altho it is worth looking into, with a view of reducing the present cost. I consider scoops make the best jobs in this Shire, if they are intelligently handled by the contractor. My experience previously with the Country Roads Board was confirmed by others, who considered their work excellent, and expressed the opinion that Municipalities should avail themselves, more than they have done, of the Board's advantages.

Approved.

8. Works in progress went on well until the recent rains, but

8 Ctd

have since been at a standstill.The following works have been completed.

1M. J Kett ,Stone Crossing in Myers Creek,where a splendid job has been made.

11/1917 T Butler works at Potters depression and road East of Kelsh's lagoon bridge.

16/1917 W B Hamilton Formation North of Mr G Hamiltons on Hurstwood road.

The following works are in progress,of which I give details as follow.

3P/CRB T Mossop. This will be a very good job,byt the work has been greatly delayed owing to the scarcity of material in the district.

1/1917 W Ball Echuca road repairs. When finished and trimmed will be satisfactory,but works flooded at present.

2/1917 J Crapper Jackmans road crossing. This is a very rough job,which will require a great deal of trimming before it is satisfactory.

5/1917 W B Hamilton Formation and gravelling neat Mr G H Hamiltons- This work has been stopped by the rain,but the work to date is satisfactory

13/1917 T Butler Formation near Low's and Hird's on the Echuca road. This is a very good job,but has been de-layed by the rain.

17/1917 J Ketterer Metalling near Elmswood. The contractor has made splendid progress and a good job to date,but has been stopped,when almost finished,by the rain. A few fine days will enable him to complete same.

18/1917 J Johnson Formation near Rows etc. The contractor has completed about 10 chains very nicely,but has been flooded out.

19/1917 T Heyward Church road near Harry's. This is a very rough job,owing to the wet nature of the soil and poor material.It will require a lot of trimming before being suitable. The contractor has also been flooded out.

I would suggest the advisability of suspending formation con-tracts until after the next 6 weeks or so,as very little work can be done in wet weather and the breaking of the roads causes great inconvenience to the traffic.

Adopted.

9. Calivil Dip. A start was made recently on the replacing of the South end in reinforced concrete,and this has been practically completed. A start will be made to erect the shelter shed and yards,as adopted previously. I ordered weatherbourds for the sides of shed,owing to the great saving on the present price of gal.iron for same.

Adopted.

10. Contractor Ketterer will have about 50 cyds or metal over the quantity near Elmswood and has asked that the Council purchase same at schedule rates. If so, I would recommend that a decision be come to today as to where it will be used.

10.

Metal to be purchased for use at Council dam near Shire Engineers residence at Serpentine.

June 13th 1917

It was decidee to gravel the road from the railway gates at Dingee to the Dingee Hall, the roadsman to do the spreading.

Finance Committee.

The following accounts were passed for payment, on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Shaw

Shire Account £ 432.13.3 ^

Country Roads Board £ 197.16.6 ^

The following tenders were accepted

28/1917 J Ketterer Metalling in Serpentine £63.5.10

29/1917 W Ball Hurstwood Bridge Extensions, at rates to be approved by the Engineer.

The Committee meeting then adjourned, after arranging that the next meeting of the Council would be postponed from its usual date to 25th July, to fit in with the Revision Court.

Confirmed E a J Carey President

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SHIRE OF EAST LODDON

July 25th 1917

ENT

Crs Carey (President), Shaw, Coutts, Coulter, Bissett, Mahoney and Ettershank.

UTES read and confirmed on motion of Crs &

ards Letters

Chief Secretary, notifying gazettal of 25th July as Public Holiday for Bridgewater Red Cross Fete.

Recd

Public Works Dept, notifying that claim for £128 for Government Grants has been passed for payment.

Recd

State Recruiting Committee, relative to method for financing the scheme for employment of returned soldiers by striking an extra rate to meet expenditure, MMM

Recd

Country Roads Board, circular re enforcing Width of Tyres Act on main roads, and notifying that Capt P Morris, late of the A I F has been appointed Inspector.

Engineer appointed Inspector, on motion of Crs Ettershank and Coutts.

Water Supply Commission, asking if any objection to a lease being granted to W A Newton (under Sec 46 of L A 1915) of the Tang Tang Swamp at Dingee.

Cr Carey moved, Cr Coulter 2nd "That the matter be held over to the next meeting for fuller particulars.

Carried.

Public Works Dept, stating that Messrs McGrath Bros claim that owing to the continual traffic on unused road South of allots 113 and 114, Janiember East, the valuation of £1. 6. 3 is excessive, and asking for opinion.

Dept to be informed that the rent is not considered excessive and that Messrs McGrath Bros have the option of fencing off the road, on the MMMMMM

H Smith

A. T Butler

each applying to Public Works Dept for lease of unused road in township of Serpentine, South of lots 25, 109. 110, 111 and which is referred to the Council for objections etc.

? T Butler, asking for the road to be thrown open for public use.

Cr Ettershank moved, with Cr Shaw seconding "That the Dept be informed that the Council has no objection to the road being leased to Mr Smith who has been in possession of same for some years past.

Cd.

J M Old, asking for certain works in front of Hall at Janiember East etc.

DEALT WITH IN ENGINEERS REPORT.

CORRESPONDENCE CTD.

Boort Agricultural Society, soliciting usual donation.

Donation of £1.1.0 passed for payment on the motion of Crs Coutts and Coulter.

10. Cox and Co, acknowledging receipt of order for Honor Board, and asking for names to be forwarded as soon as collected.

Dealt with in Secretary's report.

11. J Johnstone, asking for extension of time on contracts.

Cr Shaw moved, with Cr Bissett seconding "That the works must be completed as soon as weather permits. CD.

12. Cr McCrae, thanking Council for expression of sympathy with him in recent accident.

Received.

13. Shire of Gordon, stating willingness to cooperate in the formation of 15 chains of road on the boundary road near Heils and Cheynes.

The Engineer was instructed to prepare contract and call tenders.

14. O'Halloran and Sons, giving reasons why contract at Mitiamo has been delayed, and asking Council to allow the increase (10%) in freights imposed by the Railway Dept since the letting of contract

Cr Carey moved, with Cr Coulter seconding "That the freight increase be allowed to the contractor.

Carried.

15. E Old, quoting £18 as price for road scarifier with grading in bar attached.

A G Roberts, stating cannot quote owing to scarcity of materials.

Action deferred. Boyd to be instructed to make wooden scarifier.

16. Rate Collector, reporting on Mr McCauleys complaint that he is rated for two houses instead of one and recommending that this charge be refunded as from Oct 1st 1912.

Cr Coutts moved and Cr Shaw seconded " That the overcharge for the 4 years amounting to £2.10.0 be passed for payment and refunded to Mr McCauley.

Carried.

16A Same, recommending that, as arrears to the value of 14/4d cannot
16B be traced as owing by Mrs M P Old, that same be abandoned.

Cr Coulter moved and Cr Carey seconded " That the amount be abandoned ". Carried.

17. Country Municipal Association, asking for representation at Wangaratta Conference

Cr Coulter to attend conference, £2.2.0 subscription to be paid.

18A T Rudkins, re bad state of road North of Mitiamo

Dealt with in Engineers Report.

18. Mitiamo Progress Association, asking for 6 lamps for standards.

Engineer to obtain necessary lamps.

19. Dingee settlers, asking for road to be opened in settlement.

Cr Coulter moved, with Cr Carey seconding " That the Water Supply

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Commissioner to be asked JULY 25th Ctd to explain the position regarding this road and on what conditions it will be opened.
Carried.

REPORTS .

1. Treasurer, reporting payments into bank of £125.1.2, and that Credit balance to 30th June was £1229.2.5, the position of the ridings at same date being

North Riding Credit £182.17.7

South " " 1053.10.0

East " Debit 106.12.0

Received.

2. Rate Collector, reporting collections amounting to £113.5.4 for June.

RECEIVED .

3. Sanitary Collector at Mitiamo, reporting rates collected amounting to £2.7.6

Received.

4. SECRETARY'S ~~ENGINEERS~~ REPORT.

The Secretary reported as follows.

(a) During the month the rolls have been prepared and the Revision will sit at noon this day.

Recd.

(b) Honor Roll. After consultation and correspondence with Messrs Cox and Co, Cr Ettershank and myself decided to order an Honor Board as per design submitted, at a cost of about £30, the cost of writing names to be extra. I prepared a scheme for getting the names of volunteers and sent circulars to the various districts. Great trouble has been gone to by the recipients of these circulars and many have been returned, with the result that a complete list is now being prepared by me. When all the circulars have been returned the whole of the volunteers should have been obtained.

Action approved.

(c) Poundkeeper. Owing to the death of Mr J Kerr, it will be necessary to appoint a new Poundkeeper and I shall be glad of instructions on the matter. I have arranged with Mrs Kerr to act temporarily.

It was decided to call for applications for the position, to be returnable at the first meeting in 1918, Mrs Kerr to be appointed temporary Poundkeeper until that date.

5. RATE COLLECTOR, reporting rates coming in well etc.

Received.

REVISION COURT.

Then the Council sat as a Revision Court. The Secretary produced the Voters and Separate Voters lists. The name of J Kerr decd was struck off the list, and the lists having been revised and found correct, they were duly certified to. No objections or claims were received.

The Court then rose, and ordinary business was continued.

ENGINEERS REPORT 25th July 1917

Shire Engineer reported as follows

1. Yallook School.

I inspected the road near Yallook State School after the recent heavy rains. The school has been laid out in a very swampy area, and was very much flooded in consequence. I arranged with Messrs Harry Bros to allow the water to be run Northward by cleaning out and enlarging the present drain in their land and made arrangements for the work to be done as soon as possible by Roadsman Huggins. I instructed him also to put a check bank from the school g te tothe road. I recommend that the formation be remade from the culvert opposite the boundary fence of the School and Messrs Jackmans westward for about 10 chains and that the formation east of the school be extended for about 2 chains. The culvert mentioned had been built in too high and I arranged with Huggins to lower same about 5".

ADOPTED.

2. Traction Engines.

During June two or three traction engines travelled in the wet weather, doing a fair amount of damage to new formation and naturally wet places, butnot doing a great deal of harm to other places. I measured up the engines, none of which comply with the provisions of the bye-law. I would like instructions on this matter, as I am of the opinion that these engines should be prohibited from using the roads in the months of June, July and August.

Cr Carey moved and Cr Coutts secinded " That the Engineer enforce the provisions of the By Law.

Carried.

3. Dingee Hall road.

I inspected the road in front of the Dingee Hall and arranged with Huggins to cut a small drain from the Hall Northward to the depression across the road, also to gravel the road from the hall to the railway gates with Whitehills gravel, as previously instructed.

Adopted.

4. I had a search made for gravel in the property of Mr G M Hamilton, since traces showed on the surface. Roadsman Boyd prospected very carefully and found that the overburden is about 2 feet, while the sample is of a very poor quality, although there is a good quantity of this material. It bears no comparison with the material from Messrs Sloan's pit.

Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Coutts secd " That the area of 2 acres be purchased from Mr J G Sloan for a gravel pit, as agreed, and the fencing be deferred.

Carried.

5. Bears Lagoon. I examined the road in front of the Hall and store at Bears Lagoon. Owing to the [illegible] having been made to provide material for previous road works in the vicinity, there is a fair amount of water lying about. I would recommend that the roadsman fill in a length of 3 chains by an average length of about 44 feet with loam from the Reserve and also gravel the footpath from the Store to the Hall with toppings from Mr Hopkins pit.

Tracey to do the work, on the motion of Crs Etterdhank and Coutts.

Summer fo use on the greasy formation on the Bendigo Rd.

6. I have to re ort th t th re is a good quality river gravel obtainable in the river near Cr W Bissetts house and would recommend that Roadsman Boyd cart out 100 to 200 cyds in the

MITIAMO.

7. Contractor O'Halleran met me in Mitiamo on 20th inst and has commenced operations. He has received full instructions from me and explained his delay in starting by the fact that he found it very difficult to get his metal broken.

Adopted.

(b) I would recommend that the attention of the Water Supply Commission be drawn to the heading up of the water on the road South of the culvert and channel across the Mitiamo to Prairie road near the railway crossing. This channel is the new channel constructed to supply the Mitiamo storage. An inlet drainage pipe or two with non return valves on the channel side are required to prevent flooding of the road and inconvenience to traffic. The culvert filling also requires making up, as owing to subsidence having taken place, there is a dangerous "bump" on the channel crossing.
The Commission should also be asked to complete the laying of the mains in Kerang road from Sims Stores northward as soon as possible, otherwise Contractor O'Halloran will be impeded in his work.

Engineer to attend to matter.

(c) I would recommend that the attention of the Commission be also drawn to the heading up of water by the Waranga Channel banks near Mr H Gittins on Echuca road and at Bears Lagoon. Both these roads are flooded through this reason and can be drained into the channel.

Engineer to attend to matter.

8. Regarding the road from Mitiamo to the Piccaninny Creek, I have had the bad culverts attended to by Roadsman Huggins. One of the culverts complained of to me was in the adjacent Shire of Rochester and requires to be attended to by that Shire. I have notified the Engineer (Mr Chaplin).
The road itself requires attention as per my report of November 8th last (folio 4).

Received.

9. IN Kerang road from the National Bank northward along the railway fence in Mitiamo there is a good deal of pedestrian traffic and a footpath and water table require to be made, the former to be gravelled. The lenghh is about 7 chains, and a price for same might be obtained from Contractor O'Halloran.

NO ACTION.

(b) The roads around Mitiamo are, owing to the contour of the area and the heavy traffic, in bad order. The worst portion is the embankment on the Prairie road along the line from McNeill's hotel Southward, which is nearly impassable at prese -nt. This was reported on by me in November last also.

Deferred, on the motion of Crs Carey and Coulter.

10. Maintenance works have been kept back by the wet weather, and the absence of Roadsman Tracey through illness. I have had dangerous culverts South of Cr Shaw's near Steel's and Louries attended to. I have issued a good number of instructions to the Roadsman for necessary repair works as per order book.

Adopted.

JULY 25th 1917

11. CONTRACTS.

Contracts have been all practically suspended si -nce last meeting on account of the wet weather. The following report gives the condition of those works which are in progress or have been started and suspended.

2/1917 J Crapper Jackmans Road crossing . Completed
5/1917 W B Hamilton Gravelling near Mr G M Hamiltons. This was almost completed and had to be suspended. It requires trimming up and rolling as soonas weather permits.

17/1917 J Ketterer Inglewood road metalling. Suspended.

13/1917 T Butler Formations on Echuca road near Low's. Some formation has been constructed well and two culverts ,but rain flooded the works and these are now suspended.
16/1917 W B Hamilton Formation north of Contract 5/1917 will require scarifying and rerolling.

19/1917 T Hayward Formation at Church road near Harry's. This is still to wet to complete.

21/1917 Redecking Fyfe's bridge. Contractor Hamilton has made a start at tarring and redecking.

23/1917 J Johnson Formations at Galivil . The contractor made a start on same,but was forced to discontinue operations.

27/1917 T Butler Yarrayne road formations. This work has been commenced.

28/1917. J Ketterer Metalling in Serpentine. Road toowet for work to be commenced.

29/1917. Approaches at Hurstwood Bridge. Contractor Ball has practically completed this work.

30/1917 J Kett Formations neat Hiatts and Harrys. Suspended.

3 P/1917 C R B Fencing at Potters road. This has been done with the exception of the few parcels at bridge approaches.

ADOPTED.

12. Contract 27/1917. Yarrayne Road

On inspecting this contract after Contractor Butler had started same, I found that he was taking the material for the formation from the near side of the road. This was alright on the present section,as the channel banks prevented the material from going coming from further out. I served a written notice on the Contractor that the balance of the side cuts must be taken from the fence side,leaving a mess between the formation toe and the cut of an average of 35 to 45 feet. This the Contractor refused to do,as he says he tende-red thinking that he would be allowed to remove the dirt from as close to the road as 18 feet. This was not the intention of the specification ,as it provided that the spoil must not be taken closer than 4 feet to the fence or 18 feet from the bank (which will be necessary in his present

section,and the specification also contains the clause that "The setting out of the work shall be approved by the engineer before commencement.". Also that the work shall be in strict accordance with the specifications and the intentions of the Contract. The intention of the Contract is that the proper cess shall be left as previously stated and that ,as is reasonable and customary,the side cuts shall go as close to the fence as possible. The other contractors tendered with this understanding,as their prices showed. I drew attention at the time to the unpayable price lodged by Contractor Butler for the work,viz 6d per cyd. He now states that he will not carry out the instruction unless he is granted 2d per cyd extra,as his present price is not payable for such cess. As the carrying out of this order is essential,I submit the matter to you for consideration and action,as he says that unless the extra amount is allowed him, he cannot go on with the work as ordered in writing by me. As I am not prepared to allow the side cut to be made other than as stated,and,as the other man tendered also for the wide cess,I cannot but recommend that a contractor with a low tender,should not be allowed to deviate from the intention of the Contract and the Engineer,and assume his own decision as to how the Contract is to be carried out. My own opinion is that he cannot do the work at the price tendered, and that the matter of either increasing the rate,which affects previous tenderers,or terminating the contract should be gone into today.

Cr Ettershank moved
" Mahoney seconded That Contractor Butler be allowed 1d (One penny) per cubic yard extra on this work, side cuts to be made where the Engineer may direct near the fences,and that,failing Contractor Butler going on with the work on these conditions,the Engineer cancel his contract.

Carried.

July 25th 1917

Crs present subscribed the sum of 35/-,being 5/- each towards the Soldiers Tobacco fund and it was decided to pay in 1/- monthly each from January 1918.

It was decided to take no action in the matter of improving the lighting at the Shire Hall,owing to the abnormal conditions ruling as regards material.

The following Councillors were elected returning Officers for the several ridings,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coulter

NORTH RIDING CR COUTTS

SOUTH " " ETTERSHANK

EAST " " CAREY.

It was decided to postpone the notice of motion standing in the name of Cr Mahoney for increasing the road widths on the P rairie and Mitiamo roads until next meeting,when it will be made an Order of the Day.

FINANCE. The following accounts were duly passed for payment on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Coulter.

Shire Account £445.12.6

Country Roads Board 24. 0. 0

Carried.

Cr Coutts moved with Cr Mahoney seconding " That the delegate to the Wangaratta Municipal Conference be instructed to oppose clause 4 (Noxious weeds) of the agenda paper.

Carried.

Cr Carey Moved and Cr Coulter seconded " That Mrs Vogele's licence to slaughter at Dingee be cancelled. Carried.

The following instructions were issued to the Engineer.

Cr Mahoney. Report on roads in Hayanmi to be pointed out by Cr Mahoney.

Cr Carey. Report on road near Dingee Farmers store.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Cr Coulter handed in a motice of motion as follows " That he would move at next meeting that the weighing charges at Dingee Weighbridge be reduced."

The Council then adjourned.

CONFIRMED

E A Carey CHAIRMAN

/ / 1917

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON

ORDINARY MEETING AUGUST 8th 1917

Present. Crs Carey (Pres) Tonkin, Shaw, McCrae, Bissett, Mahoney and Ettershank.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed on the motion of Crs Et'ershank and Shaw.

INWARD LETTERS DEALT WITH.

1. State Premier, asking Council to support the following resolution "That, on the third anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war this meeting of the Council of the Shire of East Loddon records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of Liberty and Justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies"

Motion carried.

2.

2A State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, forwarding Register of Lands within the Tragowel Plains and Dingee Irrigation Districts for exhibition to persons interested until 5th Septr 1917.

Recd.

3. Railway Commissioners, intimating that the proposal to alter the train running timetable on the Kerang Line is unworkable and that therefore the request cannot be acceded to.

Recd.

4. Overseas Club Tobacco Fund acknowledging £1.18.0 collected from Council and others at July meeting, and trusting that the gifts will be continued.

Recd.

Shire of Tambo, asking Council to provide in contract specifications thatreturned soldiers should be employed wherever possible and that eligible men should not be employed on same, also asking that, owing th the want of labor at a reasonable rate, contracts should be deferred where possible, except where urgent, in order to stimulate the production of foodstuffs by farmers, etc.

Supported. on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Ettershank.

Mrs Grylls, Dingee, intimating that she has been renting the Tang Tang swamp for a number of years, that her son is an original ANZAC and her daughter a Military Nurse, and that, as her/ MMMM son's interests would be affected MMMMMM by the leasing of same to any other person, she is opposed to the application of W A Newton for same.

Cr Carey moved, with Cr Tonkin seconding " That the Council consider that Mrs Gryll's is entitled to the lease, and that details of the matter be sent to the Water Supply Commission.

Carried.

Maria Kerr, agreeing to act as Poundkeeper until Jany 1918, as desired.

RECD.

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Correspondence and Reports (CTD)

8. T Butler, asking that Unused Road recently granted to Henry Smith in Serpentine be thrown open for public use.
Crs Ettershank and Bissett moved " That the letter be received"
Carried.

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11.

REPORTS.

1. Shire Treasurer, reporting collect ons paid in amounting to £371.18.6 and position of Riding Balances at July 31st as under.

North Riding Credit £162. 6. 11
South " " 1056. 1. 8
East " DEBIT 163. 3. 0
Shire Account Credit £1153. 2. 5.

RECD.

2. R te Collector, reporting collections amounting to £242. 5. 0

RECD.

. W Johnson, Sanitary Collector, Mitiamo, notifying collections amounting to £ 0.14. 3 and intimationg that, as he intends discontinuing the carrying out of the service, he desires to give six months notice of his retirement.

RECD.

. W E Clift, notifying that he has made a start on the inspection nd registration of dairies.

RECD.

r Mahoney moved and Cr Carey secinded " That applications be called or the position of Sanitary Officer at Mitiamo, returnable at next meeting.

CARRIED.

ENGINEERS REPORT AUGUST 8th 1917

The Engineer (G W Carlisle Venables C.E.) reported as follows.

1. Mitiamo Lamps. These have been ordered by me through the Town Clerkof Eaglehawk ,who very kindly consented to order same from MMMMM the maker of the Eaglehawk lamps, and I arranged for them to be sent direct to the Progress Association at Mitiamo.

Recd.

2. Tenders in hand. I have taken measurements for the following proposed contracts,and these will be advertised for next meeting on 12th Septr,viz,

31/1917 Formation on boundary road between Heil's and Cheyne's.

32/1917 Extension of formation in front of Yallook State School.

RECD.

3. In company with Cr Carey, I inspected the road in front of th the Dingee Store,which is a very wet spot,owing to the drain across the road. I recommended that a foot bridge be put over the drain near Kelynack's Store,and that a metal path be carried from there across the road westerly to the railway fence,and along the MMMM railway fence northward over the crossing to the corner post of railway crossing on N.E. side of the line. From this point to the corner of the footpath opposite the Dingee hotel,the path to be gravelled. I received instructions from the President to order the material and have the work carried out. I have designed the footbridge 4 feet wide overall and with no handrail,as ,owing to the small distance from the ground to deck,this will be unnecessary.

RECD.

4. In connexion with this matter, I shall ask Mr Lyndon Smith of the Water Commission to confer me as to cutting off some of the irrigation water,etc, from entering Dingee at this drain.

RECD.

4. I inspected road at Corner of Messrs Kirwan, J H McCrae and G Mahoney's properties and recommend that a culvert be put across the North)-South road on the South side of the intersection and that the drain be cut from the culvert Eastward to the depression on the East West road,to divert water into the natural gully. I would recommend that the North Riding roadsman do this work before next winter.

WORK TO BE DONE.

5. From the main Mitiamo road South to the foregoing corner MMM past the properties of Messrs Kirwan thd road is very flat and wet,although the material is good. I would recommend that a light grader formation be made by roadsman Boyd . At the North end ,where it joins the Mitiamo Road,the drain requires to be cleaned out on the West side of the road (Mitiamo Rd) cornerand on the south side of the intersection to the depression about 15 chains distant. On the Mitiamo road from the corner

Clause 5 Ctd.

Eastward on the South side of road the drain requires clean -ing for 1 chain. It will be necessary to put in a culvert 12" X 12" x 18 ' to lead the water to the channel on the North side of the road. Two small box culverts will be necc -sary in fron of the gates of Messrs Kirwan. This work,as stated ,can be done by ~~MMMMMM~~ Boyd and Tracey.

WORK TO BE DONE.

Clause 6. On the Mitiamo road from the culvert west of Kirwans stacks,the formation requires to be extended for 6 chains westward and requires to be topped up on the East side of culvert for 8 chains with good loam. This can be obt -ained from the hummocks at the Pine ridge(about 20 chains lead West). The material for the formation can be got on the South side of road at fence.

WORK TO BE DONE.

Clause 7. Scarifier. I have ,since last meeting,made enquiries as to cost of building a wooden scarifier,and consider,that,owing to the present cost of material,this will be very expensive. I consider it would be advisable to hold this matter over for some time,so that a good steel scarifier can be purchased at normal prices later.

TO STAND OVER AND PREVIOUS INSTRUCTION TO BE CANCELLED.

Clause 8. Maintenance works are being gradually carried out. Contracts,however,are very much behind time in all cases, and I would recommend that notice be served on all contractors that works must be recommenced and carried out as soon as possible. I have inspected the following contracts since last meeting and their state of progress is as shown.

4/1917 O'Halloran & Sons Mitiamo,good progress being made at date of last inspection.
21/1917 W B Hamilton Fyfe's Bridge,work in progress.
27/1917 T Butler Yarrayne road,good work being done.
29/1917 W G Ball Hurstwood Bridge approaches. This will require scarifying and rolling,etc,as soon as the weather permits.

ADOPTED.

Clause 9. No action has been taken yet to pump out and fill McIntyre's dam at Mitiamo,although Contractor O'Halloran was prepared to cart spoil from the road works into same, subject to Mr McIntyre making the necessary arrangements with him.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Carey secd " That the Secretary ascertain the legal position,and, if satisfactory, he take steps to have the dam pumped out and filled in".

carried.

August 8th 1917

FINANCE.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Shaw and Tonkin

Shire ACCount £173.8.2 ✓ £173. 8. 2 8/8/917

carried.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Cr Mahoney moved, with Cr Tonkin seconding " That the Council consider the matter of purchasing a strip of private land on the Mitiamo and Prairie roads to increase the traffic width and that the Chairman of the Country Roads Board be invited to inspect before next meeting, accompanied by the Council.

Carried.

Cr Coulter's notice of intention to move " That the weighing fees at Dingee be reduced " was allowed to stand over for his attendance at Sepr meeting.)

Instructions Issued.

Cr Mahoney.
Cr Tonkin .
That the Engineer get Marong Grader out on to the roads as soon as possible.

Carried.

Cr Mahoney " That the Engineer inspect the backing up of water at South Calivil P.O. when convenient, and report.

It was decided to invite Mr Albrecht to the next Presidential Dinner.

Cr Tonkin moved
" Carey secd That the Rochester Shire be asked to undertake the work of repairing about 40 chains of road on the boundary from the Picaninny Creek past Millers.

Carried.

Cr Tonkin moved

" Carey secd That J Crappers contract for stone crossing etc (20/1917) be extended by 26 chains or thereabouts Northward.

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned

CONFIRMED. E A Carey Chairman

9/ 9/ 1917

Shire of Easy Loddon
Annual Election of Councillor

rth Riding.

Sydney Oswald McCrae having been the only candidate nominated I hereby declare him elected a Councillor for the North Riding of this Shire.

David W Coutts

Returning Officer

Shire Hall

Serpentine

Aug 23rd 1917

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915.
SECTION 54 (1).

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SHIRE OF East Loddon

DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, Sydney Oswald McRae do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the "*Local Government Act* 1915."

Declared at Serpentine
in the State of Victoria this 19th
day of September 1917
Before me

S O McRae

J. H. Coulter

One of the Councillors of the Shire of East Loddon

Arnall & Jackson, Printers, Melbourne.

LOCAL

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON

South Riding.

[redacted]

James A Shaw having been the only candidate nominated, I hereby declare him duly elected a Councillor for the South Riding of this Shire

Alfd Ettershank

Returning Officer

Serpentine

Aug 23rd 1917

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915.
SECTION 54 (1).

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SHIRE OF East Loddon

DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, James A Shaw do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the "*Local Government Act* 1915."

Declared at Serpentine
in the State of Victoria this 24
day of Oct 1917

James A Shaw

Before me

George Dalhousey

One of the Councillors of the Shire of East Loddon.

Arnall & Jackson, Printers, Melbourne.

Shire of East Loddon

East Riding.

Nicholas Terese Tonkin having been the only candidate nominated I hereby declare him duly elected a Councillor for the East Riding of this Shire.

E a f Carey

Returning Officer

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GOVERNMENT ACT 1915.
SECTION 54 (1).

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SHIRE OF East Loddon

DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, Nicholas Terence Tonkin do solemnly declare that I will faithfully and impartially according to the best of my skill and judgment execute all the powers and authorities reposed in me as a Councillor by virtue of the "*Local Government Act* 1915."

Declared at Serpentine
in the State of Victoria this 14th Sep
day of [illegible] 1917
Before me

N. T. Tonkin

J. H. Cullen

One of the Councillors of the Shire of East Loddon

Arnall & Jackson, Printers, Melbourne.

VALUER'S DECLARATION

I?GILBERT WILLIAM CARLISLE VENABLES OF SERPENTINE VALUER DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND ABILITY AND JUDGMENT MAKE THE VALUATION RETURN OF RATEABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION? conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Declared at Serpentine in the State of Victoria this 24 day of Oct. 1917 before me

G.W.S. Venables

A. Ellershaw J.P.

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

Adjourned Meeting of Council

September 19th 1917

Present. Crs Carey (President) Crs Tonkin Coulter McCrae Bissett Ettershank Mahoney and Coutts
Crs McCrae and Tonkin took the usual declaration.

Minutes read and confirmed on motion of Crs Ettershank & McCrae

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Cr Carey thanked the Council and Officers for support accorded him during his year as President of the Shire and vacated the Chair

Cr McCrae was voted to the chair during the election of President on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Bissett.

The Presidential Allowance for 1917-8 was fixed at £70 on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Coulter.

Cr Ettershank moved and Cr McCrae secd "That Cr E A J Carey be elected President for the ensuing year.

Carried

Cr Carey was then escorted to the Chair and again returned thanks for the honor of again being elected as President of the Council.

The whole of the Council were appointed to the Tenders and Finance Committees, any three to form a quorum, on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coulter.
The last elected Councillors were elected Returning Officers on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Tonkin.

Correspondence.

1. Country Roads Board, stating Board will inspect Prairie and Mitiamo Main roads at earliest opportunity.

RECEIVED.

2. Chief Secretary, stating Octr 17th gazetted Public Holiday for the North and East Ridings for Pyramid Hill Show.

REQUEST GRANTED.

3. Wheat Commission, stating mice are not dying off, and asking for any information that may be available as to the pest.

Received.

4. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, fowarding file of letters sent to and from late Secretary in connexion with the proposal to open a road in Dingee Settlement and stating that same indicates the attitude of the Commission.
Cr Coulter moved and Cr Tonkin secd " That the Engineer report at the next meeting and that the Water Commission be asked to what extent they are prepared to assist the proposal, also that Messrs Smalley and Palmer be asked if they are prepared to assist in same.

Carried.

5. Public Works Dept, forwarding lengthy letter sent in by T Butler in connexion with unused road between land occupied by him and that of Smith in Serpentine, and asking for a report on same by the Council at

CORRESPONDENCE CTD.

an early date. This road was inspected by the whole Council and after hearing Messrs T Butler and Smith Cr Ettershank moved, with Cr Bissett seconding " That the road is not required for traffic and that the Council support Mr Smith's application to lease same, proper swing gates to be provided CARRIED.

6. Tatchell Dunlop and Smalley, asking for Council's consent to the amendment of title in transfer by portion of Victoria Str , being part of allot 1B ? Tandarra Parish, being excised from plan of subdivision No 6773.

Granted, on the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin.

7. Municipal Association, asking for appointment of representative at Annual Conference to be held on 17th and 18th Octr at Melbourne.

Cr E A J Carey was elected delegate on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coulter.

8 . Secretary, Shire of Rochester, stating that the matter of works on boundary road past Millers from Picaninny Creek is receiving attention.

Secretary to attend to matter.

9. Shire of Lawloit, forwarding information as to its experience with Stinkwort, and asking for Council's decision on the opinions submitted.

Received.

10. Shire of Orbost, asking Council to support movement to secure compulsory military service.

Support to be granted on the motion of Crs Mahomey and Bissett.

11. Thos Keeley and others, asking Council to cooperate with the Shire of Rochester in making a formation from the old Picaninny Creek bridge on the Terricks road to the main Mitiamo road, about one half mile.

On the motion of Crs McCrae and Mahoney the Engineer was instructed to communicate with the Rochester Shire, asking them to carry out the work of making a formation as a joint work.

12.

12A Mitiamo Progress Association , asking the Council to carry out various improvements at Mitiamo.

Received.

. W Wilson, complaining of state of road (ELMORE 3 CHAIN) between tiamo and Picaninny Creek, also report from Mr LYNDON SMITH?C.E. on

same matter,stating that trouble is not due to Mitiamo channel,but to unusual rainfall,also that the Commission intends to provide a crossing further South where the channel comes on the Prairie road,so as to pass the water across the channel.

ENGINEER TO REPORT WHEN CONVENIENT.

14. J G Nankervis, W H Thomas,and R Stephens,objecting to culvert at prairie railway turn,stating that the water should be turnd down through the eastern culvert and through between Messrs N and H Tonkins residences.

Received.

15. Cr Coulter,relative to arranging conference at Tandarra to discuss flooding of Tandarra East by Myers Creek.

DEALT WITH IN ENGINEERS REPORT.

16. T Watson,asking for steps to be taken to prevent water coming from Huntly Shire on to his and his neighbours properties at Kamarooka.

On the motion of Crs Coulter and Tonkin the Engineer was instructed to communicate with the Huntly Shire Engineer and arrange a conference on the matter.

17. J H Forsyth and others,asking Council to urge upon the Water Commission the necessity of making better syphon provision under the subchannds in the Dingee irrigation area.

On the motion of Crs Tonkin and Coulter it was decided to support the petitioners and bring the matter under the notice of the Commission through Mr Gray M L A,asking that banks on channel between mounds at Thunder Plains be removed in winter time.

18. F Mitchell,Dingee asking that footpath from his store to Dingee railway crossing be gravelled.

Roadsman Huggins to do the work.

19. Bendigo Agric. Socy,asking for donation,also for Public Holidays on 10th and 11th Octr for annual show.

It was decided on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Cpulter to grant the usual donation and apply for holidays for the 10th and 11th Novr.
IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO HOLD THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 18TH October,as the 10th Octr clashes withbthe Bendigo Show.

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REPORTS.

Treasurer,reporting on finances to Aug 30th 1917.
RECEIVED.

2. Collector,reporting collections amounting to £35.11.8
RECEIVED.

3. Mitiamo Sanitary Collector,reporting £22.16.0 fees collected.
RECEIVED.

4. Weighbridge Keeper,Dingee,forwarding scale of old and existing charges for weighing at Dingee. RECEIVED.

5 Dairy Inspector,reporting on dairies inspected.
RECEIVED.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

20. Pyramid Hill Agric Socy,asking for donation to funds,and for holiday on 17th Octr for North and East Ridings.
Holiday granted by Chief Secretary.
Usual donation passed on the motion of Crs Carey and Mahoney.

21. Decentralisation League,forwarding its platform for consideration
Received.

22. Rabbit Inspector,drawing attention to rabbits in stack of wood on unused road occupied by H Stewaert at Yarrayne,and asking for its removal.
Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Bissett secd " That Mr Stewart be asked to remove the wood inside three or four months from date"
Carried.

23. Putnam Beebe,quotation for sheep dip (Coopers)
It was decided to authorise the Engineer to order either Coopers or Quiball's dip at the best price obtainable.

24. H P Graham, Dingee, asking Council to have drain near his place cleaned out.
Engineer to have drain attended to,after first inspecting.

Cr Coulter presented a petition from the residents of Dingee,asking that the attention of the Commission be drawn to the flooding of Dingee from the Waranga Channel,and asking that the flood gates at the regulator be shut down to grass level in winter. Messrs Harry

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and Forsyth appeared in support of the requests and fully explained same to the Council. After discussion on the matter , Cr Coulter moved and Cr Tonkin secd " That the petition be supported and forwarded to Mr A Gray M L A for action thereon"

Carried.

The Engineer arranged, in view of the need for urgency, to send the petition on to Wedderburn to Mr Gray by the first mail on Thursday.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Crs McCrae and Coulter

Shire A/c £643.2.9 643.12.9

Country Rds Board 21.10.10

Tenders.

The following tenders were opened and accepted by the Council.

31/1917 Formation on boundary road near Heils and Cheyne's

Burton and Heil £14

32/1917 Formations on Yallook School road

J Kett £13.10.0

33/1917 Formations on road between Kirwans and Mahoneys

Burton and Heil £14.4. 0

The motion for acceptance was moved by Cr Ettershank and secd by Cr Bissett

Carried.

Cr J H Coulter reported on the recent conference of Country Municipal Association at Wangaratta, giving details of the business done at same.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr McCrae seconded " That a vote of thanks be passed to Cr Coulter for his attendance at the Wangaratta Conference"

Carried.

see next folio.

1. McIntyre's Dam at Mitiamo.

On 14th August I served a legal notice on Mr McIntyre calling on him to fill in above within one month. Owing to the wet weather he was unable to do this, and I shall be glad if you will fix the final date for the completion of same.

Cr Carey moved, with Cr Coulter seconding " That the time be extended to 8 weeks" CARRIED

2. Myers Creek, Tandarra.

During the month, I met a number of ratepayers of Tandarra East and Cr Coulter at Myers Creek to discuss the matter of the flooding of the area by Myers Creek flood waters. After hearing all their views, I suggested that it was a matter for the Water Supply Commission to deal with and recommended that the latter body be asked, in view of the fact that the siphon across the Warranga Channel contributes to the flooding, and in view of the menace to the properties affected, to straighten and grade the course of the creek from the Siphon to the outlet near Murphys, a distance of about 1½ miles, making a clear waterway and well defined course, thus allowing the waters to get away quickly, no side banks to be thrown up. It was decided to fall in with the recommendation, which I submit for your action thereon.

It was decided to support the proposal and instruct the Shire Engineer to bring same before the Water Supply Commission on the motion of Crs Carey and Coulter.

(b) In connexion with this area, it was decided to ask you to bring under the notice of the railway Dept the fact that the deep drain is leading water from the Skeleton bridge at the South of Tandarra into Tandarra, and that the Dept be asked to block same to grass level.

Engineer to attend to matter.

3. It was decided by Cr Coulter and myself to authorise Mr

Clause 3 Ctd

J Crapper to fill in the road in front of his store up to the amount of £2 for 40 loads.

action approved.

Cl. 4. Tandarra.

From the railway crossing on the ~~WEST~~ side of same for some 5 chains past Govetts and from the crossing Eastward for about 14 chains to the culvert on the East side of Crappers the road requires topping up and gravelling. If you approve of same, I shall submit details at next meeting.

~~MEMOR~~ Engineer to report further at next meeting.

Cl 5 South Calivil P.O.

I inspected the spot near Hill's Post Office, where the formation is holding up the water. I arranged with Mr Hill to clean out the drains from his gate on each side Northward to the School corner. It will be necessary to put in two small box culverts, one across the formation in front of Hill's and another parallel with same in the watertable on Hills side at the gate. He can then make up his track in to Post Office and water will circulate freely to the North across the road.

Engineer to have the work carried out by the roadsmen.

Cl 6. I enquired for Marong Grader, but this is in use at the present time. I have again written asking the earliest date that same will be available, but have not yet had a reply.

Engineer to obtain quotations for up to date grader.

Cl 7. Roadsman Huggins reported a bad washout at Fishers old homestead about 4 miles South of Tandarra on the main Bendigo road. As this has already washed out three or four times I instructed him to put in a culvert. Engineer to have put in.

Clause 8. HURSTWOOD RD.

I inspected swamp North of Mr C M Hamiltons gate on above road. The water is being held up by the Northernmost formation, and can be drained from swamp into same. This will, however divert a fair amount of water through the fallow paddock on East side. In view of this it would be necessary to provide cross circulation culverts in addition to banking up the swamped old formation,. On being interviewed Mr Hamilton agreed to open his fences to allow sheep to be travelled, therefore it will be neces sary only at present to make this formation some 12" higher, the length being some 6 chains.

Cr Coutts moved and Cr McCrae secd " That the work be done as suggested, also a small piece at Nth corner of Hamiltons near Leas, together with small piece near Kelshs LagooN, Boyd to attend to repirs on sandhill road. Carried.

Clause 9. Contracts.

Owing to the wet weather during the past month, very little work has been done by contractors. With the exception of the Yarrayne contract, formation work has been impossible.

Contractor Ketterer has completed his work near Mr W G Coutts and has also carried out the metalling at Shire Dam.

Contractor Hamilton has finished the repair work to Fyfe's bridge. Contractor Kett has practically finished the culvert at Prairie station corner. Contractor Mossop has also done the fencing at Hurstwood bridge road. Contractor O'Halloran has almost completed the metalling at Mitiamo, but a great deal of trimming and levelling will be necessary, while he should be instructed to carry out the rolling as soonas possib

The trimming to section must be completed before this latter is done. Owing to the hill at North end of Kerang road sectio of this contract having been greatly worn down, I found it necessaryto authorise 2 chains extra of metalling, after first shaping same.

In connexion with this contract, the road from th railway crossing to the Post Office culvert was almost impass -le for pedestrians, and I instructed O'Halloran and Sons to make and gravel a path along the railway fence to enable foot

Clause (9) Ctd.

traffic to cross along same. There has been a good deal of metal over scheduled quantity used on this Contract and the Contractor should be notified that ,in future, any excess over 5% of schedule will not be allowed for.

Owing to the abnormally protracted winter, the sum of £732 will be outstanding at end of financial year.

Received.

Clause 10 .

The drains at Mitiamo are nearly all full of debris,and a man is required for about three weeks to clean same out. It might be possible to get ex-Roadsman Treuel for this work. It will be impossible to spare Roadsman Huggins for this work for several months to come.

Engineer to arrange for extra man for two months,and also arrange to have holes filled in on the Mitiamo road as soon as possible.

Clause 11. The Jarklan road is in a veyy bad state,wspecially the formation at the new Water Commission Bridge. I drew the attention of the District Engineer to same about 4 weeks ago,but very little can be done until the weather takes up. The work should really have been left over for the drier weather.

Approved

Clause 12. The Mitiamo road,West from railway line,is also in a very bad state,being badly washed across in places. This will require a good deal of work as soon as conditions permit of same. On the date of my last inspection the road was almost covered by flood waters.

Engineer to attend to same.

The whole of the Engineers report was then received and ado-opted on the motion of Crz Mahoney and Tonkin

Carried.

September 19th 1917

he Estimates ofRECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE?AS SUBMITTED BY THE Shire ecretary were then received and ADOPTED on the motion of Crs onkin and Coulter.

DINGEE WEIGHING FEES.

It was decided to hold Cr Coulter's notice of motion on this tter to the October meeting.

t was decided to hold over to October the revision of Honor Roll.

he Engineer was instructed to arrange for the Pyramid Hill Sanitary ontractor to inspect the specifications for the Mitiamo service, pplications to be returnable at the October meeting.

It was decided to arrange with KJohnson to start the dipping season at Calivil Dip on 1st Novr.

he Engineer was instructed to inspect a culvert near C Vincents ith a view to replacing same by a larger one.

he following notices of motion were handed in by Cr Mahoney

That the Council do make and levy a [illegible] Pan Charge of 28/6d per pan per annum for a fortnightly service on all householders at Mi -tiamo within a radius of 30 chains of the Post Office,charge to be p payable half yearly on 1st Jany and 1st July 1918 and to be for the year ending 30th Sepr 1918 and that the Sanitary Contractor be empowered to demand and collect the same.

That the Council,to raise the sum required (estimated) £2890.10.0 do make and levy a General Rate of 15d in the £ sterling upon the net annual rateable value of rateable property within the Shire of East London for the period commencing on 1st Octr 1918 and ending on the 30th Sepr 1918 and that William Edgar Clift the Collector be empowered to demand and collect the same.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

CONFIRMED

E a J barry CHAIRMAN

24/10/1917

ADJOURNED MEETING OF COUNCIL

24th October 1917

ESENT. CRS Carey Mahoney Shaw McCrae Ettershank Bissett & Tonkin
Shaw took the usual declaration, as also did the Valuer.

nutes read and confirmed on the motion of Councillors Mahoney
d Bissett

WARD CORRESPONDENCE

. Commonwealth Treasurer, asking the Council to assist the organisation
f Liberty Loan in East Loddon Shire. Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Shaw seconded " That the Council put
1000 in the Loan and that the Pres and Secy attend to same"
Carried.

2. Country Roads Board, stating that the following amounts have been
lotted for current year for road maintenance on Main Roads

Dingee Road £250.
Mitiamo " 350
Mairie " 350
Mairie Borung 100

Received.

. Shire of Gordon, staing that boundary work on Mitiamo Cemetery Rd
has been let to D M Adam at £13.7.9.

Received.

Country Roads Board, asking Council to pay the following charges
on works completed to 30.6.1917.

Permanent Works £7. 0. 8
Maintenance 209. 8. 3

be passed for payment in June 1918.

Royal Institute for Blind, appealing for financial aid.

Held over for Charity Vote.

Shire of Rochester, with reference to proposed boundary works.

Dealt with in Engineers report.

Riegel Brothers, application for renewal of traction engine licence.

Granted, subject to provisions of By Law.

Correspondence Ctd.

Mitchell Dunlop Smalley and Balmer , for Dingee Land Syndicate, stating will consider request to assist in opening of road at Dingee from closer settlement area to Dingee-Pompapiel road.

Held over.

Victorian Railways, asking for further information in connexion with blocking drain from Skeleton Bridge to Tandara.

Engineer to inspect, and report, with Cr Shaw.

Auditor , reporting as under " I have ~~examined~~ audited the a/cs of your Municipality for the financial year ended 30th Septr, and I have certified to the correctness of the Annual Statement submitted. Weighbridge receipts. The amount received by the Treasurer was 17/- in excess of the amount recorded in the Cash Book(Weighbridge). I have pleasure in stating that the books are kept in good order, with the exception of the Pound records, these require to be placed on a proper basis. I have to acknowledge having received every assistance from your Officers during the course of the audit. "
Finance meeting fixed for November 14th 1917 .

Mrs McGrath , asking that holiday be gazetted for the Serpentine Red Cross Carnival for 7th November.

Holiday applied for for South Riding.
Chief Secretary, approval of holiday
Received.

Wm Doody, drawing attention to the backing up of flood waters on his crop by formation , and asking for urgent action.

Dealt with in Engineers report.

British Australasian Machinery Co
Mitchell and Co , quotations for graders.

Mahoney moved
Carey
Shaw secd

That the Engineer order a new Austin grader at £114 at once.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE Ctd

Sims Bros and others at Mitiamo,asking Council to have footpath on EAST side of Kerang road gravelled,also to have the road running South from T Rudkins corner to [illegible] bakery gravelled with Rudkins Hill gravel for about 30 chains. Also that the drains from Sims Bros store alongthe North side of [illegible] the PINEGROVE road cleaned out.

Petitioners to be informed that no funds are available at present for gravelling the road,but that the footpath and drains will be later attended to by the roadsman.

Analyst,reporting on ANALYSIS of food samples submitted for 1917.

No Action.

Shire of Korong,asking Council if will contribute to the cost of putting the Salisbury Plain road in good order.

Cr Ettershank moved,and Cr Mahoney secd " That this Council,subject to same being legal,contribute one third cost of necessary repairs to this road"

Carried.

It was resolved by Councillors that they should personally present to each State school scholar in the Shire a War savings booklet,with one sixpenny war savings stamp affixed therein,and that the Secretary attend to the preparation of same,the cost to be defrayed equally by the members of the Council.

REPORTS.

Rate Collector,reporting amount of collections for September received.

Mitiamo Sanitary Officer,reporting the amount of rates collected and paid in to Treasurer to date

RECEIVED.

ENGINEERS REPORT

. Twigg's Road.

Owing to complaints received, I inspected the road running East and West near Twigg's. I found that water was backed up by the formation, and also through a drain being blocked by Mr Twigg, and this was causing damage to crop on the South side of the road. I instructed Mr Twigg that the blocking of the drain must be discontinued, and arranged for a culvert to be put in by Roadsman Tracey at the spot about eight chains west of Twiggs.

ADOPTED.

2. Mitiamo Road, west of Mitiamo railway line.

Owing to the continued wet weather it has not been possible to have very much done on this road, but I have instructed Roadsman (acting) Truesl to attend to the worst spots as soon as possible. Several culverts in the neighborhood of Mitiamo having been broken, Truesl has taken in hand the work of repairing same.

ADOPTED.

. MMM I inspected the road from Mr John O'Neills ower the Serpentine main towards Duttons, and found, as had been complained, that the formation was backing up the water on to Mr W Doody's crop on South side. I arranged for Roadsman Tracey to put in a culvert, which will overcome this trouble.

ADOPTED.

After conferring with Cr Tonkin, I wrote the Rochester Council, asking them not to let the tenders for 55 chains of metalling on the Shire-Tennyson Road boundary (and stone crossing) until the East Loddon riding members and myself had had a chance of meeting their representatives and Engineer on the ground to discuss the matter.

ADOPTED.

With the Shire President, I inspected the proposed road from the

ingee settlement to the Dingee-Serpentine Road. On the East side about
0 chains is fenced with a good fence. The remainder is unfenced to the
ain road,and the whole of the West side would require fencing,if the
roposal is gone on with. The road itself is in fairly good country
nd is a little swampy at about midway in its length. I am convinced that
outlet is a necessary one for the settlement. I value the land at
bout £10 maximum valye per acre. Mr Corcoran kindly furnished me with
copy of the plan of settlement area,which is available for inspection if
esired.

HELD OVER TO NOVEMBER MEETING.

Complaint having been made that no water is going through the Water subway
missions ~~subway~~ at the first culvert on the Serpentine road West of
ingee railway line, I interviewed Mr Corcoran on the matter ,and he arran
ged to test same as soon as possible,since on the day of my inspection,
re was too much water lying about to get near the inlet.

ADOPTED.

Grahams Drain at Dingee.

I inspected the drain on Williams road (first road South of
gee) running past Mr Grahams house Eastward from the Tandara to Dingee
d. It is proposed to clean out the drain,after first clearing off the
y lignum and other growth,from the first culvert West of Grahams to
first swamp East of the homestead,thence East to the second swamp
the East. The length of the work is about 42 chains. Contractor Kett,
y request,submitted a price,viz, £10 for the clearing,which will
requiree before I can survey for the drain,and10d per cyd for the
vation of drain,which is a reasonable price,considering the trouble that
arise in trimming up and deepening the old existing drain

ORK TO BE DONE?ON THE MOTION OF CRS CAREY AND TONKIN

(a) Grahams Rd, Dingee.

I recommend that a one chain stone crossing be put in at the ld culvert (pipe) East of Grahams, where the pipes have broken, and are nsufficient in waterway. I would suggest that this and other stone rossing recommended hereinafter be offered to Contractor Kett at hedule rates, as his work on crossings is excellent and satisfactory oth as regards price and workmanship.

he price quoted for this crossing would be £21. 2. 6 complete. I consider hat Mr Wallis consent to this proposal is advisable, although not essentiál

TENDERS TO BE CALLED_, ON THE MOTION OF CRS CAREY AND TONKIN.

. I arranged with Contractor Kett to fettle up and form about 5 chains f very much damaged formation on the foregoing road near the Tandara ingee main road at a cost of £ 4.12.6, complete.

ACTION APPROVED.

). I inspected the road running East from Mr Tweddle's homestead at ndara on the road between Messrs Tweddle's and Hawkins. The culvert s insufficient waterway to cope with flood waters, and the road has oured badly. I would recommend a stone crossing at the present scour out 2 chains west of the culvert and about five chains of 15' X 12" rmation as a western approach to same. The price for this work would £26.17.6

TENDERS TO BE CALLED, on motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin

. I also inspected the culvert on the road west of the Methodist Church Tandara and leading to Mr W Boyd's. This has not sufficient waterway r flood waters and the road has consequently scoured and formation n washed away in places. A stone crossing (one chain) is required out one chain west of present culvert at grass level. The price for e is about £27.

Tenders to be called on the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin.

ENGINEERS Report 4.

11. Regarding the works proposed in Tandara Tpwnship, I beg to report chains of formation, and preferably gravelling are required from the railway crossing towards Govett's. From the west end of this section for about 20 chains westward the road is very flat, having been badly washed by flood waterw. The material has been washed off on to the sides, and I consider a great deal of it might be replaced and the road trimmed up cheaply with a good grader at a cost of a few shillings per chain. On the East side of the r ilway line the gravel road has been scoured somewhat and requires maintenance. From the State School Eastward for about 4 chains there is no gravel and the road has secured in deep holes. This requires about 4 chains of new gravelling or metalling, the latter being more permanent and lasting. In view of the fact that there are very much worse places needing attention in this Riding, I consider that this is the minimum expense, and would overcome the present difficulty for a considerable time to come. The maintenance gravel might be obtained during the summer and spread by the roadsman before next winter rains, so as to ensure quick consolidation.

Tenders to be called for the gravelling, roadsman to attend to balance of work, also fill in holes near Govetts at once.

12. I inspected the culvert (pipe) on the East-West road between C Vincent and Jackmans. The waterway is insufficient and a one chain stone crossing at grass level is required to replace culvert, with four chains of formation as a west approach. The cost would be about £32, including formation.

Tenders to be called, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey.

13. Regarding stone crossing at Fishers old homestead about 4 miles Sth of Tandara, where you instructed me at last meeting to arrange for the work to be put in hand, I arranged with Mr Kett to complete same at a cost of £29.9.0

ACTION APPROVED, on the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin.

14. With Cr McCrae I inspected the road [illegible] (two chain) running North and South from Terricks Station pas the properties of Messrs Humbert and

14 Ctd.

Atkinson towards the Prairie road. The culvert near the Station dam is entirely insufficient to cope with the water flow,and as a consqquence,the formation has been badly scoured,and is dangerous. The culvert is almost as good as new,and can be removed and used elsew-here.I suggest that it be replaced by a one chain stone crossing at grass level and that the formation be raised and topped up for 6 chains on North side and 10 chains on the South side.

Tenders to be called,on the motion of Crs McCrae and Mahoney.

15. From Wallis bend on the Terricks road South of Dingee,where the formation contract now in progress will end,to the Dingee Cooperative store,the road is very flat,and I would recommend that you consider the advisability of extending same for this lenghh of about 18 chains,at schedule rates,the contract price per chain being 10/ for reforming and 16/6 for formation.

Work to be done as an extra to present contract,on the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin,cost to be at schedule rates.

16. I wrote to the Huntly Shire concerning the water coming into this Shire along the road between the State Forest and Picaninny Crk but have not yet had a reply. I will arrange a conference as soon as I receive this.

Left in hands of Engineer.

17. Owing to the continued presence of flood waters on the 3 chains road (Elmore) near Wilsons at Mitiamo,I have not yet been able to make a thorough inspection for repairs required ,but will do so as soon as possible.

Adopted.

he Engineer was instructed,on the motion of Crs Shaw and Carey,to nspect and report as to metalling,or gravelling,on road opposite he Council dam North of R Aitkens at Tandara.

ENGINEERS REPORT CTD

Regarding boundary works with Rowheater Shire ,discussed at last meeting I wish to point out that the portions applied for are in this Shire,and should be carried out under this Shire's supervision. These were as below (a) Formation on Terricks Mitiamo Road from old Piccaninny Creek bridge to the main road (b) Prairie Tennyson Road at Piccaninny Creek past Millers.

Adopted.

Contracts in hand have not progressed much,owing to the weather conditions. following have been completed since last meeting.

1917 W G Ball Echuca Rd loaming.

1917 J Ketterer,Metalling in Serpentine(Maintenance period remaining).

tractor Kett is making a nice job at Terricks Rd,Dingee. Contractor ler has not made much progress since last meeting,owing to the floods rain. I have instructed him to finish formation work on Echuca Rd near 's and Hirds as soonas possible. Contractor O'Halloran,when I inspected ltiamo on Monday last,had [illegible] rolling to complete. Regarding the tract No 6/1917 at McGraths road,said to be ready for rolling,I inspected same and found the work entirely unsatisfactory,being deficient in erial both as regards width and depth of gravel,and carelessly spread. ve refused to pass any payment on same,and would recommend that the tractor be notified that the work must be put in proper order at once. uld I find another similar occurence on a contract in the Shire, I will I would recommend that Contractor Heyward be ommend disqualification.notified to complete his contract on Church Rd allook as soon as possible.

opted,Contractor Johnston to be asked to push on with works at livil at once.

The Engineer was also instructed to arrange for an inspection o Mitiamo and Prairie roads with Riding members and C R Board.

I inspected the Raywood-Durham Ox road near Gittins. From the North of formation recently constructed by E Doody for about 20 chains rds the Echuca road the formation has been washed out,and requires to reformed.

TO STAND OVER.

ENGINEERS REPORT CTD.

21. Extras on Contracts

The folowing extras on contracts are submitted for adoption.

W G Ball Echuca Road Loaming £17. 0 . 10

O'Halloran and Sons Extension metalling and maintenance on roads not in contract £32.11 . 3

J Ketterer Serpentine Contract £1.18.8

ADOPTED ON MOTION OF CRS TONKIN AND ETTERSHANK.

Purchase of Gravel.

I consider that it would be cheaper than the present system if ers were invited for the supply of Whitehills gravel Bendigo bluestone at per cubic yard for a period of 12 months. The ent prices for odd lots are greater than those for contracts.

ADOPTED, tenders to be called.

Council went into Committee to discuss certain matters as arding Advertising brought forward by the Secretary, and after cussion, the matter of reducing the cost of Advertising was left the hands of the Secretary to attend to .

was also decided to instruct the Shire Solicitors to summons aulting ratepayers, as indicated by the Council, and also take er steps to recover all arrears.

OUNTS AMOUNTING TO £602.6.8 om the Shire account and £5.2.0 on untry Roads Board Account were passed for payment on the motion Crs Ettershank and Bissett.

TIONS ON NOTICE.
TRATION OF DINGEE WEIGHING FEES. THIS MOTION lapsed through e non attendance of the mover. It was resolved, on the motion of s Tonkin and Carey, to instruct the Weigher to attend at the idge in the wheat season between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

DOPTION OF ESTIMATES.

On the motion of Crs McCrae and Bissett, the Estimates adopted at ember meeting were formally confirmed.

ITIAMO SANITARY OFFICER.

IT was decided to write to the Contractor at Pyramid , asking if he were prepared to act as Officer at Mitiamo.

PAN CHARGE.

CR MAHONEY MOVED that the Council do make and levy a Pan

" TONKIN secd Charge of £1.8.6 per pan per annum for a fortnightly service on all householders at Mitiamo within a radius of 30 chains of the Post Office, charge to be payable half yearly on 1st Jany and 1st July 1918 and to be for the year ending 30th Septr 1918, and that the Sanitary Contractor be empowered to demand and collect the same.

Carried.

ENERAL RATE.

Cr Mahoney moved That this Council, to raise the estim-

" Carey secd ated sum required (2890.10.0) do make and levy a General Rate of Fifteen Pence in the £ sterling upon the net annual rateable value of rateable property within the hire of East Loddon for the period commencing on 1st October 191 and ending on the 30th September 1918 and that William dgar Clift, he Rate Collector, be empowered to demand and collect the same

Carried.

he Rate Book and Mitiamo Sanitary Rate Book were then duly signed nd sealed.

he Honor Roll was then carefully gone through and revised, arrange-ents being made for the signing of the Honor certificates before ext meeting.

NSTRUCTONS to Offiders.

Cr Bissett. Engineer to inspect Dingee road near W Davidsons and report.

Cr Mahoney. That ruts near Pentreaths on Pyramid road be filled in and that 5 chains of formation be added at rates to Heil and Burtons contract No 33/1917 on the boundary road.

Cr Carey reported on his visit to the Municipal Conference, when Cr Mahoney moved and Cr McCrae secd " That a vote of thanks be

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passed to Cr Carey for his attendance at the Conference.

Carried.

The President extended sympathy to Mr A C Gladman for the loss of his son on active service. This was supported by Councillors present. Mr Gladman suitably responded, thanking the Council.

The President also extended the sympathy of the Council to Cr Geo Mahoney, in the loss of his father ?Ex Cr Mahoney, who had been a resident of the district for many years.

Councillor Mahoney briefly responded, thanking the Council for their sympathy.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED.

CONFIRMED

E A J Carey PRESIDENT

4/11/1917

COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 14th 1917

PRESENT. Councillors Carey,(Pres) Bissett,Ettershank, Coulter , Maloney,Coutts.

MINUTES READ AND CONFIRMED on the motion of Councillors Bissett & and Coulter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Municipal Association,stating Council can contribute to cost of repairing Salisbury Plain with consent of Governor in Council.

Cr Ettershank moved,with Cr Bissett seconding "That the necessary consent be applied for. Carried.

2. Water Supply Commission,stating that it desires a definite proposal as to proposed road in Mingoo settlement,with details of land to be acquired,price per acre to be paid etc ,stating that the betterment to vendor must be taken into account,etc.

Cr Coulter moved and Cr Carey seced " That the Secretary attend to the matter"

Carried

3. Town of Bow ,advocating Conscription and asking for support.

Received.

4. Institute of Municipal Engineers,asking Council to appoint Engineer as delegate to conference in Melbourne on 23rd and 24th November.

Cr Carey moved and Cr Ettershank seced "That the Engineer attend and t leave of absence be granted "

Carried.

5.City of Bendigo,stating unable to supply Whitehills gravel,suggesting that application be made to the Railway Dept for same.

Application to be made to the Department.

6. Shire of Huntly,arranging conference for the 20th inst at Watts blacksmith shop at Kennerslea (2.30 p.m.)

Agreed to.

7. William Greenwood,applying for position of Sanitary Officer at Mitiamo at 26/- per week per annum.

Dealt with later.

8. J R V Bridge,re hours to be worked at the Mingoo weighbridge.

Received.

9. J Letterer, asking Council to transfer contract on Terricks road, No 2/1917, South of Dingo to J Kett.

Transfer agreed to, on the motion of Crs Coulter and Carey

10. T W Brown, application for Slaughtering License at Dingo

Granted, subject to the Inspector approving of the yards, on the motion of Crs Coulter and Carey.

11. W Wilson, re three chain Elmore road, asking for repairs

Engineer to inspect and report.

12 Henry Poor, applying for the position of Sanitary Officer at Mitiamo, at 26/6 per pan per annum for 2 years, and 8/- per month for cleaning street drains.

13. Dealt with later in meeting.

REPORTS

. Rate Collector, reporting £20. 15. 10 collected for October.

Read

. Sanitary Contractor, reporting £1.8.6 collected for October.

Read

. Report of Case of Infectious Disease.

Read

Treasurer, reporting collections for October £27.4.4, including cash in hand £21.5.10, with position of balances as under

North Riding Debit £4.11.5
South " Credit £227.17.6
East " Debit £1.7.1
Shire Account [redacted] Balance £149.15.2

Read

Rate Collector, reporting rate book entered up and notices being sent out.

Read

Mitiamo Sanitary Officer.

n the motion of Crs Coulter and Mahony, duly carried, it was decided o appoint Henry Poor of Pyramid Hill as Sanitary Contractor and rain cleaner for Mitiamo for two years commencing on the 1st Feby 18 on the following conditions, viz, 26/6 per pan per annum for leansing pans etc in accordance with the specification of duties awn up by the Engineer, payable monthly, and at 8/- per [redacted] for leaning Mitiamo gutters.

ENGINEERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 14th 1917

The President and Councillors

Shire of East Loddon

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report for your information and action thereon

1. I have inspected the Dingee road near Mr W Davidsons. The scours have been filled in by Roadsman Boyd, and the road is now in good summer order. The Water Supply Commissions channel requires cleaning out, and I understand that this is now under consideration by the Commission. The road at this corner requires formation.

RECEIVED.

2. I wrote the Rochester Shire regarding the holding of a conference to discuss boundary works, but have not yet had a reply fixing a suitable date.

ADOPTED.

3. Mitiamo Road. No date has yet been fixed by the Country Roads Baord for their inspection of this road, although I have been expecting word daily from them.

ADOPTED

4. Tenders are returnable this day for all works authorised to date by you.

ADOPTED

Myers Creek and Thunder swamp at Tandarra. In company with Crs Shaw and Coulter, I inspected Myers Creek at the 124 to 125 miles section on the Kerang line. The bridge at 125 miles is of 3 spans and is blocked with accumulated debris, stones grass, etc, and hummocks. The stones have been carelessly thrown under to stop scouring. The bridge at 124¼ miles is also blocked similarly. These two bridges above require to be enlarged in waterway. The bridge at 124 miles has had very little water running through during this winter, as the

flood waters have travelled Northward without going through t the opening,and alongthe side drain,thereby flooding out the district along the line,for which the Railway Commissioners might be held liable,in my opinion.

This bridge is also blocked up and requires attention. A training bank at this bridge,run out into Cable's land for a bout 10 or 12 chains should assist in keeping the water in its proper course in the creek. The dam bank in Sargoods land should be removed by the Deprt from the bed of creek and could be used in the wall. Messrs Cable and Sargood are agreeable,I understand,to this being done.

It was decided to bring the report under the notice of the Railway Dept,with the additional request that the side drain north of the 125 miles peg on west side of line be blocked with permanent stop to grass level.

6. Inspected the road North of R Aitkens at Council Dam at Tandara. Some 23 chains of gravelling or mettaling and a one chain stone crossing at 23 CHNS East of intrsection of this road with the North South road,where now scoured, are required,with 1¼ chains of formation on the East end of the crossing. The cost would be for gravelling £ 139

Metalling £ 187

Tenders to be called for metalling,to be returnable at next meeting,work to be commenced in Febry,on the motion of Crs Carey and Ettershank.

7. Roadsman Huggins reports that the culvert on the intersection of the first North South road west of the Tandara township with the Tandara road has washed out several times. I instructed him to put wings and spalls at same for the present. This will obviate the necessity of putting in a stone crossing,which,when done,should be at a point one chain east of the eastern corner of the intersection.

Approved.

8. War Loan Booklets are to hand,and will be sent out to the schools shortly. The Pompapiel and South Calivil schools

signified the number required. Very many other municipalities are following the example set by you in this matter.

Adopted.

9. Contracts have not progressed very much since last meeting ,chiefly owing to the necessity of allowing the water to dry o off the roads. This however is now over,and contractors should clean off their works,which are nearly all much overtime ,as soon as possible.

The Engineer was instructed to notify Jno Crapper to comple -te his contract at Careys withing 8 weeks,otherwise same will be completed at his expense.

10. Raywood road near Dowsetts road North of Cr Shaw's was very bad, for about 6 chains. I arranged with Contractor Ketterer to form this and loam,also to form up and loam a small bad piece of bout 1 chains on Dowsetts road,which was particularly bad.

Adopted.

11. The new road grader has arrived at Dingee,and is in good order. Owing to the delay in getting delivery of the road grader, I consider it would be advisable to let the reshaping of the wheat carting roads stand over to April. I will get it on to the roughest of the other roads as soonas possible.

Adopted.

12. In view of the enforcement of the Width of Tyres Act this season and subsequently,I would recommend that a preliminary warning be inserted through the press of the action that will be taken.

Left in Engineers hands.

13. Recommending extensions on contract at Rogers corner for gravelling,let to W B Hamilton.

Decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Engineer ,with instructions to have the extensions done at schedule rates on the contract.-

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FINANCE.

Accounts amounting to £436.18.7 were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Coulter.

TENDERS.

The following contracts were adopted, on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Carey.

2/1918	J Kott	Grahams Crossing		23. 19. 0
3/1918	do	Tweddles	"	29. 7. 0
4/1918	do	Boyds	"	27.14 . 0
5/1918	do	Vincents	"	30. 14. 0
6/1918	do	Terricks	"	45. 14. 0
7/1918	SUPPLY of metal and gravel on trucks, left in the Engineers hands to accept, after consideration of other tender in hands of Cr Mahoney.			
8/1918	W B Hamilton	Culvt &c Hurstwood Rd		35. 9. 10
9/1918	J Ketterer	Gravelling and metal, Tandara		75. 13. 6
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It was decided to instruct Mr S J McKay of Mitiamo to fill in dam at McIntyres within 8 weeks.

Cr Coutts moved and Cr Ettershank seed "That the attention of the Police Dept be drawn to the danger of bush fires in the district this summer and that the services of an extra constable be requested for 3 months from the 1st December, particularly during the fishing season. Carried.

Instructions to Officers.
Cr Mahoney. Engineer to draw the attention of the Country Roads Board to the necessity for early attention to Mitiamo Rd.

Cr Mahoney. That Engineer prepare tender specifications for small piece of formation between J Woods and Lairds, also between Elliotts and land known as Wells.

Cr Coulter. Engineer have about 5 chns of formation done near J Covetts, Tandara.
Cr Bissett. Roadmaker Boyd remove culvert near late W Bissetts.
Cr Coulter handed in notice of his intention to move at the next meeting " That the weighing fees for the Dingee weigh-bridge be reduced.

The meeting then adjourned.

CONFIRMED

Cafferey PRESIDENT

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NOVEMBER 14th 1917

SPECIAL MEETING TO ADOPT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR [redacted] 1917

Present. The same Councillors as at the Ordinary meeting.

The Secretary produced the audited statements for the Shire and Country Roads Board Account.

The auditors report was read and approved.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Coutts seconded " That the audited statements for 1917 and the auditors report be received and adopted, and the balance sheets for the Shire of East Loddon and the Country Roads Board works account be finally settled and adopted"

Carried.

The necessary signatures and seals were affixed to the statements and the meeting then closed.

CONFIRMED

E a J Lowy

Chairman

12/12/1917

Shire of East Loddon

Ordinary Meeting December 12th 1917

RESENT. Councillors Carey (PRES),Ettershank, Bissett, Shaw, Coutts, Mahoney and Tonkin.

INUTES READ AND CONFIRMED ON THE MOTION OF CRS Ettershank AND Carey .

WARD LETTERS DEALT WITH.

Shire of Korong,stating that the Country Roads Board has notified that has no intention of doing any permanent work on Salisbury Plain this ar,asking that this Council cooperate in urging the necessity of the rk on the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT,re same matter,asking the amount it is proposed to ex end upon the work.

ard to be urged to act at once in the matter,on the motion of Crs Etter hank and Bissett.

Country Roads Board,stating that it cannot fix a date at present for spection of Mitiamo and Prairie roads.

Mahoney moved and Cr Tonkin seod " That the Council call tenders for cessary tenders for end of January,if possible,and that the Board be formed that if no money is available,the gazettal sh'd be revoked. Cd

Dingee Land Syndicate,stating that it will sell land for proposed road Dingee settlement at £15 per acre,fencing to be done by the Council, lso transfer expenses.

Mrs Hartney,urging Council to open road for convenience of the settlers eld over for action by the Water Supply Commission.

Deaf and Dumb Asylum,asking financial assistance.

Held to Charity Vote.

H Harry,asking that formation East of Yalleok School be attended to.

Dealt with in Engineers report.

Quick and Kymer,notifying accident to Mrs M. A Stone,through horses shying at hole in culvert over irrigation channel,between lots 48 and 49 Jarklan with details of injuries received.

Received.

TVChaplin C.E. giving details of bridge proposed over Picaninny Ck,Nth East of Mitiamo.

Engineer to get further particulars.

Old,Dingee,offering to sell 3 feet scarifier for £16.10.0

No action.

Reports.

reasurer,reporting overdraft on Shire account £437.10.1,with position ridings as under

North Debit £3.4.5
South Credit £361.17.10
East Debit £867,13.1

RECEIVED.

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ollector,reporting 108.8.8 collected and paid to Treasurer for Novr.

RECEIVED

port of case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

RECEIVED

d Const Burgoyne,reporting on matter of dead beast left by P Chapple at Tandara.

RECEIVED

REPORTS CTD.

5. J Johnson, reporting 16811 sheep dipped for 1917 at Calivil Dip.

RECEIVED

6. Rate Collector, reporting progress of collections of arrears of rates

RECEIVED

7. Thistle Inspector, stating started work of weed destruction.

RECEIVED

The Shire Engineers report was dealt with as follows.

1. I have received a telegram from the Rochester Shire, asking whether the day before Xmas would be a suitable date for the inspection of boundary roads. I replied that this would not be suitable, and shall be glad if you will advise whether you think it necessary now to have a conference, in view of the fact that we recently inspected same.

IT WAS DEICED THAT A CONFERENCE IS NOW UNNECESSARY.

2. I have inspected the proposed repair work near Govetts East of Tandara, and am arranging with Contractor Kett to carry put about 6 chains of reformation, which will improve matters.

ADOPTED.

3. The new grader has been got into active working order, in charge of Roadsman Boyd. His work at Kirwams road is excellent and the cost of same was approx 6/- per chain, as against about 18/- for scoop work. The cost will be lessened probably, as Roadsman Boyd gets used to the machine, etc. The operation of the grader should be confined to one man, as by this cheaper and better work is done. I have sent the grader team to fettle up the rough roads in the Shire, which will take about 14 days more to complete.

ADOPTED.

4. I inspected road between Heils and Elliotts and between Woods and Lairds and called tenders, returnable at this meeting.

ADOPTED

5. With Crs Carey, Shaw and Tonkin, I went to Kamarooka to Watts, where the West Riding members of the Huntly Shire and Mr Fulton C.E. met us in conference on the matter of drainage. After inspection of the locality and considerable discussion, it was decided that the Huntly Shire is doing everything possible to remedy matters and restore natural conditions. Owing to the natural configuration of the country, flood waters must be expected to reach this Shire in wet seasons.

ADOPTED

6. I inspected the Prairie Tennyson road from Picaninny Ck to

Rochester boundary road, East of Prairie. This requires plowing on sides and grading up at least 8" higher with the grader, and afterwards loaming. It is necessary to ask Mr Coutts to sell the necessary loam for the work.

WORK TO BE DONE?AS RECOMMENDED.

7. I inspected the 3 chain Elmore road from Wilsons to Mitiamo

and found same very bad in places, as outlined below.

(a) From Wilsons house for 8 chains west from open crossing the road should be formed 18' x15" and loamed, the loam being on adjacent ridge.

Clause 7 Wilsons Rd Ctd.

(b) From second crossing west of Wilsons,for 8 chains west-ward the road requires reforming .

(c) From the S.R.W.S. Channel near the Prairie Mitiamo road, the road requires 28 chains of formation Eastward towards Wilsons.

TENDERS TO BE CALLED FOR FORMATION WORKS ONLY.on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey.

Clause 8. I arranged,with the approval of Crs Tonkin,Mahoney and McCrae,who inspected same with me,to have W Ball form 6 chains over the bad depression on the Echuca road,near Mitiamo,North East of the Runneymede road,also construct culvert in same,at schedule rates,as an addition to his existing contract.

Adopted.

Clause 9. With the foregoing Councilloss,I inspected the Echuca road from the Pine-grove road North Eastward to the Picanninny Creek. The road requires about 40 to 45 chains of grader formation,with culvert about 40 chains,and side drain cut to lead water to Picanninny Creek.

Adopted,works to be done in March.

10.
Yallook S S Road.
The existing formation has been greatly worn down,and requi-ires reformaing. I instructed the Roadsman (Boyd) to carry out this work with the grader.

Adopted.

11. HONOR ROLL is now completed,save for painting names. I have sent the names to Messrs Cox and Co and the board should be ready in a week or two. I shall be gald if you will discuss unveiling arrangements.

Arrangements left in the hands of the Secretary.

12. Contracts in progress.

Good progress generally has been made by Contractors since the last meeting. Contractor J Dee has not completed the work at O'Briens and Keoghs ,Jarklan,and I would suggest that he be asked to give a guarantee that he is prepared to do same before next winter. Contractor Kett has completed the following in a very satisfactory manner,viz, Terricks road,South of Dingee, the

CONTRACTS IN PROGRESS CTD.

FORMATIONS at Yallok S S Road, the loaming of the Church road near Harry's, repairs near Grahams, while the works on 2 chain road near Hiatts should be completed by this meeting. Contractor W. B. Hamilton is making good progress on the gravel work at Rogers corner. Contractor Butler has completed the Yarrayne road contract in an excellent manner. Contractor J. Crapper has completed work near Lourie's on Bendigo road, South of Cr Shaw's and is making fair progress on the road from Dingee near Cr Carey's. Contractor Ketterer has now completed works on Boyds road, where I condemned stone crossing until rebuilt at wings. This has now been done, and is satisfact-ory, with exception of the fact that more binder must be put on same. Messrs Burton and Heil have completed works in Calivil, but the side cut on Mitiamo road requires cleaning up and some little attention given to the spreading of loam at Kirwans stacks on this road. Contractor Ketterer is making at present time a very good job at Ludemans Road at Kamarooka. He has also practically completed the formation and loaming on Raywood road near Gittins, N.W. of Bullock Creek. The following contractors require to get on to their works, as below, as soon as possible, viz,
J. Johnson 18/1917 Formation near Gows Lairds etc, and 23/1917 Formation and culverts at Lows and Baileys.
W. G. Ball 24/1917 Bills swamp works and 25/1917 Runneymede road works.

ADOPTED

13. Pine Grove Rd. With reference to filling up of center of tram track on this road, I wish to submit my report of November 6th 1916, Clause 17. Folio 4. for consideration.

Cr Carey moved and Cr Tonkin secd " That tenders be called for the supply of 120 cyds of Rudkins gravel for delivery to the roadsman on the Pine grove road.

carried.

14. Reporting the following extras on contracts for adoption.

5/1917	W B Hamilton	Rogers Corner	£52.12.6
7/1917	J Ketttterer	Boyds Rd	16
32/1917	J Kett	Yallook S S	1. 2.6
			£54. 11. 0

ADOPTED ON THE MOTION OF CRS ETTERSHANK AND TONKIN.

IT WAS DECIDED TO STOP J KETTERER FROM STARTING Gravelling contract Tandara until 1st feby 1918.

Accounts amounting to £522.9.3 were duly passed for payment on the motion of Crs Bissett and Coutts.

Cr Shaw moved, with Cr Carey secdg " That T Butler be notified that [illegible] at Tandara must be made automatic, otherwise future tenders from him will not be considered.

Cd.

Cr Carey moved and Cr Shaw secd " That the papers in connexion with Garnishee order of C E Treuel be placed in the hands of the Shire Solicitors for action.

Cd.

D[illegible]th 1917

TION ON NOTICE.

[illegible] motion on notice [illegible] name of Cr Coulter, relative to weighing [illegible]s at Dingee. lapse[illegible]ugh the non attendance at the meeting of the [illegible]ver.

TENDERS.

[illegible] Tonkin moved, [illegible]r Carey seconded "That the following tender be [illegible]epted

11/1918 [illegible]rd £23.10.0

Carried.

STPONEMENT [illegible]ETING.

[illegible] On the [illegible]n of Crs Maheney and Carey it was deiced to let the [illegible]dinary Jan[illegible] meeting lapse, and that the Secretary and Engineer be [illegible]ven the u[illegible] leave of absence, the next meeting to be held as usual [illegible] February.

Carried.

[illegible] was d[illegible]d to hold a meeting of the Finance committee at Mitiamo [illegible]er ab[illegible]he end of January at Mitiamo, and that they be authorised [illegible]pay s[illegible]ies and wages, theri action to be confirmed at the following [illegible]titg [illegible]ebruary.

[illegible]E M[illegible]G THEN ADJOURNED.

CONFIRMED

E E J Carey

PRESIDENT

13/2/1918