# Shire of East Ledden

## Council Meeting February 13th 1918

PRESENT ... CRS Carey (Pres), Tonkin, Bissett, Coulter, Mahoney, Coutts and McCrae.

MINUTES READ AND CONFIRMED ON THE MOTION OF CRS Mahoney and Coutts.

Inward Letters dealt with as under.

1. Municipal Association, forwarding report of annual Conference.
Received.

2. Water Supply Commission, asking that streets in Mitiamo be named for gazettal pubposes (urgent)
Streets named as per plan attached to correspondence.

3. SAME, stating that Commission is prepared to pay half cost of proposed road in Dingee settlement, provided cost of purchase and fencing and survey, with transfer expenses, does not exceed £60.
Cr Carey moved That the letter be referred to the Dingee Syndicate
" Coulter sed asking for reconsideration of price quoted for land.
Carried

4. F J Weaver Esq M L A and the Shire of Korong, with reference to deputation to Country Roads Board, re the Salisbury Plain road, on 19th inst at 3.30 p.m.

Cr Ettershank and the Shire Engineer appointed delegates to the conference, on the motion of Crs Carey and Bissett.

5. Country Roads Board, agreeing to plans and specifications prpared by Shire Engineer for Prairie and Mitiamo Road improvements.
A later telegram, approving of the tenders of Joseph Kett for the same works.
Received.

6. Education Dept, congratulating Councillors on action taken in giving War Loan stamps., also letters from Head Teachers to same effect.
Received

7. War Council, appealing for assistance to its funds.
Received

8. Police Dept, stating constable cannot be spared for district during summer, as applied for by Council.
Received.

9. Victorian Railways, stating Whitehills gravel required for railway purposes, and Councils application for supply cannot be acceded to.

**Secretary instructed to write Huntly Shire, asking if position warrants putting in a siding, and if prepared to cooperate, and, if so, under what conditions.**

10. Mtd Const. Burgoyne of Raywood, with reference to slaughtering licences, asking whether appointed Inspector.

**Cr Coulter moved with Cr Tonkin seconding " That Mt Const Burgoyne be appointed Inspector of Slaughterhouses for East Riding at £1 per annum and 5% of fees for licences. Carried.**

11. Public Health Dept, forwarding copy of cpmplaint lodged by Mrs A Schmidt of Dingee relative to diseased cow at Dingee, with report by Constable Brown on matter, forwarded in reply to request by Shire Secretary.

**On the motion of Crs Coulyer and Carey, it was decided to refer the file to the Public Health Deprt for their information, the Council considering action in any further direction unnecessary.**

12. Lands Dept, files with reference to repatriation of soldiers on land, suggesting local committees.

On the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coutts, the **whole Council was made a committee to assist in the repatriation of soldiers on land.**

13. Jno Gow, stating he had burned 6 trees off shire roads, demanding 5/- per tree, which, if not paid before March 31st, he"will deduct from rates"

**A/c to be referred back for further particulars, as it was considered above ruling rates for similar work.**

14. J N J Harvey, Plumber, asking permission to lay pipes across the streets at Mitiamo.

**Permission granted, on the motion of Crs Coulter and Carey.**

15. Exors of late P Coutts (Prairie) stating will consider request to sell laom for Prairie Tennyson road.

**It was decided that Mr H Phillips of Prairie be asked if he will sell loam, and, if so, under what conditions.**

16. Mrs McGrath, asking Council to remove tree on Echuca road near Pompapiel S S corner, which is dangerous.

**Tree to be removed by the roadsman.**

17. W T Chaplin, Shire Engineer, Rochester, giving details of works proposed on roads leading to boundary roads in East of Shire.

**Received.**

18. Public Works Dept,staing Mr Perry of Janr East claims road North of allots 182 A and 171A is not unused,asking for Council's opinion. It was decided on the motion of Crs Coutts and Mahoney that the Dept be informed that Mr Perrys statements as to traffic on road are quite correct.

19. J Weaver.M L A.stating willingness to cooperate in all measures for district good.

Received.

20. S Bunning,asking permission to erect a levee bank across the East and West road about halg a milewest of his house.

On the motion of Crs Coulter and Carey,the Secretary was instructed to ~~enquire~~ inspect the site,with power to act as regards permission.

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Reports

1. Treasurer,reporting Overdraft £928.19.0 for period ending 31st Jan with position of ridings as under

North Debit £191.8.7

South Credit £130.18.7

East Debit £1075.11.1

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2. Collector,reporting £62.1.1 collected for Deer,with £134.13.9 for January.

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3. Weighbridge Keeper,reporting £ 51.16.1 collected to 2.2.1918

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4. Sanitary Contractor,reporting £2.17.0 collected to date.

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5. Rate Collector,suggesting necessity for investigation of certain areas in rate book.

See Later.

6. Thistle Inspector,report on Thistle extermination work.

RECEIVED.

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THISTLE ERADICATION.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr McCrae seconded "That this Council views with alarm the spread of noxious weeds in the Shire and that the Thistle Inspector immediately inspect all holdings and report weekly to the Shire Engineer, giving details of places visited and action taken to destroy thistles, and that the work of the Inspector be subject to the instructions of the Engineer.

Carried.

Auchmore and other adjustments in valuations.

The Secretary and the Rate Collector were instructed to visit Bendigo and adjust matters in connextion with the above and other holdings with the agents for the properties, on the motion of Crs Carey and Coutts.

ACCOUNTS.

On the motion of Crs Bissett and Tonkin the following accounts were passed for payment, viz,

£383.11.3

and the accounts passed by the Finance Committee at Mitiamo on 2nd Feby, viz,

£375.14.10

were also formally passed for payment in same motion.

Carried.

TENDERS.

There being only a poor response to tender advetisements, the Secretary was instructed to readvetise the works for March 13th 1918.

POUNDKEEPER.

It was decided to readvertise for the vacant post of Poundkeeper, applications to be made returnable on or before 13th March.

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ENGINEERS REPORT FEBRUARY 13th 1918.

Gentlemen,

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

1. During January,while on holiday I interviewed the Country Roads Board,and secured permission to expend sufficient money to maintain the Mitiamo and Prairie roads. Having previously surveyed,I was able to get out the specifications in Melbourne,with the result that the tenders of J Kett have been approved by the Board as under

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| 1M | Mitiamo Rd | £455.0.6 |
| 2M | Prairie Rd | 224.13.3. |

I have instructed Mr Kett to get on with the Mitiamo road works first.

REPORT ADOPTED AND VOTE OF THANKS PASSED TO ENGINEER ON THE MOTION OF CRS CAREY AND MCCRAE.

2. I have,since returning from my holidays,inspected all contracts,which have progressed very well. The contract of J Crapper near Cr Carey's has been very badly carried out so far,and I have instructed the Contractor that it must be completed at once satisfactorily,otherwise it will be taken over and completed at his expense by the Council. I have received an explanation from Mr Crapper,who states his willingness to complete the work at once,as desired. Contractor Butler will complete his contract near Messrs Low and Hird's on Echuca road,as soon as the ground becomes fit for working. Contractor Kett has completed all his stone crossings in a very satisfactory manner,with the exception of that near Terricks station dam,which must remain until the weather breaks a little. Contractors Ball and Hamilton have also their work well in hand.

THE MATTER OF DELAY IN CRAPPERS CONTRACT WAS LEFT IN THE ENGINEERS AND PRESIDENTS HANDS TO DEAL WITH.

3.On the evening of the 6th inst,the Dingee weighbridge broke down. I motored over and organised night work,with the result that the bridge was ready for use the following morning. It is now in good order.

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ENGINEERS REPORT CTD

4. Extras and extensions on contracts.

The following require adoption

22/1917 J Kotterer 12/-

23/1917 W C Ball (extension) Runnoymede road £19.0.0

ADOPTED ON THE MOTION OF CRS TONKIN AND CAREY.

5. Owing to the continued dry weather, most of the new stone crossings in the East Riding will require gravel maintenance and I would recommend that Roadsman Huggins be instructed to attend to them after the winter sets in. The following gravel will be required, viz, 2 trucks at Dingee and 2 at Tandara. He should also attend to holes in crossings on Ludemans road near Kamarooka.

Cr Tonkin moved and Cr Carey secd That the report be adopted and that the stone crossing at Myers Creek at Prairie be added for attention Carried.

6. It has been the custom for the contractors for metal and gravel works to include freight costs in their tenders, this being paid by the Council and afterwards deduced. This is very unsatisfactory, and I would suggest that, in future, the freight be paid direct as usual by the Council, and the Contractors instructed to omit same when making up tenders. This will obviate a useless amount of clerical work and be more satisfactory.

Report adopted, on motion of Crs Coulter and Bissett and the Secretary instructed to attend to matter.

7. I shall be glad if you will issue instructions as to the Charity Vote for 1918.

Cr Tonkin moved That the Charity Vote be the same as for 1917 with the exception of grant to Barnado Homes CD
Cr Bissett sec

8. The following specifications will be prepared for tenders for March meeting

13/1918 Formations on Wilsons road at Mitiamo.

Received

9. I will arrange for Roadsman Boyd to get on with adopted

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ENGINEERS REPORT CTD.

GRADER WORKS,. The weather is against operating the machine at present time.

In connexion with the Mitiamo road,it was impossible to include all the work in the contract ,owing to the limited amount of the maintenance vote. I would recommend that the following pieces be reformed with the grader,viz,

(1) At Grays swamp,from the culvert westward for 14 chains.

(2) From the end of the present section let to J Kett at 2 chain North and South road intersection westward to the open crossing,and for 10 chains on the west side of the latter crossing.

Report adopted,Boyd to be instructed to grade the whole of the Mitiamo road not included in Ketts contract.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Cr Coulter. Huggins to put a few loads of metal where Crapper removed logs from crossing on Raywood Tandara road.

Cr Coulter. Engineer to prepare plans and specifications,when funds are available,for extending stone crossing between new crossing and large crossing on Kudemanns and Dales road.

Cr Coutts. Engineer to arrange for further grading work on Perrys road after inspection,also arrange with Ball to do small pieces of additional work on Bills swamp road.

Cr Tonkin. Huggins to erect handrails on small culvert at Myers Creek on Prairie Tennyson road.

Cr Carey. Engineer to arrange for formation on Dingee road from Channel bridge to Council dam.

Cr Coutts. Tracey to repair ends of crossing on road from Six mile to Swan hill road and attend to various other works in Hurstwood near"Elleralie."

Cr Bissett Engineer to write to S R W S Commisssion,asking that channels in Serpentine district be cleaned out,giving reasons for request.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

CONFIRMED E a J Carey Shire President

13/3/1918

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON

ORDINARY MEETING March 13th 1918

NT.... Crs Carey (Pres), McCrae, Tonkin, Coutts, Mahoney, Bissett

tes read and confirmed on the motion of Crs McCrae and Coutts.

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unicipal Association, asking any motions for next annual conference forwarded before 21st May.

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derated Municipal Employes Union, fowarding proposed scale of wages laborers etc, and stating that it is proposed to submit same to Commonwealth Arbitration Court.

nicipal Association, with reference to same matter, stating joint should be taken by Municiapalities to oppose the claim, and for the views of the Council on the matter.

ACTION OF MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION TO BE SUPPORTED.

ns National League, appealing for support for the "Baby Week" to be held from 18th to 24th April, to arouse keener interest endeaver to decrease the present appalling loss of Infant life.

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ntry Roads Board, approval of acceptance of tenders of J.Kett ks on Mitiamo and Prairie roads, returning original tenders.

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lic Works Deprt, asking Council, wherever possible to appoint rned soldiers to vacant positions, if same are qualified.

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y of Bendigo, inviting President and Secretary to attend a nference on Repatria/tion of Returned soldiers on land at ndigo on 8th March.

Minister of Lands, asking for details of crown lands available or settlement by soldiers, with Councils opinion as to their

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suitability for this purpose.

THE PRESIDENT REPORTED HAVING ATTENDED THE BENDIGO CONFERENCE and it was decided to act on his suggestions as to procedure.

7. Shire of Rochester, with reference to increase in growth of Stinkwort, and urging that the extermination of same be placed under government control.

Received.

8. Water Supply Commission, thanking Council for forwarding names of streets at Mitiamo.

8A. Mitiamo Progress Association, stating that names had been adopted previously for streets at Mitiamo, and urging reconsideration of the matter.

Secretary's note, Street names had been forwarded on before the receipt of latter letter, and have been gazetted by the Commission, no notification having been previously forwarded by the Progress Association.

It was decided that this information be conveyed by the Secretary to the Mitiamo Progress Association.

9. Tatchell Dunlop Smalley and Balmer, for Dingee Land Syndicate, stating that it will accept £12 per acre for land required for proposed road in settlement, on conditions previously stated.

On the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin, it was decided to draw the attention of the Water Supply Commission that it is responsible for present situation, and that in view of the probable cost being about £130, that they be asked to contribute more than previously stated.

10. Institute of Municipal Engineers, asking that Engineer be granted leave of absence to attend Annual meeting on 22nd and 23d March.

Leave granted to Shire Engineer, on motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin.

11. Exors late Peter Coutts, stating that gravel can be obtained from existing pit under certain specified conditions at current rates.

11A. Harry Phillips, Prairie, stating Council can obtain loam for

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Prairie Tennyson road at 6d per cyd.

On the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrae, the Engineer was instructed to inspect, with power to offer 8d (Sixpence) per cyd for gravel.

12. R R Chappell and others, asking for formation and culvert on road between property of Alf. E. Wallis and R R Chappell.

The Engineer was instructed to inspect, and, if necessary, call for tenders, on motion of Crs Mahoney and McCrae.

13. Municipal Assoc^n, from Jn alteration of name L H Powell Jn W Johnson's on Guarantee Policy

To be attended to.

14. Jno Gow, Kamaroka, detailed a/c 15/- Jn tree removals.

Account passed for payment on motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey.

## REPORTS.

1. Treasurer, reporting collections £324.16.6, with position of ridings as below:—

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| North | Debit | £318.15.6 |
| South | do | 104.19.4 |
| East | Do | 1386.4.9 |

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2. Rate Collector, reporting collections for February.

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3. Constable Brown, reporting that McIntyres Dam at Mitiamo is still unfilled.

3A. S J McKay, stating that above dam will be attended to as soon as labor can be obtained for same.

It was decided to inform Mr McKay that, if he can assure the Council and Mr Bennet of Mitiamo that no further menace to health will be caused by same, the Council will not insist on the filling up to ground level of McIntyre's dam at the present

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Dr Pritchard, Annual report as Health Officer, stating health of Shire excellent for 1917.

Dr Doravin, ditto.

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Dr Wilkinson, reporting case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

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6. Thistle Inspector, reporting on Noxiousweed destruction and outlining the action taken by him in the matter since last meeting of the Council.

The Inspector was instructed to immediately issue summonses in all cases where landholders had had notices to destroy Noxious weeds and had failed to do so within the time specified.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment on the motion of Crs McCrae and Tonkin, which was duly carried, viz,

SHIRE ACCOUNT £353.17.11

APPOINTMENT OF POUNDKEEPER.

No response was recieved to the Council's advertisement calling for applications for the vacant position of Poundkeeper at Bears Lagoon, and it was decided, on the motion of Crs Coutts and Mahoney, that the matter be left in the hands of the Secretary to arrange for Mrs Kerr to act temporarily as Poundkeeper until other arrangements were made, and that she be asked whether she will not now be prepared to continue permanently, if appointed, since she has had experience at the work.

Engineers Report MARCH 18th 1918

Engineer (Mr G W C Venables C.E.) reported as below

I have the honor to report as under for your consideration and action

1. Tenders have been invited,returnable today,for contracts 10/18, 12/18,13/18.and 14/18.

Received.

2.Perrys road. I interviewed Mr Perry regarding his application for work on his road. An open crossing is desired at the depression on same,as previously reported on by me,.
Engineer to have a cheap crossing constructed.

3.Gordon Shire Boundary. On the boundary road between Bills Swamp and the Swan Hill ro d,there is a very boggy portion of road,which requires grader formation for about 30 chains westward from the West end of first formation west of the bank at swamp. The bank at this swamp has been widened by Contractor Ball.
Work referred to to be done,on motion of Crs Coutts and McCrae.

4. With Cr Ettershank,I attended a deputation to the Hon the Minister of Public Works,regarding the Ingleweod Serpentine road over the Salisbury plain. The deputation was sympathetically received and the Minister stated that sufficient money to construct the first mile would be made available to the Country Roads Board.

Approved.

5. Bunning's bank. Inspected road corner of East West road,about half a mile west of Bunnings,and granted permission to Mr Bunning to construct a bank,provided same is only built to grass level and made 15 feet wide on top,with easy slopes. I have previously had removed banks at this corner,which were not in accordance with these conditions.

Approved.

6. Cobbs Road.. From a point 6 chains west of Dalziels gate on this road,thence to formation Eastward at Cobbs bridge,22 chains of grader formation are required.
Work to be carried out when time permits.

7. Pyramid road,near Cr McCrae's.

I inspected the swamp a little South of Cr McCrae's house on this road. Three chains of formation and open metalled crossing are required.

It was decided to call tenders for works stated,on motion of Crs McCrae and Coutts.

8. I inspected the Pinegrove road tram track,which suffered badly through the wheat traffic.. I have emended the existing specification to read 220 cyds,making an additional 100 cyds,for the portion at the Echuca road intersection. A further distance of 82 chains on the west end of this track requires about 250 cyds additional for refilling the center. I shall be glad to learn whether you consider the traffic warrants this expenditure.

It was decided to arrange for the extras recommended,at schedule rates,with O'Halloran and Sons,Contract 12/1918/

9.East West road at Calivil school corner.

With reference to the formation recently authorised,west of the above school,insufficient work was allowed for in the instruction,an additional length being required to keep rain water from lodging on same,and causing a bog. The formation requires to be extended 7½ chains west to culvert and for 5 chains thence on west side of culvert. Contractor Johnson is working in the vicinity.

Extras to be arranged for by Engineer with Contractor Johnson at Schedule rates.

10. Contracts. The following contracts have been completed since last meeting

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| Contractor Butler | 13 / 1917 | Lews and Hirds section,Echuca Rd |
| " Ball | 24 / 1917 | Bills swamp works |
| " Hamilton | 26 / 1917 | Messops road |
| " Hamilton | 8/1918 | Hurstwood road formations. |

Contractor Johnson is working in Calivil area. Contractor Heyward has not completed,or even commenced, works near Elliotts. With regard to road near [illegible] Cr Careys ,Contractor Crapper has done

3. Engineers report

nothing to this road since your last meeting, and I would recommend that action be taken to either cancel the contract and forfeit deposit, or to have the work finished. Contractor Kett has not commenced the Mitiamo road CR B works, although I have notified him several times of the urgency of same. The same remark applies to Contractor Ketterer's contract at Tandara township.

The report was dealt with in committee, the Engineer being instructed to cancel Heywards contract at Elliotts and relet to Burton and Heil. It was decided to give Crapper 3 days notice to recommence h his contract at Carey's, the matter being left to the President.

11. I have arrangements now ready for the grader to work continuously from this date. I have taken Roadsman Boyd, who will be in charge, over the Shire, and explained works personally. The works will be started at Mitiamo road, after which the Echuca road at old Mitiamo township, the Prairie Tennyson, Dingee and other roads will be done.

Recieved.

12. Calivil. The following works require to be done by roadsman Tracey before the winter sets in.

(a) Fill scour at Calivil South S S corner, construct 12" x 12" culvert about half chain South of corner towards P.O. Office

(b) Construct culvert already authorised at Dows gate at Post Office.

Works to be carried out.

13. With reference to bridge approaches at [redacted] NO 1 S.R.W.S. channel bridge on Swanhill road, North of Jarklan, the Commission should be asked to gravel same, as owing to the poor quality of the spoil, the approaches are nearly impassable in winter.

Commission to be asked to undertake the work, on the motion of Crs Coutts and Mahoney.

14. A number of works already listed for attention cannot be carried out through scarcity of necessary labor, but will be attended to by me as soon as possible in each case.

Received.

15. The following extras and additions on contracts require adoption

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| J Johnson (additions) | | 18/1917 | £18.5.0 |
| W B Hamilton | extras | 26/1917 | 1.0.3 |
| W B Hamilton | extras | 8/1918 | 8.19.11 |

MMM The extras as recommended were approved, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Mahoney.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS.

Cr Coutts.

Engineer arrange for formation on East west road near Four Posts hotel, also for topping up of clf formation at Silesian Downs homestead.

Cr Mahoney.

Engineer inspect two pieces of road between J McCauleys and Twiggs on 2 chain North South road, also arrange for four chains or so of formation near Keoghs on Mitiamo, left by J Dee.

Cr McCrae.

Roadsman to fill scour near Humberts on first road East of latter place, also scour near Johnsons old place, on the Dingee road.

On the motion of Crs McCrae and Tonkin, the Engineer was empowered to arrange for prospecting the rock outcrop at Mitiamo in Peter Sherlock's land, Roadsman Tracey to do the work under his supervision.

The meeting then adjourned.

CONFIRMED

J C McLucas

Chairman

10/4/ 1918

# COUNCIL MEETING

## April 10th 1918

PRESENT. Councillors McCrae (Chairman) Tonkin, Shaw, Coutts and Bissett

Cr Mcrae was voted to the Chair on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Coutts.

MINUTES READ AND CONFIRMED ON THE MOTION OF CRS TONKIN AND Bissett.

Letters dealt with as under

Manager of "Auchmore Estate", drawing attention to error in parish plans of Lands Dept, and excess area shown on rate books for this and Strathmore Estate, asking for adjustment.

Municipal Association forwarding legal opinion on above matter.

Cr Shaw moved, with Cr Bissett seconding " That after payment of current rates on adjusted valuations as per receipts in hands of Rate Collector at this date, the balance of outstanding current rates, arrears, and interest on the Strathmore and Auchmore Estates Assests Nos 154 and 266 of South Riding) be written off as being overcharged and irrecoverable." Carried

Barnado Homes for Boys, England, thanking Council for annual ation to funds.

Received

Returned Soldiers Association, asking for assistance of Council n Anzac Day, 26th April, with view of making it financial success, roceeds being for widows and orphans of fallen soldiers.

Received

State Recruiting Committee, forwarding resolutions adopted at cent recruiting conference.

Received

Railways Dept, Secretary, relative to training banks etc at ndara, stating that these will be erected and existing bridges alarged (See Shire Engineers report of 14th Novr 1917, Fol 45) te, provided Council will obtain the necessary indemnities from roperty owners.

Cr Shaw moved and Cr Coutts seed "That the Deprt be informed that e Council will arrange ~~rights~~ for easements and permission to erect anks, but that it is considered that the obtaining of indemnities is ne for the Railway Department to deal with themselves. Carried.

Shire of Upper Yarra, asking Council to support proposal for

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independent tribunal to deal with losses on Victorian railways and decide claims etc .....

Received

7.Shire of Gordon,approving of proposal to forma with grader bad road near Bills and O'Brien's on boundary road.

Received

8.Maria Kerr,accepting permanent position as Poundkeeper at Bears Lagoon,as requested.

Mrs Kerr appointed as from April 1st on usual terms and conditions on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

9.D Upton,drawing attention to bad portions of road on Raywood to Swan Hill road between Waranga Channel and Mr Shaws.

Cr McCrea moved ,with Cr Bissett seconding "That the places stated be repaired by Roadsman Boyd"

Carried.

10. C G Lea,asking for 5 chains of formation from White's corner to Serpentine Creek leading to Bears Lagoon.

Works to be done with grader when available,on the motion of Crs Coutts and Bissett.

11. Peter Sherlock,Mologa,reprospecting for spalls,[illegible] stating that his mother owns paddock and does not care to sell or allow stone to be removed. Cr Tonkin moved,with Cr Bissett secdg "That Mrs Sherlock be informed that the Council can remove stone for roadmaking purposes,but that,[illegible] before using these powers,it is desired that she will state what reasonable compensation she is prepared to accept for the removal of her stone." Carried.

12. T Heyward,staing will commence contracts at Calivil at once.

Received

13. E Jones and R Lovell,as Secretaries for R C Church concert, asking for use of hall on 19th inst.

Use of Hall granted on the usual conditions.

14. J Bennett,stating that Mr McKay has filled McIntyre's dam insufficiently to allay nuisance and asking that footpath be made up on South side to prevent water entering.

Engineer's Note. Owing to scarcity of labor,it is impossible to spare a roadsman for this work,and it has been arranged for Mr McKay to get a man for two days to fill same up.

Approved.

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5. H Jackman, asking for permission to erect bank on road half
le South of his homestead, giving reasons for same.
Engineer to inform Mr Jackman that permission cannot be granted.
e Engineer was instructed to obtain a 20 scale Parish Plan Map
Shire and to make the necessary arrangements for having same
ought up to date, showing areas and names of owners, on the motion
Crs Coutts and McCrea.

AVE OF ABSENCE TO CR ETTERSHANK.

Cr Ettershank was granted leave of absence from the meeting
the motion of Crs Shaw and Bissett, duly put and carried.

## Reports

Treasurer, reporting £1373.0.5 collected for March, with
ition as under to 31.3.18

re A/c Debit Nutt, incl cash in hand £908.9.9
th Riding Debit £67.15. 5
th " Credit £199.6.9
" Debit £1137.4.1

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ate Collector applying for 1 weeks leave of absence to enable
to remove to Serpentine

Granted.

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Received.

## UNFILED CORRESPONDENCE

eaver M L A, stating that the Corack district was trying to
ge a deputation to the Minister of Railways, asking for railway
ities, and asking whether the Council would assist.
The Secretary was instructed to write Mr Weaver, stating that
ouncil felt that the time was most inopportune to ask for large
c expenditure, but that they deemed his assistance very useful
ould be glad of his cooperation at a later date, when matters
mproved.

The Engineer ( Mr G W C Venables C E) reported on works as below.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report for your considerarion and action on the following matters.

1. Mitiamo Jarklan road at Four Posts Hotel. I arranged for Messrs Burton and Heil to construct 12 chains of formation in all here at 8d per cyd,plus allowance for rolling. This has been completed.

ADOPTED

2. Road between Messrs Keogh's and Keogh's,Jarklan

I arranged for Messrs Burton and Heil to carry out four chains here at schedule rates,and this is now practically completed.

ADOPTED

3. Messrs O'Halloran and Sons have been instructed to put out the 250 cyds of extra gravel at schedule rates on the Tramtrack on Mitiamo Pinegrove road ,as adopted at last meeting.

AADOPTED

4. I inspected the gullies near Messrs Twigg's and White's on two chain road,at anabranch of Calivil Creek. A good deal of water goes through these gullies in flood times,and to carry out the orks in most satisfactory manner,the most northerly one requires a 99' x 16' metal crossing and banked ends. The southerly one requires a 66' x 16' stone crossing with banked ends. The bottom is good and there is very little traffic,so that the traffic hardly warrants t the expense at present financial period. An alternative proposition would be to put in a low formation with small circulating culvert at each gully,allowing the water to go over same in flood times and repairing after same. This, however, is not the most economical thing in long run,but in view of above facts as to cost,I shall be glad of your

Clause 4.

decision as to whether the necessary money can be appropriated for same.

To stand over.

Clause 5. Mr Duffy of Pompapiel has drawn attention to a alleged damage by S R W S channel to his property and the Shire road (Raywood Rd) South of Mr Gittins homestead. I made an inspection of the locality after recent heavy rains and mm also interviewdd the parties concerned? The road has been badly washed out and needs topping up as soon as labor is obtainable for same. I have not yet been able to get same done,but have it listed for attention. The main channel was running full at time of inspection. It spills out at outlets in the banks and diverts the flood flows from Pompapiel Creek into lowlying ground,which,since it is gum timbered and bears other evidences of its low nature,is naturally somewhat swampy. There is no doubt that Mr Duffy and others suffer very badly in heavy rainfalls,as the Pompapiel Creek watershed flow reaches their lands. The rainfall at last flooding was abnormal,and can hardly be provided for without enlarging the syphons,which allow it to drain off. The question as to whether the Pompapiel Creek waters are spilled over at the proper outlet is a matter for careful survey and investigation by the Water Commission,the matter being purely one for that Deprt. MMM I would suggest that the whole of the facts be sent to the Commission and that they be asked to investigate,with a view to alleviation of the distress caused by the flood waters to the road,Mr Duffy and others. The matter of topping up the Raywood Rd is urgent,but little labor is at present available.

To be referred to Water Supply Commission for report.

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Clause 6. Mr A R Johnston has seen me with reference to

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two small portions of bad road which will be left between the two portions ordered to, be done in the present contract of J Johnson between Mr Bert Low's and A R Johnston's. The bad portions referred to amount to about 12 or 13 chains in all and it might be advisable to have them done by the presmnt contractor for adjacent works.

Engineer to have the works carried out as extras to J Jojnstons contract at schedule rates.

Clause 7. North South Road between R R Chappell and A E Wallis.

I inspected the above road during the month?... This is a big proposition at present MMM time, as the works required will be very expensive, while the road carries little traffic and this can go round another road, with very little inconvenience. In reporting thus I am guided by your resolution of the 8th Aug 1917, as minuted, stating that none but extremely urgent works will be done during the war. The work is explained by plan herewith submitted. At "A", near Mr Chappell's house , a two chain open crossing is required, with banked approaches. At "B ", the Calivil Creek runs along the whole road for over 10 chains and is very deep in flood time, averaging about 2'3" deep at center of flood influence. At "C", the creek again crosses the road and would require a 2 chain crossing, with approaches. I mentioned the impracticability of the proposal to Mr Chappell, who desires crossing "A" at present. I consider it would be better later to approach Mr Wallis with a view of purchasing some of his land on West side of road, thereby avoiding the depressions stated.

Matter to stand over.

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8. Old Mitiamo Township.

I inspected broken culvert here and arranged for Road-sman Huggins to repair and redeck same, also construct new culvert in formation recently constructed by grader.

ADOPTED

9. There is a bad boggy portion of about one half chain on East West road from Swan Hill road past J Adams Junr's house. This requires 12" box culvert and filling and can be done by the roadsman.

Roadsman Tracey to do the necessary works.

10. Contracts in hand have not progressed as satisfacterily as desired, the majority of contractors having been kept back by rains and various other causes. I have made several trips around the Shire and found conbractors doing very little work in several cases. I issued warnings in one or two cases as to penalties for overtime.

Adopted.

11. In connexion with maintenance works in Tandarra, I have have arranged, owing to the fact that the Roadsman has many works yet to carry out, for Contractor Ketterer to box out, shape, and put out maintenance gravel @ 1/9 per cyd.

Action Approved.

12. I inspected swamp cement pit at Mr Jas Coutt's at Prairie and although the pit had considerable water in it the sample was very good. As this will be required for the Prairie Tennyson road, I would suggest that Mr Coutt's offer be taken. Mr Coutts offer to be accepted and gravel used, the sum of Three pence per cyd to be offered as royalty, the Engineer to point out to Mr Coutts the fact that the new road will materially benefit his land adjacent.

13. No word has yet been received from the S R W S Commission Reed. as tothe proposed road in Dingee settlement.

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Clause 14. Grader.

The grader during the first two weeks constructed 99 chains of formation and reformation, the nett saving on old contract costs for same work in the localities where work was done being £50.16.4

The Engineers action in arranging for £1 per day for Boyd and 2 horses while on grader work was approved. Adopted.

Clause 15. The following extras and deductions on contracts require adoption.

Additions

18/1917 J Johnson Culvert at Gows £11.5.6

Deductions

JosephD Dee cancelled agreement £8.11.8

Y~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ Adopted.

Accounts amounting to £334.7.9 were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Shaw.

No tenders having been received, the works were ordered to be readvertised.

Instructions to Engineer.

Cr Tonkin. Get roadsman or Treuel to repair pot hole near Hiatts on Dingee Prairie road.

Cr Bissett. Have road near Jas Aitkens repaired with grader, inspect culvert at McCauleys, grade road between Duffy's and Hirds.

Cr Shaw. Have rpad East of Dowsetts formed for 20 to 25 chains with grader.

The meeting then adjourned

Cpnfirmed

E a J Carey Chairman

8/5/1918

Council Meeting

MAY 8th 1918

PRESENT Councillors Carey (Pres), Tonkin, Ettershank, Shaw, Coutts and Maheney.

MINUTES read and confirmed on the motion of Crs SHAW and COUTTS

Letters read and dealt with as follow

1. Postmaster General. stating that the proposal to extend Dingee to Pompapiel telephone line to Serpentine will be enquired into.

RECEIVED.

2. Commonwealth Bank, fprwarding forms for signature under seal of Council to enable the amount of £1000 War Loan to be inscribed in Register of Fifth War Loan.

Cr Shaw moved, with Cr Coutts seedg "That the Commonwealth Bank be asked to issue Bonds, instead of the Inscribed Stock, to be handed to the Bank of Victoria, Ingleweod, for safe custody."

Carried.

3. Municipal Association, [illegible] with refsrence to Municipal Employes Wages claim, stating that joint action to oppose demands is desirable, asking for authority to act on behalf of the Council, the payment to be levied being £3 for Shires with revenue of under £2000 and £5 for revenue over £2000.

Cr Ettershank moved, with Cr Carey seedg "That cooperation be granted, as desired."

Carried.

4. State Recruiting Committee, forwarding appeal for every individual to assist in the obtaining of sufficient recruits for the A.I.F.

RECD

5. Minister of Lands, forwarding details in connexion with the Land Repatriation of Soldiers Scheme.

RECD.

6. Lady Stanley, appealing for assistance to the Australian Red Cross Appeal.

Cr Carey Moved, with Cr Maheney seedg " That £20 be donatednto the Australian Red Cross Appeal. "

Carried.

7. Water Supply Commission, declining to accede to the Council's request that road approach to Channel Bridge on Swan Hill Rd be travelled.

OVER.

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Cr Coutts moved,with Cr Mahoney seconding " That the Commission be asked if it will contribute half cost of gravelling road,if Council does the work "

Carried.

8. H Jackman,Secretary Tandarra School Committee,asking that path be constructed and gravelled in front of School.

Held over to Engineers report.

9. Mitiamo Progress Association,asking that the grader formation at old Mitiamo Township reserve be extended 10 chains,also asking for light footpath on Haig Street between Police Station and State School.

Formation to stand over for present,Engineer to report on the matter of footpath.

10. Sandhurst Trustees Co,exors for Estate P Coutts Deed,stating willingness to sell gravel for Prairie Tennyson Rd at 3d per cyd under conditions stated in letter.

ENGINEERS ACTION APPROVED.

11. H Gittins,asking for repairs to Raywood Rd between bridge 80 on S R W S Channel and Serpentine Mitiamo Rd,also drawing attention to water lying at his gate on Echuca road at Channel.

HELD OVER TO ENGINEERS REPORT.

12. Postmaster General,stating no trace of letter containing cheque addressed to Donald Hopkins,which went astray in post.

Cr Carey moved,with Cr Tonkin seconding " That another cheque for £1.10.0 be substituted for lost cheque."

Carried.

13. D Gow,asking permission to make a drain on East west road at his residence.

Permission granted,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coutts.

Carried.

14. Nicholas Thomas,applying for removal of stumps on road near his residence at Tandarra,and requesting drainage work on same.
Cr Carey moved,with Cr Tonkin seedg "That the roadsman remove stumps and that Thomas be asked to submit price for drain"

Carried.

15. F J Schmidt and ors,asking for repairs to hillroad near Wirths
Roadsman to carry out necessary repairs.

Reports.

1. Treasurer reporting overdraft £413.13.1,with position of ridings

Treasurers Report Ctd.

at April 30th 1918 as follow

North Credit £46.4.0

South Ditto £447.3.11

East DEBIT £1004.4.0

Collections for month ended 30.4.1918 £981.5.8

ADOPTED.

2. Collector,reporting £584.10.7 collected and paid to Treasurer.

ADOPTED.

3. H Poer,sanitary Contractor,reporting £7.2.6 sanitary rates collected.

ADOPTED.

4. File of correspondence relating to the appointment and gazettal of Const Burgoyne as Inspector under Butchers and Abattoirs Act.

RECEIVED

5. Dr Jacobs,reporting case of Infantile Paralysis at Calivil,also Health Deprt,asking for report on same from Health Officer.

RECEIVED.

6. Thistle Inspector,reporting on Weed destruction.

Adopted.

The Council went into Committee,when the following matters were dealt with.

Roadsman Huggins.

The Engineers action in not passing an amount for overtime for week ending May 4th 1918 for Huggins,was confirmed. It was decided to ask Huggins for an explanation as to certain complaints and to instruct him to hurry on with repairs at W Aitkens at Tandarra, which have been on his instructions lists for some time.

Formations in Calivil near Richards

It was decided to arrange with Contractor Heyward,if possibl -e to carry out small pieces of formation between Bailey and Richardsnear J Woods.

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ENGINEERS REPORT May 8th 1918

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

The President and Counsellors,
Gentlemen,

I beg to report for your consideration and necessary action on the following matters

1. Culverts at new formations between Lews and A R Johnson.

I found ,on inspection that culvert provision was necessary at the new pieces of formation let as extras to Contract 23/1917 ( J Johnson) and arranged for the latter to put in a 12" box culvert at each depression.

Adopted.

2. Culvert near Mr McCauley Senr's house on East West road,and to south of this property.

This culvert washes out badly in flood times.It has to take the Calivil Creek waters,and is not large enough to carry abnormal floods such as the last one that secured approaches to it. I recommend that it be allowed to remain as at present owing to the amount necessary to replace it by a larger one at the present time,filling the approaches in after scouring. The Water Commission should be asked to carry the East West Channel waters under the creek by a subway,as the channel bank obstructs the water,and the ~~provision~~ Waterway of the pipe culverts for the water flowing Northward in the creek is absurdly small. On the Calivil Creek the waterways at most culverts are insufficient for the maximum discharge.

ADOPTED.

Engineer to refer matter of subway to Water Commission.

3. Road between Keogh's and Keogh's ,Jarklan.

I inspected this and found the Eastern end bad. I arranged for the grader to form up about 15 to 20 chains from the east end of formation made by Burton Heil recently to the intersection with North South road on east side of same. This will get rid of a very bad portion of road.

Adopted.

4. Dingee Road.

I am of opinion that a stone crossing is necessary on the Dingee road,where Contractor Butler has a contract for formation at present,on the West side of the township near Council Dam. This will circulate the water,and prevent the scouring that takes place at present.

To be held over until August 1918.

5. Calivil Dip. The Northern end,where the old construction still remains,is getting into very bad order. This end requires the same treatment that was given to the South end,viz, taking up and replacing with a reinforced concrete section. It might be possible to put off this work until after next dipping season,but it will eventually have to be done as above recommended.If anything is to be done,it should be carried out

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Clause 5 Ctd.

about the middle of next August,so as to lose as little working time as possible,through wet weather.

Cr Coutts moved,with Cr Mahoney seconding "That the works be arranged for by the Engineer,as recommended"

Carried.

6. Grader work.

The following work has been carried out by the Grader,as per my check cost sheets,which are tabled for your information. The total lenght done was 103 chains of formation and reformation,the cost being from 5/8 to 8/- for the various jobs,which includes cost of shifting camp,etc.

I estimate the total saving on the above as against old prices by contract at from £56 to £60.

I was forced to stop the grader,owing to not being able to arrange for another team of horses, Contractor Ball having only agreed to remain with it a month.

Before the Dingee road can be done it will be necessary to obtain a scarifier,which will be a valuable addition to the grader plant,also a suitable road plow.

Cr Mahoney moved,with Cr Coutts seconding "That the Engineer purchase a 3'0" scarifier from E Old,also arrange to purchase a road plow." Carried.

7. Extras and deductions on contracts.

The following are submitted for adeption.

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| 20/1917 | J Crapper | Additional section Extras at the schedule rates | £20 |
| 23/1917 | J Johnson | 16 chains additional work at schedule rates | £26.5.4 |

DEDUCTIONS.

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| 20/1917 | J Crapper | £9.9.6 |
| 23/1917 | J Johnson | 4.2.1 |

Adopted on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey.

8. Contracts in hand have not progressed properly in certain instances. Regarding Contractor Crappers contract No 20/1917 South of Dingee near Cr Carey's house,this has been on hand for over 12 months,and has been very unsatisfactory. I grranged during the month to take over the work.leaving a portion of the money as a penalty and to provide for the work which will remain to be done to put the work in proper order. The original tender for this work was ridiculously low,and ,being fully acquainted with the disadvantages under which the Contractor worked,I have given him every opportunity to complete the contract. I would suggest that,as it is in very bad material,and is somewhat lower that specified, that,during the spring,it be leamed with material from the East West road (Grahams Road). This will make a good road.

Tenders for leaming to be called for in August 1918.

Clause 8 Ctd. Contracts.

(b) Contractor Ketterer was flooded out by heavy rains at Tand-arra, and left his work. He has not returned to the work, and has lost the opportunity of completing it in fine weather.

Adopted.

(c) Contractor Heyward has completed his formation at Weeds and Lairds, Calivil. He was delayed by non arrival of pipe culverts for work at Mallett's and Heils swamps, but is anxious to complete same, the culverts having now arrived.

Adopted.

(d) Contractor Butler failed to start his formation at the Council dam on Dingee road, near Dingee, as agreed. Rain came and he has therfore been unable to complete the work, up to present time.

Adopted.

(e) Contractor Kett has made excellent progress on the Mitiamo Road (Contract 1M/ C.R.B), as also has Contractor Johnsen on the works in Calivil.

Adopted.

With reference to the delays in starting and completing contracts, I would recommend that action be taken to enforce the specified times, in future, or that contractors who are continually offending be disqualified. It is impossible to organise the work under the conditions stated, and it also is more costly and less satisfactory in nearly every case.

Adopted.

(9.. Path at Tandarra school. Regarding the path applied for by the School Committee, this can be done by the Roadsman. A small culvert will be required at railway drain.

Engineer to inspect and report, with Cr Shaw.

10. Owing to the nearness of the winter, it will be impossible to call tenders for the gravelling on Prairie Tennyson road and I would suggest that the matter be held over until after same. APPROVED.

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Cl 11. Regarding the correspondence from Mr Gitting, asking for repairs to Rayweed road near his property, this has been previously reported on by me (Octr 1917, Folio 43). I also reported on the other matter mentioned in his letter, viz, the backing up of water at his gate on West side of the Channel on Echuca road, in July 1917, Folio 29. The Commission was asked to take action, but nothing has yet been done. As the channel water level is nearly always lower than the water dammed water backed back by the channel, in winter, this could be drained into the channel by a pipe fitted with a non return valve. The new formation slightly aggravates the [illegible] trouble, and a small circulating culvert might offer some relief.

Engineer to draw attention of Water Supply Commission to the heading up of water, and call tenders for necessary formation works.

Accounts.

Accounts amounting to £534.15.9 on the Shire Account and £64 on the Country Roads Board Account were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Coutts and Ettershank Carried.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

The tender of W G Ball at £48.2.6 for Contract 15/1918 was accepted, subject to the works not being started before January 1st 1919, on the motion of Crs Coutts and Mahoney.

Mr T Butler here handed in a letter, asking the Council to open portion of unused road leased to Mr H Smith between his property and that of Mr Smith, and after some discussion the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Butler that Mr Smith has the licence for the road, Mr Smith to be asked to produce the Licence at next Council meeting.

Instructions

Cr Mahoney Send roadsman to fill in holes at Calivil Creek bridge on the Gordon Shire boundary road, repair

decking on bridge near Hercus', attend to drop at culvert between Mahoney and Mahoney, deepen drain on East and West road near George Mahoney before winter.

Cr Shaw.

Engineer to write to State Rivers and Water Supply Comm'n, asking for a reply on the matter of the proposed Dingee Closer settlement road.

Alteration of Roadsmen's and Collectors agreements.

Cr Mahoney moved, with Cr Shaw seconding "That Roadsmen Tracey, Boyd, and Hugging, also Mr W E Clift, as Rate Collector, Thistle and Dogry Inspector, and Dog Tax Collector, be notified that their agreements for their positions will be terminated at three months from date, and that the Council will then reappoint them, if required, after making a rearrangement as to period of notice for dispensing with services to be given from either side ".

Carried.

The MEETING THEN ADJOURNED.

CONFIRMED

E J Carey CHAIRMAN

12/6/1918

JUNE 12th 1918

Motion of Condolence with the President Cr E.J Carey.

After reading of the minutes of the May meeting and their donfirmation by the Council, Cr George Mahoney moved " That the Council's sympathy be extended to the Shire President (Cr Carey- in the sad loss sustained by him in the loss of his wife "

In doing so Cr Mahoney trusted that the President would be helped to bear his loss to some degree by the knowledge of the deep sympathy of the Council, which was felt for him by all.

Cr Tonkin seconded the Motion, which was put and duly carried.

The Shire Secretary and Engineer also conveyed to the President the hearty sympathy felt for him by the Officers and himself.

Cr Carey feelingly responded, thanking all for their kind sympathy, and expressing the hope that the knowledge of the great love and friendship between himself and his wife during their long married life would help him to bear the blow that had befallen him.

COUNCIL Meeting 12 June 1918

MUNE 12th 1918

ESENT. CRS Carey (Prss) Tonkin, McCrea, Shaw, Coutts, Coulter, Mahoney and Bissett.

NUTES READ AND CONFIRMED ON THE MOTION OF CRS Coulter and Tonkin

Motion of Condolence (see previous pages)

ters dealt with as under

1. Repatriation Department, asking for election of Local Committee of 5 members, as soon as possible to deal with repatriation matters.

1A. FROM SAMR, asking that returned soldiers be given preference on Shire works in progress and suggested, either as laborers or in similar occupations.

Cr McCrea moved, with Cr Coulter seconding "That the following gentlemen be elected the Central Committee viz, Mr Bissett, Shaw, Ettershank, D Coutts, & Jas Aitken and that the Riding members arrange subcommittees. Carried.

2. COMMONWEALTH BANK, stating that War Loan Bonds for £1000 had been forwarded to Bank of Victoria at Inglewood for safe custody.

Received.

3. Industrial Registrar of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court, formal summons in connexion with dispute as to Municipal Laborers wages.

Received.

4. Lady Mayoress's patriotic League, appealing for assistance to the COMFORTS FUND.

4A. COMMONWEALTH BUTTON FUND, appealing for same object.

On the motion of Crs Coulter and Tonkin, £2 was passed to the Comforts Fund and £3 to Belgian Soldiers Fund. Carried.

5. Appeal from Belgioum for Belgian Soldiers Comforts Fund.

Dealt with in previous resolution.

6. Country Roads Board, asking that all claims be lodged before 30th June.

Received.

7. Shire of Dandenong, forwarding resolution that the Act be amended to provide for compulsory eradication of Thistles on Crown Lands and that the Minister of Agriculture be empowered to enforce weed destruction in the case of defaulting Municipalities.

Received.

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8. Clerk of Courts, Raywood, forwarding £3, fines imposed at Court for persons failing to destroy stinkwort.

Received.

9. B W Hercus, asking for repair works on road from No 1 S.R.W.S. channel and Nth Kalivil State School, on Boundary road, also drawing attention to subway in S.R.W.S. Channel at same place.

The Engineer was instructed to report, on the motion of Crs G Mahoney and McCrea.

10. N T Thomas, ~~Prairie~~ Drupe, agreeing to construct drain on his road for 30/-, necessary stumps on line to be removed by him at cost for actual time taken.

Dealt with in Engineers Report.

11. A J Huggins, reporting that he removed bank at LawrY's near Tandarra, but that same was replaced by Messrs Lawry.

Held over to later occasion.

12. W Harry, drawing attention to necessity for placing a block in drain on roadside at Yallok School road intersection with Cr Coulter 8s road.

ATTENDED TO BY ROADSMAN HUGGINS on instructions from the Engineer.

13. D DEE, Mitiamo, asking for culvert at his gate on Wilsons Rd.

DEALT WITH IN ENGINEERS REPORT.

14. R H Poor, Sanitary Contractor, Mitiamo, asking if Council has any objection to transfer of his contract to Lonsdale, a returned soldier.

Mr LONSDALE, applying for transfer of contract .

Cr McCrea moved, with Cr Tonking seconding "That no objection be offered to the transfer"

Carried.

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15.F R W Dredge, Weighbridge Keeper at Dingee, resignation from office on account of increasing infirmities of age.

Cr Coulter moved. with Cr Mahoney seconding "That the resignation be accepted, and fresh applications called for next meeting.
Carried.

16. Mrs McGrath and S Bailie, application for use of Hall for Concert and dance on 14th June in aid of R C Church funds.

GRANTED ON USUAL CONDITIONS.

17. Mrs T Mossop, explaining that her sons Honor Certificate was duly received and that the statement made at last meeting that this was not so was made under a misapprehension by her husband.

RECEIVED.

18. Mrs O Neill and S Bailie, application for use of Hall for presentation to Mrs Lovell on 26th June.

GRANTED FREE, on the motion of Crs Shaw and Tonkin.

19. J Crapper, stating price of Terricks road work was unpayable and asking for reconsideration of penalty under the circumstances.

The Engineer supported the statement and on the motion of Crs Shaw and Mahoney the sum of £10 was allowed to Crapper.

20. Campbell Connelly and Co, quoting 21/- each for patent Sanitary pans Mer Mitiamo.

Engineers Note. These have been ordered to number of 25.

Engineers action approved.

REPORTS.

Treasurer, reporting Overdraft £786.7.2 on Shire A/c, with position ridings as under. North Debit £72.18.2, South Credit £374.15.0, t Debit £1186.12.0, with Trust Fund in Credit £98.8.0

Adopted.

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REPORTS CTD.

RATE COLLECTOR?,reporting collections paid to Treasurer for May.

Adopted.

SANITARY CONTRACTOR,reporting £18.7.6 paid to Treasurer for Mitiamo fees.

Adopted.

Thistle Inspector,report on prosecutions at Raywood.

Held over to July meeting for attention.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

21. Robt Pickles,drawing attention tp bad pieces of road on the Boundary road between East Loddon and Gordon Shires.

It was resolved that the Engineer inspect and ask Gordon Shire to share cost of the required works.

22. Mitiamo Progress Association,drawing attention to bad state of Mitiamo road between Mitiamo and Bullock Creek,also asking for extension of formation from State School North to boundary road.

Engineer instructed to report,on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

23.Harry Broms, asking for provision of stone crossings on the Dingee Serpentine road.

Cr Carey moved,with Cr Coulter seconding "That the Engineer report on the necessity for crossings on the road for 1st mile West from Dingee"

Carried.

PETITION.

A petition was handed in by Cr Shaw,from ratepayers,asking that the road from the State Rivers Waranga Channel South of Gittins to a point South of Cr Shaws house be attended to,and after the members of the deputation had spoken,Cr Shaw moved,with Cr W Bissett seconding "That the Engineer call tenders for the works necessary" Carried.

It was decided that the Engineer and Cr Shaw inspect at 10 a.m. on Friday June 21st.

The Council then heard the views of Messr T Butler and H Smith on the subject of a disputed closed road in Serpentine,and,after consideration,decided to take no action,the next business being proceeded with.

ENGINEERS REPORT JUNE 12th 1918

The Shire Engineer G W C Venables C.E.) reported as under

Gentlemen, I have the honor to report for your information and action thereon as follows

1.Drain between Thomas and Twigg,Tandarra.

I arranged for acceptance of Mr Thomas' offer to construct drain at 30/-,stamps on line of drain to be taken out by him at actual cost for labor at ~~2/6d~~ 1/1½d per hour.

ADOPTED.

2.Transfer of Gravel Pit from Mr J B Sloan.

I have not yet had an opportunity of meeting Mr Sloan on the ground to discuss measurements of area to be taken but will do so at earliest opportunity. The gravel near Mr G M Hamiltons has set well,but that at Rogers corner requires trafficking in.

ADOPTED.

3.Road between Bailey and Richards at Calivil.

I arranged,as instructed,for T Heyward to do the 11 chains of formation on this section at schedule rates for piece near Woods.

ADOPTED.

4.Formation on Gittins road (Raywood Rd) North of Channel bridge.

I have prepared specification and invited tenders returnable today for this work.

Adopted.

5.Calivil Dip.

As instructed,I arranged with the Concrete Construction Pty Ltd Co for replacing the balance of the Dip in reinforced concrete to design supplied,and submit the file for your consideration.This will make the dip satisfactory and in conformity with the portion repaired by them last season under my supervision.

Adopted.

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6. I [redacted] arranged for Roadsman Huggins to clean out the culvert at Cox's Corner,West of Dingee,lower dam bank at Council dam,to improve outlet drainage at this spot. I also arranged for him to repair broken pipe culverts on road West of R Aitkens.

Adopted.

7. Path at Mitiamo School.

The probable cost of a path ,with gravel and drain,required at this spot would be about £12.
Work to be done when funds are available.

8. SHERLOCKS STONE.
I wrote Mr Sherlock,asking whether his mother would sell a portion of this hill,without necessity for proceeding under sections 461 to 469 of L G Act 1915,but have received no reply. The necessity for this material is ,in my opinion,urgent,since formations are of little use in the eastern areas of the Shire,as they only last a little time under heavy traffic. No douht the Country Roads Board would co-operate in opening a quarry,and little difficulty will be experienced in getting a crusher in,provided that a reasonable output is guaranteed. In addition to getting metal for this Shire at greatly reduced rates,it could be distributed to Shires further North at a prafit.

Notice of motion having been previously handed in by Cr Mahoney the matter was discussed,when Cr Mahoney moved "That the Engineer take the necessary steps to secure the stone area required,and under the compulsory purchase sections of the L G Act,if found necessary,and that the requirements of neighboring Shires be ascertained" Seconded by Cr McCrea and carried.

9.Wilsons road,Mitiamo.Owing to the amount of drainage which accumulates at the West junction with Prairie road here,a one chain stone crossing is desirable and I recommend that consideration be given to same. I originally intended to put in a [redacted] culvert,but consider that a crossing will be preferable. Mr D Dee requires a culvert to approach

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his gate,and I arranged for Roadsman Tracey to give this atten-
-tion,while he is in Mitiamo.

Cr Tonkin Moved,with Cr Carey seconding "That the Engineer have the required work attended to".

Carried.

10. Conference at Dingee with Water Supply Commissioners.

As requested,I attended this conference and brought the following works under the Commission's notice,viz.

1.Provision of Channel Open Crossing near W Aitken's.
2. " of larger subway on channel on North South road from Yallook school corner to Dingee road.
3. " of ditto near McElwains.

The Commissioners promised to consider these requests,also to arrange for a conference with myself by one of their Engineers on the whole natural drainage problem .

Considerable complaints have been made to me as to diversion of water by banks under fences,but nothing can be done by me unless all banks throughout the Shire are to be lowered to actual grass level,as nearly as possible allowing flood waters to find natural outlets. This is a very big problem.

The Engineer was instructed to submit a case for legal opinion, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

11. Prairie road. I recommend that the culvert removed by J Kett at new stone crossing on road South of Terricks Station be erected by the roadsman at the Station gate on North side of Prairie road,where it will be a benefit to the public who are allowed to use the private road. A banked approach over same can be done by the roadsman also.

Roadsman instructed to do this work,on the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrea.

12.Owing to the damage resulting to Shire Hall roof from the present position of the flagpole,also its inaccessibility. I would recommend that a new pole be procured and erected in the grounds.

Engineer to procure pole,as recommended,on the motion of Crs Bissett and Shaw.

13. Mitiamo Road. In conjunction with Crs Mahoney and McCrea.

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I arranged for Contractor Kett to cart loam from the Reserve and from Terricks Station property adjacent to fill up 15 to 20 chains of the worst portions on this road to allow of traffic over same,at an allowance of 1/- per cyd on present schedule price for contract. This will require to be submitted to the Country Roads Board for approval. I have arranged with Mr J C Johnstone for the material required from the Terricks paddock.

Adopted, the Engineer to take the necessary action.

14. In conjunction with Crs Carey and Shaw at Tandarra,I made an inspection of the vicinity of the store and school,and recommend that the drains on East and West road be enlarged and extended,construct footbridge over drain at railway line on North side of road,remove present house bridges,and substitute open spall crossings,gravel path on School side,fill sides of road near gravel in front of store and blacksmiths shop with good spoil from drain. I have the necessary field notes pending consideration of this report.

Cr Shaw moved,with Cr Carey seconding " That a bridge be substituted for open crossing at School. Carried.

15.Contracts in hand have been at a standstill,owing to wet weather.Contractor O'Halloran has however made good progress with Mitiamo tram track,while Contractor Kett has completed crossing and formation at Terricks station. Very little work other than this has been impossible,owing to the severity of the weather.

Adopted, the Engineer to inspect the Kamarooka road from Vincents corner east and west to angle road.

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16. New Plan of Shire.

This has progressed very well, although a great number of adjustments have been required, which will make the work a little longer than at first anticipated. When completed, the plan will be entirely up to date and will contain all necessary information. The North and South Ridings have been practically completed, except for some information as to channel excisions etc still to come to hand.

Received.

17. Extras and deductions on contracts.

The following require adoption

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|---|---|---|---|
| J Kett 6/1918 Terricks crossing | | EXTRAS | £5.14.0 |
| | Freight | Deduction | 7.18.2 |
| | | Nett Deduction | £2. 4.2 |

Adopted, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Bissett.

18. During this month, the Shire rolls are to be compiled, and as my time will be fully taken up in the Office until the Revision Court, I shall be glad if you will kindly notify me what order of priority is to be given to outside new reports desired, so that any which are not urgent may, if necessary, stand over to next meeting.

Cr Carey moved, with Cr Mahoney, seconding " That the next meeting and Revision Court be fixed for 24th July at 10 a.m.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £393.10.3 on the Shire account and £6.14.2 on the Country Roads Board Account were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Shaw and Mahoney.

The following tender was accepted, on the motion of Crs Coulter and Shaw

W G Ball 17/1918 Raywood Road £30.0.4

Calivil Dip.

The offer of the Concrete Construction Pty Ltd Co to repair

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Calivil Dip at £53.13.9,on the conditions quoted in letter was accepted on the motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

The Engineer was authorised to obtain a filing cupboard for the Secretary's Office.

The Issue of Honor Certificates for Volunteers for A . I.F was held over to July meeting.

Fixing Stock Prices.

Cr Shaw moved,with Cr Coulter seconding " That this Council of the Shire of East Loddon protests against the fixation of prices for stock as being against the best interests of the country generally,opposed to the principle of Decentralisation, and an interference with natural production.

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed.

E J Carey Chairman

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esent.

Crs Carey (Pres), Coulterm Shaw, Tonkin, Ettershank, Bissett, Coutts, Mahoney, and McCrea.

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

Letters dealt with as under.

1. Repatriation Department.pointing out necessity for placing returned soldiers in employment,and asking Council to pass a resolution giving them absolute preference on Shire works,also stating that skilled and unskilled labor can be immediately supplied by the Deprt.
Cr Carey moved,with Cr Ettershank seconding "That the Council adopt absolute preference to returned soldiers."

Carried.

2.Appeal for French Red Cross,from Melbourne Secretaried.

£10 passed on the motion of Crs Carey and Coulter,duly carried.

3. Ditto for Comfprts Fund,by Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

Received.

4. Bridgewater Red Cross,applying for Public Holiday for Red Cross Effort on 21st August,for South Riding.
Holiday granted for South Riding,on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Bissett.

5.Milton Carey,application for permit to hold Football Match and Concert etc,at Dingee for Patriotic Funds.

Attended to.

6.Postmaster General,stating that the cost of Pompapiel Serpentine elephone extension would be £240, that the revenue would not be btained within 8 yeaas,and that the residents should contribute the um of £115.18.4. That the persons interested,may reduce the difference etween required and estimated revenue by arranging for lower than tandard operating rates until the service becomes remunerative.

Further information to be obtained by the Engineer.

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7. Water Supply Commission, stating that the Commission is still of the opinion that the vendors are asking too high a price for the land for proposed Dingee settlement road, but, in view of the additional length of fencing required, is prepared to increase its contribution to £50.

Cr Coulter moved and Cr Tonkin sedonded " That the work be proceeded with and steps taken by the Engineer to arrange for the transfer of the road required " Carried.

8. Country Roads Board, asking for details of maintenance required for ensuing financial year.

Already attended to by Engineer.

10. Country Municipal Association, asking for nominations for Office bearers for ensuing year, also asking for appointment of 2 representatives to Ararat Conference on 4th Sepr.

Cr Ettershank moved, and Cr Carey secd " That the retiring officers be renominated, Cr Coulter to attend as delegate" Carried.

9. Public Works Deprt, asking if any objections to lease of road as Unused Road by J H McCrea at Calivil, between lots 101.102.103.104. and 87 .88A.

To stand over to next meeting for action, on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coutts.

11. Shire of Marong, asking for representatives to Noxious Weeds Conference at Bendigo on 6th Sepr.

Cr Shaw moved, with Cr Tonkin seconding " That Crs Ettershank and Couttw be electef delegates to Conference" Carried.

12. Boort Agricultural Society, asking for annual donation, enclosing balance sheet.

£1.1.0 granted, on the motion of Crs Coutts and Mahoney.

13. Putnam Beebe and Co, stating can only take orders for Coopers Dip for delivery at end of Septr and that they cannot guarantee delivery then.

Order to be lodged for delivery in end of September.

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14. Cohen Kirby and Co,forwarding assignment of Sanitary Contramt from R H Poor to W H Lonsdale for completion by the Council.

Cr McCrea moved,with Cr Tonkin seconding " That the transfer be adopted,and sealed"

Carried.

15. T L Dripps,Tandarra,asking for repairs to road near his property.

Left to Engineer,on the motion of Crs Carey and Coulter.

16. Frank Mitchell,Dingee,application for post of Weighbridge Keeper.

Held Over to August meeting.

17. Municipal Association,forwarding legal opinion on question of banks on roads.

Cr Mohoney moved,with Cr Shaw secinding "That the Engineer be instructed to have banks removed,where necessary" Carried.

18. Borough of Newtown and Chilwell,forwarding legal opinion in law case for consideration,and asking assistance in appeal to High Court.

Received.

19. Same,re Municipal Employees Wages Claim.

Received.

20. Shire of Doncaster,recommending Council to follow its example in striking Special Rate for Patriotic Funds etc.

Received.

21. City of Bendigo,asking for delegates to conference re Wheat Sites.

Received.

22. Country Roads Board,approving of extras on 1m/1917-8 Mitiamo Rd.

Received.

23. Jas Bissett,asking for steps to be taken to prevent damage being done by flooding roads and property by Marong road water channels.

Cr Bissett moved,with Cr Ettershank seconding "That the attention of the Water Commission be drawn to complaint,and an investigation asked for." Carried.

Correspondence Ctd.

24. John Potter,asking Council to consent to sale of old road North of lot 263A Jarklan.

Cr Coutts moved,with Cr Mahoney seconding "That consent be given to the alienation of this road."

Carried.

25. Dingee Farmers Union,asking for State Polling Booth at Tandara

To be referred to Mr Weaver M L A.

26. J A Mills,seeking permission to remove stumps from road.

Granted,on the motion of Crs Carey and Coulter.

27.D Rankin,asking for open crossing and repairs on the Prairie to Dingee road near his house.

Cr Carey moved,with Cr Tonkin seconding "That the repairs be done as soon as possible,and that the crossing be put in,when time is suitable."

CARRIED.

28. J A Mills,asking permission to remove loam from road for State School at Dingee.

Permission granted.

REVISION COURT.

The Council here sat as an OPEN REVISION COURT?the whole of the members being present.

The Secretary produced the Voters and Separate Voters Lists for the Ridings. There were no claims and no objections,and the lists were duly adopted as correct,and sealed.

The Court then closed,and the Council adjourned to Lunch.

Cr Ettershank presented a petition from residents in the neighborhood of the Waranga Channel,asking that steps be taken to bring under the notice of the Water Commission the fact that the Channel floods out the road and their property,and asking that their recommendations forwarded with the petition for the better control of the flood waters be supported. Messrs McGrath ,Duffy,and Martin spoke in support of the petition,and,after discussion, it was moved by Cr Ettershank,seconded by Cr Bissett "That the petition be forwarded to the Commission,and that Mr Weaver be asked to present

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same,asking that the Commission send an Engineer to consult with those interested in the matter"

Carried.

Cr Coulter presented a petition,asking for repairs to Boyds Road at Yallook

DEALT WITH IN ENGINEERS REPORT.

REPORTS.

1.Treasurer,reporting as under

Debit Shire Account £944.1.9
" North Riding £98.16.7
Credit South " £338.13.5
Debit East " £1281.6.7

Received.

2. Rate Collector,reporting collections for June.

Received.

3. SAME. reporting that the following rates of the Mitiamo Sanitary Area should be abandoned,mainly duplicate ratings,etc.

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| 3. | G T Brown | 14.3 |
| 20 | G Pieper | 1.8.6 |
| 21 | McKay S J | 14. 3 |
| 22 | ditto | 1. 8.6 |
| 36 | Spencer | 14. 3 |

Cr Tonkin moved and Cr Carey seconded " That the above charges be abandoned"

Carried

Rate Collector,reporting names of persons in arrears.

RECEIVED.

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See next folio.

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The President and Councillors
Gentlemen
I have the honor to report for your consideration and action thereon, as follows.

1. Re Sherlocks metal and proposed quarry. I beg to report having written to Municipalities interested and their replies are filed for your information. I have also received the form to be served on Mrs Sherlock in connexion with the area, but am waiting for information desired from Gordon Shire before anything can be done with this latter.

HELD OVER TO AUGUST MEETING.

2. Raywood Road. In connexion with this road, I report having, with Cr Shaw, met petitioners on the site. The works below are recommended.

(a) South of formation at Council dam, extend existing formation for 12 chns Northward, also from South end of this formation to junction with Echuca road, work to be done with Grader.

(b) South of Warranga Channel Bridge 80 from telephone post 42 at corner, top up existing formation, and loam for 8¾ chains.

(c) On existing formation South of this latter portion opposite Gittins Gate, 8 to 10 chains to be topped up with grader.

)d) At first stone crossing South of bridge 80 and one chain to North of same, construct one chain grass level crossing, with approach brought up South side to 18' x 15" bank, and similarly on North side for 2 chains.

(e) Formation South of this latter crossing to be topped up to meet culvert to South, with grader.

(f) At Din-gee road intersection, formation with grader for 7¼ chains from existing formation on North side to culvert on South side, also 16 chains South of this culvert.

(g) At depression North of large culvert North of Dowsetts lane, and about 3 chains South of small culvert on this latter

side of road,one chain open crossing is required,also 3 chns topping up between small crossing and culvert,also 8½ chns topping up adjacent hereto,with 4 chains topping up South of large culvert mentioned above. This work can be done with grader.

(h) From North side of first E W road South of Dingee road,and Northward for 20 chains grader formation required,also extend this formation from North side of road Southward for 5 chains.

(i) At Rogers dam culvert 20 chains grader formation required on South side of culvert and 4 chains on North side.

(j) Immediately South of Bullock Creek bridge extend formation with grader and from Black Gate intersection to [redacted] Cr Shaws sheepyards construct new formation with grader,leaving blocks in side cuts on this latter section.

The amount of work to be let by contract is small and I would suggest that it be added to Contract let to W Ball at last meeting for work near Gittins,at schedule rates,provided he is agreeable.

WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT AS RECOMMENDED.

3. As instructed I examined the Dingee Serpentine road as to necessity for new stone crossings,and report as follows.

(1) About 15 chains formation required from Railway gates westward,with open crossing for circulating water opposite Mitchells.

(2) Stone crossing required opposite level crossing over S.R.W.S. Channel at Cox dam.

(3) ~~Two chain crossing required~~ at 4½ chains EAST of Harrys dam on South side of road.

(4) One and one half chain crossing required at 4½ chains west of 12" culvert at Harrys dam.

(5) Similar crossing 4 chains west of culvert East of second [redacted] North-South road west of Dingee.

(6)Immediately East of culvert on west side of Raywood road intersection,one chain crossing and extension of formation for

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two chains on East side to culvert.

TENDERS TO BE CALLED FOR OCTOBER MEETING.

Cl.4. Govett's J. Kamarooka Rd

(A) Handrails on bridge at J Govetts require renewal by the roadsmen,culvert also requiring other small repairs.

(B) The road requires the following works,as it is almost impassable

(a) From intersection of West fence line of angle road with Kamarooka road,westward for 16 chains to stone crossing,old formation requires to be brought to 18' x 18" bank ,or about 12" above existing formation.

(b) From west end of this stone crossing westward for 7½ chains formation requires to be topped up 12".

Note. These sections require metalling to make them satisfactory,viz,from the East end of Sec "B" east to East end of large stone crossing. If topped this year they could be metalled in the subsequent year,after the banks has become solid.

(c) From 2nd culvert West of J Govets,formation requires topping 12" for 2½ chains.

(d) From West end of section 3 for 16 chains,reformation of 18' x 18",when completed is required.

(e) Stone crossing 3 chains long required ,at west end of last mentioned section.

The following portions on this road can be done with the grader

(a) from culvert west of large existing stone crossing West of Govetts,and for 25 chains westward.

(b) 15 chains at Aitkens swamp East of channel

(c) From Waranga Channel bridge East to 1st stone crossing.

(d) From culvert west of channel at W Aitkens westward to main Dingee road.

The following portion requires tenders

From culvert at W Aitkens Eastward for 5½ chains to channel.

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Clause 5.Between Kamarooka road and 1st channel bridge to North of same on MAIN DINGEE ROAD road has been badly washed out by floods and requires about 32 chains.of formation.

HELD OVER.

Cl 6. W J Clarks road.

I inspected gully on road from W J Clarks to Pompapiel State School. This is a bad place,and as it was urgent, I arranged for the roadsman to put in a culvert, formation,and catchwater drain. He has been unable to do this on account of the weather,but used the culvert timber to make a temporary footbridge to enable children to get to school.

ARPROVED.

Clause 7. Gordon Shire Boundary road.North of Lot 147,Calivil, opposite Heraus Bros.

The culvert here is too small,the subway of S R W S is not in best place for maximum discharge,and is too small. The present road culvert requires lowering 3" to 4" and an open crossing constructed on East side of culvert. Formation on east side requires topping and extending for 5 chains, and similar action is required for 4½ chains on west side.

The Water Supply Commission should be asked to pr-ovide a larger subway in center of watercourse,and the works recommended above are subject to this being done. This Dept should also be asked to provide another subway over the No 4 distributary channel opposite Hereus shed and dam.

Cr Mahoney moved,and Cr Coutts secd "That the works be done subject to the approval of the Gordon Shire "

Carried.

Clause 8. Boundary road between Pickles and Trewicks.

("A")5 chains East of bridge there is a bad place that requires abotth 10 chains formation with grader.

(b)At timber on both sides of road East of last section,and between Pickles and Trewicks,there is a small portion of bad road ,requiring 12" circulatory culvert and 4 chains of

scoop formation.

"c") On the 2 chain road South of Webbs corner at boundary road, the existing formation requires to be extended 2 chains South with scoop.

Works to be done.

Cl 9. Molong road, North of Sims, Mitiamo.

South of culvert between Keeley and Keeley at swamp, I recommend that roadsman use scarifier and grader to take off ~~XX~~ 3' strip on each side of high formation and grade into crown of road, also that Huggins fill holes on North side of culvert to boundary road, also that he fill holes between the high formation and school.

(b) From the Public Hall, Northward for 11 chains past School the road requires formation and metalling, as soon as funds are available.

(c) I recommend that the roadsman construct a drain from Miti-amo State School Northward to swamp on West side of road.

Engineer to arrange for necessary works, metalling to stand over.

Cl 10. Mitiamo Road.

Contractor Kett was forced to leave this road, owing to the bad weather, but will resume when it becomes fer for work.

Redd

Cl 11. Prairie road, near Marshalls.

I inspected the portions said to be very bad in summer, but, owing to the weather, found them very solid, since they are sandy. I consider, so far as I can judge at the present time, that the following portions require shaping and loaming with the grey loam from Mr Gittins paddock.

(1) From Howe's gate Eastward for about 18 chains.

(2) From Marshalls gate Westward for about 33 chains past Cemetery.

At channel over road East of Lairds, there appears to be a likely bad portion for 13 chains on East side, and 12½ chains on West side of channel. Work to be done with clay.

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Swan Hill

Cl 12. ~~Prairie~~ road, and Mossops Rd.

I recommend that formation be made with grader from this road at Doody 's corner for 15 chains approx westward across gully between Doody and White on East side, also that the small portion be done between this formation and Cobbs bridge.

Works to be done.

(b) I recommend about 7 chains of grader formation from channel South to E C Mossops.

Works to be done

(c) I recommend that that bad portions on Twiggs road between Doody and Gills be formed with grader and loamed later, after consolidation.

Works to be done.

CR Coutts moved and Cr Ettershank secd "That the above works be carried out"

Carried.

Cl /13. Main Swan Hill road

1. From opposite Dalziels ~~gum~~ swamp South to North end of existing formation 14 chains of high grader formation are required.

2. From opposite clump of timber South of Dalziels dam, for 33 chains Southward past White's gate, grader formation similar to last mentioned is required.

3. On this road between Serpentine and Bears Lagoon there are several places where the road has flattened and can be improved by Roadsman Boyd plowing off hips and grading into center.

Works to be carried out on the motion of Crs ~~MMMMM~~ Ettershank and Bissett.

Cl 14. Boyds road, Yalook.

~~[illegible]~~a. From the culvert at dam at timbered swamp East of Boyds house, Eastward to the North South road past Hy Jackmans, the water has washed off formati-on, and the road is waterlogged. The grader is required to form up about 50 chains on this section.

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East of culvert at above dam,a one chhin circulatory crossing should be constructed,after grader has finished the formation.

Works to be carried out in October.

15. Specifications for Wilsons stone crossing will be prepared by me for next meeting.

Received.

16. Raywood road. The SR W S Commission should be asked to construct a larger syphon or an open crossing to pass Pompapiel Creek flood waters over the Warangs Channel S E of bridge 80,also make movable blocks instead of present mounds on side of channel at this point.

Received.

856 Contracts in hand.

Contracts in hand have been entirely hung up on a/c of the bad weather,and I cannot say when the contractors will be able to resume work.Contractors Ketterer and Kett endeavored to keep going,hut were compelled to stop. Contractor Heyward has notified me that he has put in the culverts at Elliots and Heils job,but I have not yet had an opportunity of inspecting same.

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ACCOUNTS. amounting to £324.7.10 on the SHIRE ACCOUNT and £85.17.6 onnthe Country Roads Board account were passed for payment on the motion of Crs McCrea and Coutts.

The President and Cr Ettershank reported on the Price Fixing deputation to Melbourne,as also did Cr Mahoney,and on the motion of Crs Coutts and Coulter a vote of thanks was passed to these gentlemen for their attendance at the deputation.

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Medals for returned soldiers.

Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Carey seconded "That the Council present all returned soldiers,who have not yet received medals with a suitable medal,and that a suitable memorial be presented to the relatives of fallen soldiers,samples to be obtained for next meeting".

Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain the necessary quotations for these medals,and memorials.

Instructions to Engineer.

Cr Coulter. To report on Cables road, first road west of Tandara.

Cr Ettershank. To attend to bad piece of road in Pola's lane.

" " " To report on Echuca road past O'Neills.

Cr McCrea. To have ruts attended to and culvert lowered North of J H McCrea's.

Cr Tonkin. To inspect Prairie road,two miles west of Prairie.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Tonkin secd "That the Engine of )Newton now at Serpentine be allowed to travel to Pyramid,subject to the owner agreeing to repair damage".

This being agreed to by Mr Newton the motion was put and carried.

WEIGHBRIDGE KEEPER.

Cr Mahoney moved and Cr Coulter secd "That the matter be held over to next meeting,the matter of arranging with present Keeper to remain on duty being left to the President,fresh applications to be invited for next meeting."

Carried.

Cr Coulter moved and Cr Shaw secd "That the Council at next meeting consider the advisability of reducing the present charges for weighing at Dingee".

Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

CONFIRMED.

E a J Carey CHAIRMAN

14/8/1918

COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 16TH 1918

esent.....Crs Carey (Pres) Tonkin Shaw Coutts Mahoney Ettershank
Bissett McCrea and Coulter

inutes read and confirmed on the motion of Crs Mahoney &
McCrea .

orrespondence.

, VICTORIAN RAILWAYS, stating that arrangements had been made for the nlarging of bridge openings at Thunder swamp, South of Tandara, but that s proposed works are for sole protection of landholders on west side f line, they should obtain the necessary indemnity from those on East ide, and asking Council to arrange accordingly.

Cr Coulter moved, with Cr Carey seconding "That the Deprt be informed that the works proposed should improve matters, but that the Council cannot undertake to obtain the indemnities

2. Consul General for Belgium, thanking Council for donation to Belgian Soldiers Comfort fund.

RECEIVED

3. Chief Secretary, granting holiday for South Riding for 21st August '18.

RECEIVED

4. Chief Electoral Officer, per Mr Weaver M.L.A, notifying that the matter of Polling Booth at Tandarra has been referred to District Returning Officer.

RECEIVED

5. Repatriation Deprt, thanking Council for promise to employ returned soldier contractors etc, and stating that endeavor will be made to bring the matter under the notice of the men.

RECEIVED

6. Central Loan Committee, and Lord Mayor of Melbourne, asking for prompt action to support 7th War Loan.

Cr Shaw moved, with Cr Coulter seconded "That the Councillors undertake a house to house canvass in their Ridings, date to be fixed at the next meeting, and Secretary advertise this fact." CARRIED.

6. Southern Cross Tobacco Fund, acknowledging collections.

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CORRESPONDENCE CTD

8. Premier of Victoria,asking that resolution as moved last year to commemorate the anniversary of the War be again submitted.

Cr Coulter moved,with Cr Tonkin seconding "That the motion be reffirmed."

CARRIED.

9.State Recruiting Committee,stating new recruiting effort to be shortly inaugurated .

RECEIVED.

10. Headquarters A.1.F ,stating that Pte W G Coombe enlisted 25/3/15 at Bendigo,returned 8/3/16,discharged medically unfit 5/5/16.

NAME TO BE ADDED TO HONOR ROLL.

11. Public Works Deprt,asking whether any objections to [redacted] lease of Unused road to J H T Mc Crea at Calivil,[redacted] held over from July meeting.

Approved,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coutts.

12. Mrs McGrath applying for [redacted] use of hall for Queen Competition for R.C.Church,Pyramid,for 19th August,also asking for reduced rate for the series of entertainments.

Usual charge to be made,on the motion of Crs Shaw and Carey.

13.P McGrath,asking that works on Raywood road be proceeded with.

Secretary to explain delay,on motion of Crs Ettershank and Carey.

14. N T Thomas,Tandarra,stating effected works of drainage at his road.

Received.

15.Pyramid Agricultural Society,asking for Public Holiday for North and East ridings for 16th Octr,also for usual donation to society.

Holiday granted,also usual donation,on the motion of Crs Coulter & Carey.

16. J C Johnstone,asking for repairs to be done to Echuca road between Terrick West Estate and Kerang line.

Tenders to be invited,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and McCrea.

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CORRESPONDENCE CTD.

17. F R W Dredge, submitting scale of weighbridge charges as used at present.

RECEIVED.

18. Frank M Mitchell, application for position of Weighbridge Keeper.
18A E A Hunt, similar application
18B R Holloway, "

On the motion of Crs Mahoney and Carey, Mr Edmund A Hunt of Dingee was appointed, on the conditions stated in agreement.

19. Bendigo Agric. Soc'y, asking usual donation

Granted, on the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin.

20 Dingee Patriotic Committee and Tandarra Patriotic Committee, protest against Council purchasing medals for returned soldiers.

Received.

22 Petition from Dingee residents, protesting against the insanitary state of Stationmasters residence at Dingee.

Cr Coulter moved, with Cr Carey seconding "That matter be supported, and that Mr Weaver M.L.A be asked to arrange deputation to wait on the Railway Commissioners on the matter, and that the Health Officer report

CARRIED.

23 W E Clift, application for increase in salary.

This matter was dealt with in Committee, when Cr Shaw moved and Cr Carey secd "That Mr Clift be informed that Council will not deal with increase at present time, but is prepared to consider the work as Inspector proved the merits of the increase.

Carried.

REPORTS.

L. COLLECTOR, reporting £207.4.7 collected for July.

RECEIVED

2. Treasurer, reporting Overdraft £1053.9.3, position of Ridings as follows, North Debit £101.8.1, South Credit £325.7.7, East Debit £1371.16.9, with War Loan Credit as £1000.

RECEIVED.

3. Dairy Inspector, reporting on work, and recommending plank platform at Serpentine Post Office.

Left to Engineer to arrange for.

ENGINEERS REPORT August 14th '18

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

1. Arranged with W LOnsdale to fill ruts on Mitiamo and the Mologa roads,but considerable delay has taken place on his part,his reason being that dray required alteration.

ADOPTED.

2. Wrote Burton and Heil,re carrying out scoop works on the Boundary Road near Trewicks,but received no reply to date.

ADOPTED

3. Notified Shire Solicitors to arrange transfer of land required for DINHEE Settlement road from DINGEE LAND SYNDICATE,and this matter will be attended to as soon as possible. The syndicate is unwilling to allow traffic through the land until fencing and transfer shall be completed. This will take some little time to complete.

ADOPTED

4. Sherlocks Metal. I served legal notice on Mrs Sherlock, asking her to submit a quotation for the land required within her property for the proposed quarry, ~~but~~ and have received no a reply asking me to meet Mr Sherlock on the ground & discuss matter. ~~reply to date of this report.~~ I submit file for your further instructions.

ADOPTED

5. Grader. I am experiencing a little difficulty in getting team together. If this cannot be conveniently managed there is another proposal which might be availed of,viz, for Roadsman Boyd to get another two horses during the grading season. The plow will be sent out to break up cuts ready for working up with grader in summer,as soonas weather allows.

DEALT WITH AT A LATER STAGE OF MEETING.

PREPARED SPECIFICATIONS
for works decided on at last meeting,and these will be advertised for October meeting,as decided on.
I recommend that the following works be also included,viz, repairs to formations and new formations in Pola's land and at culvert near Martins,also reformations on Echuca road between Serpentine and Judyong Creek.

Works to be done,on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Bissett.

7.Culvert east of Gittins on Echuca road requires attention by roadsman,as approaches have worn away.

adopted.

8. I made another inspection of the Prairie road near Messrs Marshall and Howe's land,accompanied by Mr Marshall. There is no good clay withing a reasonable lead. I have therefore specified grey laom from Gittins for portion near Mr Howe's and clayey material from Mr Marshall's to South of Cemetery for the latter portion.

Approved,temders to be called for September.

9.Prairie Road. From railway line at Prairie for about 1¼ miles west the road requi res reshaping and re-gravelling,as the gravel has quite worn out,and the road is very bad. About 130 cyds of maintenance gravel at least are required on the second section west from this point. This is Country Roads Board work and requires the approval of the Board. The "hips" on this last section require removal with grader.
Country Roads Board be asked to approve works,on motion of Crs Tonkin and Coulter

10.
A good deal of water is headed up by the formation at E Wights lane (Tandara Rd) and to the west of his house gate. The bank at Mr Tripcony's fence contributes to this and should be removed. The culvert is too small,and it will either be necessary to make a stone crossing,or cut the water ,if at all possible,off into the creek. I shall examine this latter

proposal before next meeting.

North and South road between Stuart and Tripcony, a little North of Wights is damaging the road and should be removed. I would suggest that the legal advisers be asked to draw up a notice in accordance with their letter dealt with at last meeting, otherwise the removal of banks may lead to unnecessary litigation

adopted.

11. Complaints have being made as to pollution of dam at Tandara railway station, I would suggest that warning notices be posted there and action taken against offenders.

Recommendation to be adopted, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

12. Kamarooka road. I would recommend tenders for another stone crossing on this road, west of Govett's, viz, 3 chains west of second stone crossing on west side of Govetts house. This should be 1½ chains long.

Works to be done, on motion of Crs Boulter and Carey.

13. I inspected road from R Aitken's past Cable's. The worst portion is in lowlying ground, and requires formation to be extended for about 25 chains from South end of existing formation North of the haystacks on East side of road, and opposite Cable's gate. From the North end of this portion at the stacks 5 chains extension to bring road on to higher land is required. From here North to Aitkens swamp formation, the road is somewhat scoured on East side, but there is little traffic and center of road is fairly high still. From North end of foration at Aitkens swamp, for 15 or 16 chains Northward the road requires formation, as this spot is very bad. In view of the slight traffic on this road and the urgent works elsewhere, I shall be glad of instructions as to what amount can be alloated.

No Action taken

Augusr 14th 1918

Engineers report.

14. No work has been done by Contractors during the period since last meeting,and it is essentiál that all outstanding contracts should be completed as soon as the weather permits.

ACCOUNTS AMOUNTING TO £149.16.7 were passed for payment on the motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

Petition re Dingee weighbridge.

A Petition was received from users of the Dingee Weighbridge, praying for a reduction in the Weighing Charges,and,on the motion of Crs Coulter and Carey,duly adopted,the following charges were adopted,in lieu of previous charges,viz,

Up to 2 tons 6d per ton,including vehicle

Every additional ton or fraction of a ton two pence per ton or fraction thereof. Weighbridge Keeper's commission to be increased to 80% of fees collected and paid in.

CARRIED.

The Matter of grager team was discussed in Committee and Cr Ettershank moved,with Cr Tonkin seconding "That Mr Boyd be allowed to find his own team of six horses,man and self,on the following rates of payment,wet days to be deducted,viz, £2.12.0 per day,for a six months period.

Carried.

Medals.

Cr Mahoney moved,and Cr Carey secd"That the following gentlemen be a subcommittee,with power to choose and arrange for purchase of medals for returned soldiers,viz

Crs Ettershank,Bissett and Mr Venables,Shire Engineer"

Carried.

Cr Mahoney moved,and Cr Coulter secd "That the following Officers ,whose three months notice of termination of agreement has expired,be reappointed on the old terms,but with an alteration in agreement to pbovide for 14 days notice from wither side,viz, Messrs Tracey,Boyd,Huggins and W E Clift

Carried.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER.
Cr Mahoney. See Contractor Johnson re delay in completing dip corner,and arrange for extensions necessary.

CTD.

Instructions to Engineer.

Cr Ettershank. Arrange for repairs near R Boyds and Creek.

" Tonkin . Inspect pieces of road between Coutts and Coutts and Coutts and Lethlean.

" McCrea. Inspect road East and west, 1 mile North of Prairie road, and west of Bullock Creek.

" Carey. Get roadsman Huggins to gravel approach to Dingee methodist Church.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed. E o J Carey Chairman

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Corres. No.....
When replying please quote this number.

# SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

MEMO. FROM
**G. W. C. VENABLES, C.E.,**
MEMB. VICT. INST. E. MEMB. INST. M.E.
CIVIL & HYDRAULIC ENGINEER, ARCHITECT, SURVEYOR,
SHIRE ENGINEER.

*Shire Office,*
*Serpentine,* 11th 1918 191

## Valuer's declaration.

I, Gilbert William Carlisle Venables, of Serpentine, Valuer to the Shire of East Loddon, do hereby 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 said 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 making persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Declared at Serpentine in the
State of Victoria this 11th day
of Sepr 1918 before me

Alex Etherbank J.P.

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

G W C Venables

Valuer.

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# SHIRE OF East Loddon

## DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, George Mahoney 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 11th
day of September 11 1918
Before me

George Mahoney

N. D. Loukin

*One of the Councillors of the Shire of* EAST LODDON

Arnall & Jackson, Printers, Melbourne.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915.
SECTION 54 (1).

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# SHIRE OF East Loddon

## DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, Alfred Ettershank 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 11th
day of September 1918
Before me

Alfd Ettershank

N. J. Loukin

*One of the Councillors of the Shire of* EAST LODDON

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SECTION 54 (1).

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# SHIRE OF East Loddon

## DECLARATION OF COUNCILLOR.

I, George James Nelson Forsyth 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 11th
day of September 19 1918

Geo James N. Forsyth

Before me

A. D. Loudon

*One of the Councillors of the Shire of* East Loddon

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September 11th 1918

Council Meeting and Election of President.

Present.

Crs Carey (Chair),Crs Tonkin, Forsyth,Shaw,Bissett, Ettershank,Coutts,Mahoney, and McCrea.

The newly elected Councillors took the necessary declaration and their seats.

The Valuer took the statutory declaration for 1918-9.....

Cr Forsyth was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman,and suitably returned thanks for the welcome accorded him....

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

Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Mahoney seconded "That Cr Shaw take the Chair during the election of President.

Cr Carey,in vacating the Chair,thanked the Council and the Officers for the support acvorded him during his year of Office as President,and expressed the wish that the term of his successor would be as pleasant as his had been.

Ct Tonkin moved,with Cr Bissett secdg, " That the annual Presidential Allowance for 1918-9 be £70,with a contingency allowance of £20 in the event of peace ensuing during the period."

Carried.

CR S O McCREA was unanimously elected President,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Tonkin, for the ensuing year 1918-9.

Cr McCrea took his seat in the Presidential Chair and was assured by the Shire Secretary of the congratulations of the Officers to him on his election as President,after which Cr McCrea suitably thanked the Council for his election.

Cr McCrea moved a vote of thanks to the Retiring President, which was seconded by Cr Mahoney and duly carried.

Cr Carey thanked the Council for the motion.

Finance and Tender Committees.

The whole Council were appointed to these Committees on th motion of Crs Mahoney and Ettershank.

Septr 13th 1918 Ctd.

The last returned Councillor for each Riding was elected the Returning Officer for his Riding for 1918-9 on the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrea.

Letters.

1. Central Loan Committee, giving details of 7th War Loan, and asking for names of authorised agents.

It was decided to start the canvass on 16th inst, and that the whole of the Council, with the Secretary, be authorised agents, Councillors to make the arrangements for their Ridings.

2. State Recruiting Committee, details of Voluntary Ballot.

Received.

3. Postmaster General, asking whether residents could arrange for lower working rates on Dingee-Pompapiel propd 'phone and stating that the line could be erected under Part XIII of Telephone Act, forwarded for reference.

Held over to next meeting, ratepayers interested to be asked to attend to discuss the matter, and that an Officer of the Deprt be asked to attend to assist the meeting.

4. Country Roads Board, notifying the allocation of maintenance for 1918-9, viz, Dingee Road £600, Mitiamo Rd £700, Prairie Rd £500, Prairie Borung £100.....

Recd.

5.
Shire of Korong, intimating that £1000 will be expended this year on the Priairie to Borung Road on the Borung side of the Hurstwood Bridge, and asking that the Council decide and give an opinion on the statement that the main portion of the traffic is from the East Loddon Shire, and that the greater portion of the cost should be carried by this Shire.

Cr Coutts moved, with Cr Mahoney secd'g "That the Country Rds Board be asked to furnish details of proposed allocation."

Carried

6. Chief Secretary, details of gazettal of the 16th Octr as a Public Holiday for the North and East Ridings for Pyramid Show

Recd.

September 11th 1918

Respondence Ctd.

digo Agricultural Society,asking that Wedy 9th Octr,and Thursday
h Octr be proclaimed Public Holidays for Bendigo Show.
. MONKIN moved,with Cr MAREY secdg "That ~~[illegible]~~ Thursday 10th Oct
e gazetted for Bendigo Show. Carried.
Carey moved,with Cr McCrea secdg "That the next Council meeting be
journed to Friday 18th October at 11 a.m. Carried.

Municipal Association,forwarding business paper,asking for delegate
be appointed to attend Conference in Melbourne on 16th and 17th
r.
esident appointed to attend,on the motion of Crs Carey and Mahoney.

SAME,forwarding forms for alteration of Guarantee Policy to cover
nges in Weighbridge Keeper.
ttended to.

C H Dutton and others,applying for 15 chains formation on East
t road between Dutton and W Twigg.
ineer to inspect,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Coutts.

W McElwain,asking for repairs on East West road South of Dingee
ween Council dam and Grahams house.
On the motion of Crs Carey and Tonkin,the Engineer was instructed
inspect and take necessary action as to removal of bank.

T A Vinnicombe,asking for repairs to road between Serpentine Ck and Silesian Downs.
Engineer to inspect,on the motion of Crs Coutts and McCrea, a bad
piece near P Hardy to be included in inspection.

W Wilson,re three chain Elmore-Mitiamo road.
Received.

Returned Soldiers medals

. J B Edwards,forwarding contract for supply of medals for signature.
Cr Ettershank moved and Cr Tonkin secd "That the action of the Comm-
ttee in purchasing medals be approved and adopted and that the cont-
act be signed and sealed" Carried.
he Contract price for medals is 24/6d each as per sample in 15 ct gold
with 4/6d per 100 letters for engraving extra.

S.

Pritchard,reporting on sanitary conditions at Mitiamo

ilway residences.

Received.

aluer,reporting overcharge of rates £19.16.3 on Rate No 299 Mrs K A Atkinson,and recommending refund of this amount,together with £1.18.9 on same assessment for abandonment for previous year.

Received.

sum of £19.16.3,as above,was passed for payment,and £1.18.9 ndoned,on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Carey,duly carried.

reasurer,reporting collections £87.7.9,position of balances as er.

Shire Account Debit £1115.3.8

War Loan A/c CREDIT £1000

North Riding DEBIT £96.16.2

South " Credit £262.4.9

East " DEBIT £1387.8.6

Received.

llector,reporting collections for month of August.

Received.

Poundkeeper,reporting collections for July.

Received.

Thistle and Dairy Inspector.

Received.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

Tandara Patriotic Committee,asking Council to refund £8.5.0 for medals presented to returned soldiers.

Cr Ettershank moved,with Cr Tonkin secdg "That the amount of £1.9.0 each for medals be refunded,and that the Committee be informed that nothing has yet be done in the matter of memorials.

Carried.

A Tweddle,asking for crossing at drain on Thomas road.

Left to Engineer to have attended to.

R L Bunning,asking for inspection of crossing required at his gate.

Enginerr to inspect and report.

J G Bear,asking attention to Swan Hill road.

Engineer to inspect.

ENGINEERS REPORT Septr 11 th 1918

The President and Councillors,
Gentlemen,
I have the honor to report for your information and consider-ation thereon, that
1. I inspected Channels and swamps in vicinity of Tandara road near E Wights, as previously reported on,. The culvert west of Wights house is in a clearly defined depression from Rothackers swamp through Wights and TripeonY's lands to the North of channel. The holding up of water on Wights side of culvert is due in a great measure to bank along Tripeony's fence. I shall give notice for removal of these banks. With bank removed and flume in channel south of culvert, water will probably get away without causing much damage to Wight, except in extremely heavy floods, which are infrequent. The stone crossing proposal might therefore be held over until the effect of the above works is seen. A heavy concentration of water was let on to Wights paddock by the cutting of the channel at Rothackers swamp. The channel waters might partly be diverted by the S R W S Commission into Pompapiel Creek, but this will not prevent the catchment from O'Neills and Rothackers blocks flowing along the firstmentioned depression to the culvert.

Approved.

2. DIP CORNER. The bad piece of road mentioned at last meeting is not in J Johnson's contract, but is existing formation opposite Shire dam on East side of North South road intersection. The road has been washed down and requires about 5 chains of loaming, but, if this is carried out, an open crossing will be necessary opposite dam,. I consider there are more urgent places than this one.

High level stone crossing to be put in and road loamed as soonas possible.

3. Bullock Creek Bridge on Prairie road should be given a coat of tar macadam this summer. About 45 cyds would be required and the probable cost would be about £45 . This could be done cheapest by Roadsman Tracey with assistance.

Engineer to arrange for Kett to do the work, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

4. Inspected 1st North and South road east of Prairie between Coutts and Coutts . Three chains of formation required on North approach to culvert and 6 chains on South.

Held Over

(b) At old bridge between Couths and Lethelan, the old bridge is beyond repair. A new bridge is required, 18 feet span , and 5 chains extension of formation as North approach to existing formation. Cost would be about £90 .

Held Over to December.

5. C Vincents crossing, which Mr Vincent brought under my

ENGINEERS REPORT 2.

notice as being rather low, is of proper height for service required of it, and is satisfactory.

Approved.

6. Inspected open crossing near Tweddle's at Yallook, and recommend that Mr Tweddle be notified that he can prevent flood waters to a great extent getting near his house by constructing a few chains of bank in his property on the West side of the watercourse.

Engineer to confer with Mr Tweddle.

7. Prairie Road. As instructed I wrote the C R Board, asking sanction to repairing the road for 1¼ miles west of the Prairie Station, and pointing out the present state of the road. I also stated that production was being interfered with in this district by the fact that the Council is unable to get the C R Board to allot money for permanent works for its Main roads, since the gazetted main roads have been nearly impassable this winter.

Cr Carey moved, with Cr Forsyth secdg "That the Engineer explain the whole matter of the C.R.Board not alloting money for road works, whereby development is being retarded, and asking for a grant from the Minister of Public Works for the Terricks and Mitiamo roads, through Mr Weaver." Carried.

8. Metal for Serpentine . I recommend that tenders be called for summer delivery of 220 cyds of broken metal to provide necessary materials for road near Boyds and the extension of metal from opposite Charitys forge along the Inglewood road to the small channel across road.

Tenders to be invited, on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Bissett.

9. Repair works will be required on Grahams road at Dingee and near D Wights at Dingee as soon as can be arranged for.

Engineer to inspect and report.

10. I inspected Rankins road North of Dingee. An open crossing is required about 2 chains East of present culvert in swamp between Messars Rankin and Forsyth, and a minimum extension of 5 chains of formation on East side of same.

Holes to be filled up.

(b) Holes between Rankins culvert and the railway line require attention of roadsman Huggins.

Holes to be filled up.

11. Mr Harry has asked that a stone crossing be put in on the Dingee-Serpentine road at timber west of Govetts at the creek. He states that the water is backed up in winter on his land. I have only seen moderate amounts lying on the depression, but submit the request for your consideration.

Tenders to be invited, on the motion of Crs Carey and Forsyth.

## ENGINEERS REPORT 3.

**Cl 12. Works Generally.**

**Contractors should be notified to resume works as soon as possible. I have a number of tenders advertised for next meeting,as instructed by you. Roadsman Boyd has been instructed to commence work in connexion with the Grader and should have about 6months work ahead of him. Contractor Kett has arranged to start Prairie road works this week,as water is still in side cuts at Mitiamo Rd.**

Received.

Cr Tonkin moved that the Engineer arrange for thorough prospecting of the materail at Sherlocks.
Seconded by Cr Cargy and Carried.

Cr Mc Crea moved,with Cr Ettershank seconding "that the Engineers report be adopted as detailed."

Carried.

ACCOUNTS amounting to £260.0.10 on the Shire account were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Ettershank.

Tenders. Tenders received being too high,it was decided to hold over Contract 5/1919 until February 1919.and that the Engineer and Riding members inspect and decided on necessary action at that time,on the motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

Sheep Dip. It was decided to open the Dip from 1st to 14th November.

Agreement between E A Hunt,as Weighbridge Keeper,and the Council was duly signed and sealed.

Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure.
The estimates of receipts and expenditure,as submitted by the Secretary for 1918-9 were considered and adopted on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Bissett.

Instructions to Engineer.

Cr Mahoney. Report on road Mervyn Baley to 2 chain road.

Cr Tonkin. Offer Mr Walker at Prairie old material for the construction of culvert on Prairie road drain.

Cr McCrea. Inspect near Listers on 2 chain road.

Cr Forsyth. Arrange for inspection of East Riding roads in vicinity of Tandara and Kamarooka,asking the Minister of Public Works to be present,particularly the Terricks road from Myers Creek to Waranga Channel.
It was decided that the whole Council inspect on this occasion.

General.

On the motion of Crs Coutts and McCrea,it was decided to ask the C.R.Board to supply details of specification of works proposed on the Prairie Borung road.....

Notice of Motion.

Cr McCrea gave notice of his intention to move at the next

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meeting of the Council "That,to raise the sum required,viz, £2875.5.0,the Council do make and levy a general rate of 1/3d in the £ sterling upon the net annual rateable value of rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing on the 1st day of October 1918 and ending on the 30th day of Septr 1919 and that the Rate Collector be empowered to demand and collect the same.

2.

"That this Council do make and levy a Pan Charge of 28/6d in ~~him~~ per pan per annum for a fortnightly service on all house holders at Mitiamo within a radius of 30 chains from the Post Off -ice,charge to be payable half yearly on the 1st January and 1st July 1919 and to be for the period ending 30th Septr 1919 and that the Rate Collector for the time being be empowered to demand and collect the same.

Abandonment of Pan Charge.

Cr McCrea moved,with Cr Carey secdg "That the sum of 14/3 on Pan Rate No 19,W H Lonsdale, be abandoned,and that in future these charges be regarded as a charge on the land and owner.

Carried.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed J. C. McCrea MMMMM CHAIRMAN

18/10/ 1918

SHIRE OF EAST LODDON

October 18th 1918 Council Meeting.

esent. Crs McCrea, Mahoney, Carey, Tonkin, Forsyth, Bissett and Shaw.

utes of previous meeting read and confirmed on the motion of Crs
Carey and Tonkin .

tters dealt with as under.

Notification of establishment of Federal Polling Booth at
mpapiel, and State Booths at Pompapiel and Tandarra.

Received.

Railway Deprt, re Tandarra drainage, sending copy of letter sent
Cr Shaw, on behalf of landholders affected by the drainage.

Received.

Chief Secretary, formal approval of Show Holidays.

Received.

Shire of Marong, forwarding minutes of Thistle Conference, and noti-
ng that another conference will be held on 12th Novr 1918.

Crs Ettershank and Coutts reappointed delegates, on the motion of
Crs Shaw and McCrea.

Country Roads Board, stating allocation for Permanent Works and
ntenance as under

Permanent £24.12.8

Maintenance £38.9.11

r Tonkin moved, with Cr Forsyth seconding "That the amounts due be
passed in June 1919.

Carried.

Mr Weaver M.L.A, forwarding reply from Minister of Works, as to
uest for money for Permament Works on East Riding Main Roads,
intimating that a deputation will be received to discuss the
ter.

Forsyth moved, with Cr Bissett seconding "That the President, Cr Carey,
and the Engineer represent the Council at deputation on 24th inst"

Carried.

Public Works Deprt, notifying Mr A A E Glennie as auditor for 1918.

Received.

rrespondence Ctd.

Country Roads Board, stating plans for works on Borung Road in Korong Shire are in the hands of the Korong Shire, from whom tails can be obtained.

To be referred to Shire of Korong.

J J Emb~~y~~ry, asking Council to support agitation for extra train servises in summer on the Bendigo-Korong line.

Cooperation to be granted, on the motion of Crs Bissett and McCrea.

. Tatchell Dunlop and Smalley, forwarding confirmatory opinion on estion of banks on roads, and submitting form of notice for service persons constructing banks.

Received.

. Paterson and Co, submitting design for Soldiers Memorial, with cost.

Referred to medals committee, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

. State Insurance Office, quoting rates and advantages of State surance Office.

Cr Tonkin moved, with Cr Shaw seconding "That the Secretary check quoted figures, and, if satisfied, place insurance with State Office"
Carried.

. Shire of Gordon, agreeing to expenditure proposed near Hercus and Pickles and Trewicks.

Received.

. Railway Deprt, stating that filter bed will be put in to improve drainage conditions at Mitiamo Railway Houses.

Received.

5. Collins and Melling, offering to carry out works near S R W S bridge on Swan Hill road. (see Engineers report).

Dealt with in Engineers report.

6. C G Lea, asking for works to be done on road near J ~~White's~~, Janr East.

Cr Shaw moved and Cr Bissett seconded "That tenders be called for the works necessary"
Carried.

17. L G Hocking, Tandara, asking for repairs to road near his gate on Terricks road.

Listed for inspection by Council and Engineer.

18. Country Roads Board, agreeing to pay half cost of opening up Sherlocks metal for testing purposes, and suggesting, if tests unsatisfactory, that Council Combine with Gordon Shire in opening up Pyramid Quarry, which is considered suitable stone for bottom courses of road beds.

Left in hands of Engineer.

19. G W Anset, Dingee, applying for slaughtering licence.

Granted, on the motion of Crs Carey and Forsyth, subject to favorable report by Constable Brown.

## Reports.

. Treasurer, reporting Overdraft £1298.2.1, War Loan Credit £1000, osition of ridings North Dr £113.5.8, South Cr £169.10.4, East Dr 1461.3.0, at Septr 30th 1918/

Received.

. Rate Collector, reporting amounts collected for Septr.

Received.

.Mtd Const Burgoyne, report on Slaughterhouse matters, East Riding.

Received.

.etc. Infectious Diseases Reports.

Recd.

Vogele's Slaughtering.

This matter was left in the hands of the Shire Secretary, to report Superintendent of Police at Bendigo, stating that Vogele is reported be continually killing sheep etc at Dingee, and asking that ion be taken to secure a conviction.

5 Thistle inspector, reporting having commenced duties, and stating t steps will be taken to cover the Shire at an early date.

Received.

## Committee Business.

Closer settlement Branch having asked for the valuation of Miles d, Jarklan, it was decided to confirm valuation submitted by Crs rea and Mahoney. It was decided also to submit £10 per acre as the luation of land applied for by W E Clift from Mr W G Coutts, stating t valuation was for small area only.

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

1. North South Road between D Laird and Prairie Road.

From North end of bank at swamp opposite dam,formation required 7 chains to Southward.

Tenders to be invited,on the motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

2. Calivil Dip.

Renewal of Calivil Dip has been well carried out by the contractors(Concrete Constructions Pty Ltd),and the amount of contract has been passed this day.

Received.

3. Road East west from Bailey to Richards.

These pieces have been let to T Heyward for some time,and he should be instructed to complete them,at once.

Received.

4. Swan Hill road

(a) North of Jarklan.

(a) From telephone post 620,at bridge South of boundary, 6 chains formation required,constructed on a curve to bring road to centerline on South side.

(b) At past 613,formation requires to be extended 2 chains Southward.

(c) At Post 604,formation requires to be connected up with next formation culvert on North side WITH GRADER,approx. 18 chains.

(d) From post 599 to 588,approx 38 chains of grader formation is required.

(2) South of Jarklan.

(e) From end of existing formation forabout 25 chains to South of new S.R.W.S.Commission bridge,new formation is required to be made,either with grader or by contract.

It was decided to offer the work,after preparation of contract papers,to Messrs Comlins and Melling,on motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

Engineers report Ctd. Octr 18th 1918.

Clause 5. Two chain North and South road(Yarawalla road.)

The worst places on this road are very bad and the following works are required.

(a) Extend existing formation on South side of Channel North of Listers for 3¾ chains.

(b) At swamp at Listers house,9½ chains formation with culvert are required,also some clearing.

(c) At swampy depression South of above 8 chains formation and small culvert required.

(d) At swamp opposite Bramley's [illegible],South of Lister's,13 chains formation and culvert are required,. As the material here is extremely poor,the road will require loaming in addition for full length,loam being close handy.

Tenders to be invited,on the motion of Crs Mahoney and McCrea.

Clause 6. Four Posts Road.

(a) From culvert on west side of P Hardy's gate 10 chains of formation is required to eastward.

(b) West of T.A.Vinnicombe's,where laid out by me, 8 chains of formation,with open crossing opposite Phone post No1.

(c) From P Hardy's to Four posts hotel,the road has been badly scoubed in places. I recommend that Roadsman Tracey plow all small bad places and later engage scoop team to assist him to repair this road,which can be done cheaper this way than by contract,since the sections are scattered and small. While doing this he could top up piece of formation made by Cont'r Johnson along Vinnicombe's crop paddock,and extend same 10 chains eastward.

Tenders to be invited for clauses "a" and "b",clause "c" work to be done by roadsman Tracey,on motion of Crs McCrea and Mahoney.

Clause 7. Grader is required from R J Lethleans to Channel on North South road near Laity's farm,Yallook.

Engineer to inspect whole road from Lethean's to Dingee road.

Engineers Report [redacted] Ctd 18th Octr 1918.



CLAUSE 8. Road between Dutton and Twigg. Janiember East.

(a) At gully [redacted] West of Yarawalla road, 2 chains of formation and culvert required.

(b) East of division fence between Twigg's crop and grass land, 15 chains formation required to westward, also culvert.

Tenders to be called for February 1919.

Clause 9.

R L Bunning's road, Yalook.

At Mr BUNNING's gate, opposite his house on South side of the road, culvert should be erected, with approach formation to road. Culvert from Tandarra school could be removed by Roadsman Huggins and erected here.

Received.

Clause 10. East -West road from P Graham's at Dingee.

The following works are required

(a) 12 chains formation, with culvert, opposite Cr Cayey's shed at east end of road.

(b) Extend formation opposite Cr Carey's dam for 3 chains westward.

(c) From east end of approach to open crossing East of Mr Grahams extend formation ( 4 chains).

(d) On west side of old culvert site west of stone crossing above, formation requires topping up and extending west, making total length 4½ chains, on West side.

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

Clause 11. Crossing on Mr Bert Harry's road.

Approach to this crossing has scoured out several times, and is now bad. I recommend that Roadsman Huggins be instructed to put in ½ chain of metal at this approach, which should stop the scouring to a great extent.

Works to be carried out.

Clause 12. There are several bad places on road near Messrs Jas Aitken and Tripcony, and, I recommend that these be put in order before next winter.

Engineer to report.

Clause 13. Echuca road near Railway line.

The following are the works for which tenders should be called

(a) 44 chains formation over swampy plaxes between railway

line and Terricks Station ,as laid out by me,with one culvert in most westerly portion.

Works to be carried out by Roadsman Boyd,on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

Clause 14. First road North of Prairie road,West of stone crossing in Bullock creek.

The worst place on this road is about 6 chains long,just west of the crossing,and requires formation and loaming,loam baing handy. A small circulatory culvert is required. There is another wet place at the depression east of the Pyramid road,buf,form present indications,this appears to have a fairly good bottom.

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

Clause 15. Contracts have not been recommenced in several instances,and I recommend that more stringent action be taken to ensure contractors carrying out their works to reasonable time. Several works have been on hand over 12 months,and should be completed. Several contracts have been completed during the month,while others require to small works,such as scarifying rough formations etc done, to enable them to be finally passed.

Left in hands of Engineer.

Clause 16. Sherlocks stone. I am arranging for trial stone to be taken out,as soon as explosives can be obtained. Roadsman Huggins has experience in mining and will do the work ,which Mr Sherlock has agreed to allow.

Adopted.

Clause 17. Regarding roads in East Riding, I have brought this matter,through Mr Weaver M.L.A,under the notice of the Minister of Public Works,and would recommend that a date be fixed for a tour of same by the Council and myself,when the problem can be discussed on the ground in each case.

Dealt with.

Clause 18. A good start has been made with grader,which is doing good work,although soil worked to date has been very hard.All outstanding grader works should be completeed before next winter sets in. The total cost of the formations on Echuca road averaged 7/9d per chain,showing a saving of at least 14/- per chain over contract rates. Total saving on this Job £65.16.-

Adopted.

Engineers report Octr 18th 1918 Ctd.

Clause 19. The following extras and additions(extensions) on contracts require adoption

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ~~J Ketterer~~ | ~~9/1919~~ | ~~£16.15.6~~ |
| T Butler | 14/1918 | 15. 1. 3 |
| | Total | ~~£31/16/9~~ 15/1/3 |

Adopted, on the motion of Crs Bissett and Forsyth.

Clause 20. Dingee Road and Country Roads Board.

I recommend that tenders for No 1/1919 be not accepted today, in order that the contract may now be brought under the Country Roads Act, for which a maintenance vote has been made available by the Board.

Engineer to arrange for works to be brought under the Country Roads Act, on motion of Crs Carey and Forsyth.

Report of Committee.

Cr McCrea reported in detail on the business transacted at the 1918 Municipal Conference, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his attendance, on the motion of Crs Carey and Mahoney.

Accounts amounting to £391.15.9 on Shire Account and £100.1.8 on the Country Roads Board account were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Mahoney and Tonkin.

The Rate Collector brought up the matter of rates owing on property of G J Lakey, and, on the motion of Crs Mahoney and McCrea, it was decided that the matter be referred to the Shire Solicitors asking for details as to compulsory sale of property, if necessary.

Tenders. Accepted.

The following tenders were accepted, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrea.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2/1919 | J Crapper | Crossing Boyds Road, Yallook | £27 . 2. 3 |
| 3/1919 | O'Halloran & Son | Elmore Rd Crossing | 24. 9. 0 |
| 6/1919 | W H Govett | Formation &c Kamarooka Rd | 130. 19. 0 |
| 8/1919 | T L Dripps | " Dripps and McMahons Rd | 42. 0. 0 |
| 9.1919 | J Ketterer | 220 cyds metal for Serpentine | 148. 10. 0 |
| 10/1919 | J Crapper | Kamarooka Rd Crossing | 36. 14. 6 |
| | | Total Contracts Accepted | £409. 14. 9 |

October 18th 1918.

General Rate Adoption

Cr McCrea moved,and Cr Shaw seconded "That,to raise the sum required, viz, £2875.5.0,the Council do make and levy a general rate of Fifteen pence in the £ sterling upon the net annual rateable value of rateable property within the Shire of East Loddon for the period commencing on the 1st day of October 1918 and ending on the 30th day of September 1919 and that the Rate Collector be empowered to demand and collect the same"

Carried.

Sanitary Rate adoption.

Cr McCrea moved,with Cr Carey seconding"That this Council do make and levy an Pan Charge of 28/6d per pan per annum for a fortnightly service (sanitary) on all householders at Mitiamo within a radius of 30 chains of the Post Office,charge to be payable half yearly on the 1st Jany and 1st July 1919 and to be for the period ending 30th Septr 1919 and that the Rate Collector for the time being be hereby empowered to demand and collect the same."

Carried.

It was decided to have an Official Inspection of roads in East Riding on Wednesday 30th Octr,meeting at Tandara at 9.am.

War Loan. The Secretary was instructed to advertise in papers, asking subscribers to 7th War Loan to notify amounts subscribed,and that the attention of the Commonwealth Bank be drawn to the Shire having no local banks,thereby having a detrimental effect on its quota.

Pompapiel Telephone extension.

It was decided to call a public meeting to discuss this matter, the Secretary to inform the meeting that the Council will provide wires and insulators.or,alternatively, pay half cost,Engineer to write Mr Sims for details of cost.

Instructions to Engineer.

Have bad culverts repaired on Lakeys road.

Get two small culverts placed in bank on road between Carruthers & M Bailey.

Cr Carey? Have repairs done to stone crossings on Terricks road.

Cr Shaw.Inspect road running North from W Hendersons corner.

The meeting then adjourned

CONFIRMED J O McErvin CHAIRMAN / /1918

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# SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

SHIRE HALL, SERPENTINE, 11th Sepr 1918 189

I hereby give notice that it is my intention to move at the next Ordinary Meeting of the ...il, to be held on the 19th day of Octr 1918 189

THAT, to raise the sum required viz, £2875. 5. 0 , the Council make and levy a General Rate of 1/3d in the £ sterling upon the ... annual rateable valye of rateable property within the Shire ...ast Loddon for the period commencing on the 1st day of October ... and ending on the 30th day of September 1919 and that the Rate ...ector be empowered to demand and collect the same.....

..... COUNCILLOR.

NOVEMBER 13th 1918

Special Resolution for record on signing of Peace Armistice

At the comclusion of the reading of the minutes of previous meeting, Cr McCrea moved,with Cr Tonkin seconding "That this Council place on record its heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness at the result of the successful fighting and statesmanship of the Allies,and that a copy of this record be sent by the Secretary to the Hon the Acting Prime Minister of Australia for his information"

Carried with acclamation.

The Council then adjourned to St Saviours Church of England at Serpentine,where a Civic Service of Thanksgiving was held,the Revd W R Brown officiating.

# SHIRE OF EAST LODDON.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

SHIRE HALL, SERPENTINE, 11th Sepr 1918 189

I hereby give notice that it is my intention to move at the next Ordinary Meeting of the il, to be held on the 9th day of October 1918

THAT this Council do make and levy a Pan Charge of 28/6d per pan per annum for a fortnightly sanitary service on all seholders at Mitiamo within a radius of 30 chains of the Post ice,charge to be payable half yearly on the 1st Jany and 1st y 1919 and to be for the period ending 30th Sepr 1919 and that ate Collector fotr the time being be hereby empowered to and and collect the same.

S C M Crea ..... COUNCILLOR.

Shire of East Loddon

Council Meeting Novr 13th 1918

Present. Crs McCrea (President), Crs Tonkin, Coutts, Mahoney, Carey, Ettershank, and Forsyth.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed on the motion of Crs McCrea and Carey.

1. Military Headquarters, forwarding details concerning entertainment of returning Anzacs.

Received.

2. War Loan Committee. thanking Council for efforts in connexion with 7th War Loan.

Received.

3. Secretary for Lands, forwarding details of new proposals dealing with Noxious Weed destruction.

Cr Etterhshak moved, with Cr Carey seconding "That this Council approves of the Vermin and Noxious weeds destruction scheme, subject to Country Cities, Towns and Boroughs being included in same, and provision being made for equal representation of the North and South districts of Victoria" Carried.

4. Lands Deprt, forwarding details of arrangements made for issuing qualification certificates to soldier land seekers.

Recd.

5. Public Health Deprt, forwarding notice of nomination day for Representative Member on Board of Health.

6. H A Austin, notifying that he is again seeking election to Board of Health, and asking for Council's support.

Recd.

7. Shire of Korong, ststing that copy of plan and specification for proposed work on Borung Hurstwood road will be forwarded when prepared.

Received.

8. Public Health Deprt, forwarding instructions for dealing with probable epidemic of influenza.

Received.

9. Borough of Newtown and Chilwell, asking further consideration to previous request for assistance towards appeal to Full Court against decision in damage to roads case.

Received.

10. New Zealand Insurance Co, forwarding explanation relative to Insurance rates in Workmens Compensation requirements, and acknowledging renewal of policy.

Secretary's action in renewing policy with New Zealand Co approved, on the motion of Crs Ettershank and McCrea.

11. N Thomas, Tandarra, asking for repairs to Terricks road South of Waranga Channel.

Cr Forsyth moved, with CrTonkin seconding "That roadsman fill worst portions of Terricks road, South of Channel and that the Water Supply Commission be asked to construct bank at channel to prevent water backing out on road."

Carried.

The Engineer was here instructed to interview the Chief Engineer for railway construction and put forward light tramway proposals, obtaining details as to cost etc, stating the Council is ready to support the movement.

12, Victorian Railways, stating that the Commissioners are unable to provide additional trains on Korong Vale line and stating reasons.

Received.

Reports.

1. Treasurer, reporting on finances, with position of Ridings as under North Rdg, Debit £186.14.7, South Credit £2.7.11, East Debit £1607.1.11, with War Loan Credit £1000

Recieved.

2. Collector, reporting amounts collected for October 1918.

Received.

November 13th 1918
Shire Engineers report.

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

1. Inspected large stone crossing on KAMAROOKA ROAD west of Govetts. I recommend that arrangements be made with Contr. Govett to put 5 chs formation on west approach to crossing, 4 chains to East approach, also that he obtain 12 cyds of 2" metal and fill crossing to kerb level.

Works to be carried out, on motion of Crs Forsyth and Tonkin.

2. I have prepared specifications, survey notes, and plans for the works below Prairie Road metalling ( C.R.Board), also maintenance works on Dingee road for same body.

I have also prepared plans and specifications for Contracts Nos 13 to 22/1919 inclusive and these may be advertised for next meeting.

Recommendation adopted.

3. I inspected the Terricks road with Crs McCrea and Tonkin. I recommend that the following be done as urgent work, viz, 11 chains formation near L Hockings house.

This road requires proper drainage stops of permanent charac ter to original grass level to cause siltation and prevent scours.

Tenders to be called for formation, on motion of Crs Carey and For -syth.

. In company with Crs McCrea and Carey, I attended the deputation t he Minister, and the Country Roads Baard. The deputation requested that ermanent works be undertaken on all the bad main roads, also that the ailway line road and the Kamarooka road be listed as developmental oads. The deputation was favorably received and consideration was omised. I was instructed by the Chairman of the Board to get on with e Prairie road metalling [redacted] specifications as soon as nvenient, and have done so.

Adopted.

Tele phone extension to Dompapiel from Serpentine was listed for dis-

cussion at a public meeting on 2nd Novr,but there was not a large attendance. Mr Sims notified me that the Pine grove line cost £120 for 10½ miles. This extension would be splendid for shire working purposes,and should be supported by telephone users in this district.

Adopted.

6. Inspected formation between Messrs M Bailey and Carruthers land at Calivil across Gully. This requires 3' x 1' culvert at lowest point in formation at Gully.The formation also should be topped up by the roadsman.

Work to be done.

7. Inspected road North of Messrs Aitken and Henderson's corner.
(a) I recommend that the road be formed with grader from Dingee Road South to existing formation at Davidsons dam,about 45 chains.

(b) I recommend that the roadsman put in about 1 chain of scoop formation North and South across corner where scoured,and construct about 15 chains grader formation from Aitkens corner Westward past the dam in latter's property,Culvert to be put in by the roadsman about half chain South of corner across North South road.

(c) At timber near T Tripcony's,at dam on East west road,about 10 chains of grader formation should be done.
The above are urgent and should be carried out before winter by Roadsman Boyd.

Works to be done,on motion of Crs Ettershank and Forsyth.

8. Contracts in hand are progressing well,although one or two contracts have not yet been started. Transfers of land for Dingee settlement road and Sloans gravel pit are in the Solicitors hands, and tenders may be called for fencing of same. I have not yet been able to get explosives for Sherlocks quarry,but will do so as soon as possible.

Adopted.

Cr Coutts moved Cr Ettershank seodg "That rabbits be eradicated,and fencing tenders be called for April 1919.

Carried.

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Engineers report Ctd.

9. Extras on Contracts.

The following extensions on existing contracts require adoption, viz,

11/1918 T Heyward formation £3,2.6

1M/1917-8 C.R.B J Kett repairs to stone crossing £24.2.0

[redacted]

Adopted, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrea.

Finance.

Accounts amounting to £305.18.3 on Shire Account and £179.4.2 on Country Roads Board account were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Coutts.

Cr Mahoney moved, with Cr McCrea secdg "That the Calivil Dip be kept open for 1 week longer and that the dip strength be reduced to the propertion of 1 in 140 "

Carried.

Committee Business.

The following valuation were dealt with in connexion with Soldier Settlement, viz, Coutts to Clift, Penglase to Gammon, and Dingee Syndicate to Hunt, while the valuation of Stone's land at Cailvil was left in the hands of the President to arrange for.

On the motion of Crs Tonkin and Forsyth, it was decided to leave the matter of the appointment of a Special detective to assist Const Burgoyne in the Vogele matter to Cr Carey deal with, after interviewing the Superintendent of Poilce.

TENDERS.

The following tenders were accepted, on the motion of Crs Ettershank and Mahoney, viz,

| | | | |
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| 22/1919 | J Collins | Swan Hill road | 43. 4. 4 |
| 10/1918 | J Kett | Metalling on Tahdarra road | 239.16. 6 |
| | | Total Accepted. | 283. 0. 10 |

General Business.

On the motion of Crs Coutts and Ettershank, it was decided to ask the Chief Commissioner of Police to appoint a Special Constable to patrol the Loddon River area to prevent danger from bush fires likely to be caused by careless campers.

General Business.

Peace Armistice Celebration.

Cr Carey moved, with Cr Ettershank seconding "Thatcelebrations for signing of the Armistice be held on Thursday 28th November, and that this day be proclaimed a Public Holiday for thw whole Shire"

Carried.

Cr Ettershank moved
Cr McCrea seconded "That arrangements be made for simultaneous celebrations on 28th Novr in each of the three Ridings and that a central Committee be elected in each Riding from the School Committees, Teachers, Councillors and Shire Secretary, the Committees to meet on Thusday evening the 19th inst at the following places in each Riding to arrange details, viz,

North Riding at Calivil South State School
South " " Serpentine
East Riding at Dingee Hall

Carried.

Cr Ettershank moved
Cr Carey seconded "That the Council allot £15 to each Committee towards the carrying out of the demonstration.

Carried.

The MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

Confirmed

J C McCrea Chairman

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Shire of East Loddon

Council Meeting December 14th 1918

Present. Crs McCrea (Chair) Crs Ettershank, Forsyth, Tonkin, Carey, Goutts and Bissett.

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

Letters.

1. Chief Secretary, gazettal of 28th Novr as Holiday for Peace Day.
Recd.

2. Country Roads Board, approval of plans and specifications for the contract 1M on Dingee road.
Recd.

3. Same, approving of plans and specifications for the works 1P/18-9 on Prairie road.
Recd.

4. Mildura Shire, asking support for Cr Henderson on occasion of the election for representative on Board of Public Health.
recd.

6. Cheif Secretary, forwarding nomination paper for above election. Mr H A Austin to be supported, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Tonkin.

5. Shire of Orbost, asking Council to support agitation for increase of salary to members of Country Roads Board.
Support granted, on motion of Crs Ettershank and Carey.

7. Shire of Melton, protesting against proposed maendments to Width of Tires regulations.
No Action.

8. City of St Kilda, protesting against return of German colonies to Germany.
Protest to be supported.

9. Police Deprt, stating that a constable cannot be spared to patrol Loddon River to prevent bush fires.
Received.

10. Public Health Deprt, regulations for control of Influenza.
Received.

11. T Corcoran, stating flood waters from channel on Terricks road will be attended to.
Received.

12. L Vincent, Tandara, asking for wings on footbridge at Tandara School.
No action.

13. A Wallace, asking for bridge over channel at Dingee.
Left in Engineers hands.1

14. E A Hunt, reporting on weighbridge matters, and asking instructions as to collection of fees.
To be informed that fees must be collected as each load weighed, and cash returned every 7 days,

15. C Curtain, asking that attehtion be given to the unsatisfactory arrangements on sanitary contract at Mitiamo
Referred to Constable Brown for report, Contractor to be asked to attend to duties as per agreement.

REPORTS.

1. Treasurer, reporting on financial position.
Received.

2. Rate Collector.
Recd.

3. Health Officer, Pyramid, reporting on sanitary conditions at Dingee railway station.
Referred to Railway department, on motion of Crs McCrea and Forsyth.

4. Sheep Dipper, reporting 12515 sheep dipped for season.
Received.

5. Report of case of Diptheria at Dingee
Recd.

6. Anahlyst, reporting on Pure Food samples for 1918.
Recd.

7. Auditor, report for 1918.
Recd,

8 Thistle Inspector, reporting that he had started on work of Thistle eradication.
Received.

Report 9.
Report of ~~case~~ of Typhoid Fever at Dingee
Received.

ENGINEERS REPORT.
The Engineer reported on the following matters
1. Asking instructions re clause 4 of Septr report, Coutts Rd, Prairie.
Held to February 1919/

2. Stating yearly audit completed satisfactorily.
Recd.

3. Stating arranged with W H Govett to repair crossing on the Kamarooka road.
APPROVED.

4. Stating arranged with Rabbit Inspector to attaend to Sloans pits.
Approved.

5. Withdrawn

6. Stating Country Roads Board approved of specifications etc for Prairie road.
Recd.

7. Same report in respect to Dingee road maintenance.
Tenders to be invited for clauses 6 and 7 works for 30th January.

8. Report on contracts in hand.
Recd.

9. Recommending adoption of extras and deductions on works (CONTRACTS) as under.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Extras | 13/18 | £16.12. 0 | |
| " | 17/18 | 10.18. 2 | |
| 2 | 9/18 | 63.18. 0 ✓ | |
| | | Total Extras | £91.18.2 |

Deduction 9/18 £29.1.8 ✓

Adopted on the motion of Crs Carey and Forsyth.

10. asking instructions as to January meeting.
Meeting in January to lapse, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Carey, the Engineer being granted usual holiday.

Accounts were passed for payment, as under, on the motion of Crs Tonkin and Ettershank

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|---|---|
| Shire Account | £387.4.0 |
| Country Roads Bd | 119.12.0 |

PETITION.
A petition was handed in, praying that Cr N T Tonkin be appointed a Justice of Peace for Prairie, and, on the motion of Crs McCrea and Forsyth, it was decided to ask Mr Weaver M.L.A to support same and present it to the Crown Law Deprt.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.
On the motion of Crs Tonkin and McCrea, the following tenders were accepted

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1/19 | Raywood road crossing O'Halloran and Son | 36.10. 0 |
| 13/19 | Formation D Lairds road W Ball/ | 13. 0. 8 |
| 14/19 | Formation Swan Hill road, Jarklan S Burton | 15. 6. 8 |
| 19/19 | " and Loan N of Prairie Rd O'Halloran Son | 24.16. 0 |
| 20/19 | Echuca road crossing T Butler | 29.14. 0 |
| 21/19 | J Johnson J White's road | 28. 7. 6 |
| | | 147.14 .10 |

General Business
Cr McCrea moved,
Cr Carey secd That the Police Deprt be asked to link up Police stations with telephone services.
Carried.

Cr Carey moved
"Tonkin secd That the weighbridge Keeper at Dingee be notified that he must personally weigh all loads and attend at statutory hours.
Carried.

Cr Forsyth moved
Cr McCrea secd That notice be issued that, after the expiration of the

statutory time of notice,and thistles not being destroyed by landholders gangs of men be out on at the expense of defaulting landholders,to destr -oy thistles.

Carried.

Cr Carey moved,with Cr McCrea secdg

That specification fees in hand to date be refunded to the Engineer as allowance by way of salary,and that ,in future,same be refunded to Engineereach three months. C.R. Board fees for plans etc being charged direct.

Carried.

Cr Coutts reported on the result of Thistle Conference at Bendigo, and,on the motion of Crs McCrea and Forsyth,a vote of thanks was passed to him for his attendance

The Engineer was instrcted toendeavor to purchase a roller for grader work when in Melbourne.

Adoption of Statement of Accounts for 1918.

The Secretary produced the annual audited statement of accounts, with report of additor to 30.9.1918,and on the motion of Crs McCrea and Carey,same were duly adopted,the necessary signatures and seal being duly appended thereto.

This closed the business of the meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed J. C. McLeod Chairman

11/2/1919