Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Mornington Shire Council held at the Shire Office, Hillsburn, on the 11th April 1898.

Present. Cr. John Coutts, President in the chair, and Crs Wall, Steel, Macgregor, Peterson, James Coutts, Cotter, & Cameron.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:—

1 Govt. Statist re Agricultural Returns.

2 Under Secretary for Parliamentary returns.

3 Mottley Bonnichsen requesting that his name may be substituted on the Rate Roll for that of James Edward Bonnichsen as he is now the occupier.
The Secretary stated that the application was correct and the alteration was ordered to be made

4 Govt. Statist re returns.

5 Under Treasurer with accts. for 2nd & 3rd. period portion of Endowment

6 Surveyor General requiring to remit fees charged for Receipts to obtain from the Lands Department.

7 Shire of Swan Hill proposing that —

Conference be held for the purpose of suggesting certain alterations in the Local Gov. Act with reference to collection of rate, compilation of rolls &c.

Moved by Cr. Macquean
Sec. by Cr. Stut That the letter be received and that the Secretary reply that as a general Conference will probably be necessary shortly to consider the question of endowment the questions referred to can be brought up at same time.

Carried.

8 Prof. J. Smith Esq. Lyn acknowledging donation.

9 Evening Penny re Kennedy drills.

10 J. Sullivan desiring to carry out part of contract for brick drain at East Chester

11 Davis & Beaven applying for repayment of £1 deposit lodged with late engineer

Referred to Inglewood members.

12 J. Secret stating that King parade bridge has been much injured by floods.

13 Govt. Statist acknowledging statistics

14 Secretary Public Works re subdivision of Shire

15 Under Treasurer requesting return showing

licences issued under Wine, Beer & Spirits Statute and payment of percentage thereon

Council to be furnished same cost paid

16 Govt. Statist re returns

17 do do

18 Longston & Co. requesting payment of acct. for extras at Bradman's bridge.

Referred to Inglewood members.

19 Memorial from ratepayers at Lexington and Inglewood asking the Council to establish a public pound there and suggesting that the yards at the Royal Hotel would be suitable

Secretary instructed to reply that the matter will be considered after the next general election for the new Ridings when being no money on the estimates for such a work, and the experience of the Council being that pounds are a source of loss.

20 Memorial from ratepayers at Inglewood applying for the construction of a culvert near the 1 mile dam

Referred to Engineer for report

21 District Survey Office requesting payment of fees for surveying quarry reserve at Fernihurst.

Referred to be paid on the motion of Cr. Macquean Sec. by Cr. Patterson & carried

22 Orwell & Jackson stating that they have purchased the business of Messrs. Evans Bros. and asking for orders for appendix to Local Gov. Manual by Mr. Gilchrist

Moved by Cr. Macqueen
Sec. by Cr. Steel That ten copies be ordered

Carried.

23 Govt. Statist asks. Statistics

24 Ratepayers at Ingenitella applying for a deviation in the Huddlebum & Ingenitella road to avoid a steep hill which the present road crosses.
Engineer to report.

25 G. Rowlands asking for consent of Council to sale of allotment on the verandah in Kingparrie which is at present a reserve
The Council being of opinion that all water reserves should be retained refuse the application and instructions have gone to oppose it at the Land Board.

26 Govt. Statist asks. Statistics

27 C. Rae stating that no maintenance metal is specified for in contract on East Charlton road and that he has supplied it as instructed by the engineer.

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That the amount of cost of metal £17-10-0 be paid on engineers certificate.

Carried.

28 Ratepayers in parishes of East Charlton and Inglewood applying for formation, draining &c on East Charlton & Boort road near Mr. Adams's

Moved by Cr. Paterson
Sec. by Cr. Macqueen That engineer inspect road referred to and call for tenders for about three chains of formation & metalling at once. Tender to be accepted by Huddlebum members. Engineer also to report on crossing at Warmal creek and generally.

Carried.

29 R. Cotter stating that the late flood has done much damage to his work near Serpentine and asking for some allowance.
Council to stand over until completion of work

30 Longstaff & Fry re extras on contract.

31 Mr. Rowley agreeing to pay up all claims for maintenance money £3 - on contract at Wheelar.

Applications for the office of handsman to the Burkes Flat common were received from J. B. Ritchard and Edwards Brown.

Moved by Cr. James Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Redwood That Edwards Brown be appointed handsman of the Burkes Flat Common and authorised to collect fees therefrom; to receive half the fees collected as salary.

Carried

The Treasurer reported Receipts since last meeting £147.17.9 Expenditure £653.10.7. Bank overdraft £574.6.0.

The Report was received and adopted.

The engineer reported that tenders have been called for works varied, and submitted estimates of cost. Report recommended
1 That the Old Bogheen & Kingston road. three crossings are necessary at about £5 each and about 100 yds. metal for same. Drains require clearing and five chains of road near Old Bogheen. Total estimate £102.10.0
2 Recommends that the double pipes in drain at East Charlton be taken up and the wooden drain be continued from the present. Total estimate £168.6.0 if in pipes. £150 in brick, and in timber £85.
3 Recommends that approaches to bridges on Bogheen & Kildalton road be raised and installed at an approximate cost of £250. Allen bridge will shortly require to be rebuilt.
4 Works in progress are generally in satisfactory condition. Repairs to Fenlons
5 Creek bridge are completed by Mr Sutton. Metal delivered by Walker in Kingston
6 Riding is measured. Other works have been visited and instructions given.
7 Report calls attention to the necessity of having small contracts for clearing drains and attending to small repairs especially in the Kingston Riding.
8 Recommends that cutting at Shookah Hill on Kildln. & East Ch. road be widened.

9 That about five chains of side cutting be made at same place and open crossing at end of formation.

Mr. Roche reported that he had inspected crossing over Kinnpanial Creek made by Mr. Hurst which is satisfactory and well worth price charged £15. That a crossing on same road near Mr. Sommers is much damaged by floods and nearly impassable being dangerous for traffic. He had had it temporarily repaired. Had also taken levels, measurements &c. for repair of bridge at Kinnpanial.

The reports were received & approved.

The Secretary read report of Committee appointed to consider the question of raising a loan for the construction of works. The committee were not unanimous, the President dissenting from the decision of the other members, which was that the Council should raise a loan of £15.000 on debentures extending over twenty years at seven per cent interest of which £10,000 be expended on the road from Bridgewater through Kildalkeen to East Charlton; £2500 on the West Clodiagh road and £2500 on the East Croca road. The Secretary also submitted a statement showing the expenditure on the road from Bridgewater to East Charlton since the formation of the original road district, and also a statement showing the condition of the existing road and the annual payments that will have to be made should the proposed new loan be contracted.

A discussion ensued on the report during which

The President, and Cr. James Coutts declared themselves opposed to the loan altogether on the ground that an endeavour should be made to obtain railway communication through the Shire. Cr. Hall objected on the ground that it could not be foreseen upon what road the bulk of the traffic would ultimately go. Cr. Redwood was favourable to the loan but opposed to the mode of distribution and Crs. Macqueen, Steel, Patterson and Coutts were in favour of the recommendation of the committee being accepted and acted upon.

Cr. Steel moved that the report be received and adopted.

The President suggested that the question of the advisability of borrowing should be put and that in the event of its being carried the mode of distribution should be considered at next meeting.

Cr. Steel, thereupon withdrew his motion and it was —

Moved by Cr. Redwood

Sec. by Cr. Patterson that in the opinion of the Council it is advisable to raise a loan of £15,000, and that the conditions and mode of distribution be considered at next meeting; a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

Carried

For the motion	Against
Cr. Redwood	Cr. John Coutts
Cr. Patterson	Cr. James Coutts
Cr. Steel	Cr. Hall
Cr. Macqueen	
Cr. Coutts	

The tender of Taylor & Waring for timber drain at East Charlton for £35 mentioned from last meeting was accepted with leave to the engineer to reduce it to the amount of £10. —

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee

For clearing from Harrisons Bridge on Wapiri road about ten miles 16 chain wide

F. Innis	per chain	1/10
Jory		1/11
Kennedy		1/5 — £3.6.8 Recmd
Mahoney		2/—
F. Rose		2/2
Mahne & Co		1/5 3/4
Anderson		1/4
R. Henderson		1/9
R. C. Henderson		1/9

Acceptance of Mahne & Co's tender recommended

2 Clearing on Lowmans & Buchan road to Shire boundary half chain wide

Henderson	per chain	3/4
Innis	"	3/4
F. Rose	"	3/3
Anderson		3/5

Acceptance of F. Innis tender recommended.

3 Clearing on Bairnsdale & Salisbury road 1½ chain

Jones		£1/6 2 —
R. Henderson	per chain	3/4
Anderson		3/9

Acceptance of R. Hendersons recommended

4 Forming & metalling Inglewood & Bridgewater road

	Est. 230 Blueston	Est. 280 Quarry
Thos. Ely	347. 13. 0	298 - 2 - 6
Taylor & Kinney	297 - 6 - 9	233. 13. 3
Langston & Fry	279 - 18 - 0	187. 15. -
J. B. Smith	225 - 13 - -	222 - 3. 8

Recommend Langston & Fry for quarry up to £150 at schedule price.

5 Needlebum & East Charlton road metalling adjoining Ross contracts Est. £147

Taylor & Kinney	106 - 7 - 0
J. Ross	137 - 14 - -
C. Ross	142 - 9 - 6

Recommend Taylor & Kinney

6 Cutting drains West Loddon road near Cornish's Est. 34. 10

R. & Steel	per chain	5/6 £1. 8. 0
Barraclough		£50. -
R. Henderson	-	5/4
Kinney & Taylor	-	1/5
Smith Bros.	-	1/3

Henderson recommended.

7 Erecting bridge at Cannon Est. £117

Taylor & Kinney	133 - 17 - 0
J. Lloyd	137 - —

Tender not recommended being in excess of estimate

Moved by Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Cotto that the tenders of Maher & J. F. Ross, R. Henderson, Langston & Fry, Taylor & Kinney & R. Henderson accepted as recommended by public works committee.

be accepted. Carried.

Tender for bridge at Cannon was not accepted and instructions are given to have an open crossing made instead.

Motions of which notice given last meeting.

By Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. James Cotto that tenders be called for the construction of two culverts on the Needlebum and Salisbury road.

Carried

By Cr. Steel
Sec. by Cr. Paterson that tenders be called for clearing from R. Wilson's to Cameron's in the parish of Bonang.

Carried.

By Cr. Paterson
Sec. by Cr. Steel that tenders be called for cutting & spreading at Shark Hole and for widening road at different places on the East Charlton road near Needlebum.

Carried.

Cr. Jas. Cotto
Sec. by Cr. Cotto that tenders be called for work required on Kangaroo & Glenalyn road

Carried.

The President withdrew his motion for clearing on the Inglewood & Boort road.

Moved by Cr. Macqueen
Sec. by Cr. Paterson that tenders be called for clearing on West Loddon road near Fernihurst pre-emption right for clearing on road from Pound by Dawson farm

to Rhodes road. Ann for fence crossing at Conroy

Carried.

Instructions

C. Stal Engineer to report on best mode of clearing Exon on St. Armand road at Vancouver from silt and providing for bypass.

C. Jas. Coutts. Engineer to employ labour to repair culverts &c in Bulebul Creek district.

C. Pakison Engineer to inspect road from East Charlotte to Port near Sparks

C. Marquis Engineer to report on crossing on Fontainé Creek West of station and on crossing South of Conroy.

C. Richards Report on road near Pounds, Lockitt and Brown's, Bulebul Creek

C. Rathbun Secretary to apply for gravel reserve at junction of Inglewood and Burgoyne roads near Collins Bridge

Moved by C. Coutts
Sec. by C. Jas. Coutts, that Kingston members be informed to have repairs effected at Rhodes, crossing made on Tarnagulla road, and clearing at Burnt Bridge

Carried

C. Stal Finger posts to be erected by Surface [illegible]

Notices of Motion

1 C. Coutts. Tenders for cutting off. fine drain of road near Walker, Kingower Rhodes road and 3 & 4 chain drains

2 C. Coutts Tenders for clearing about 1½ miles from end of present clearing at Bothwells lane Inglewood & Bumbly road to junction of road at Conroy on Cockrams Creek

3 C. Jas. Coutts Tenders for drains and repairs on Bucks Rd & Avoca Forest road.

4 C. Richards Alteration of time of meeting

Moved by C. Stal
Sec. by C. Richards that the following accts. be passed and paid.

Carried

208	Cont. 403	Walker	3	1	—
209	" 396	Hughes	2	14	4
210	" 422	"	4	—	—
211	Labour	Christian	6	13	—
212	Secretary		25	—	—
213	Printing & Advertg.	Hamilton	16	6	9
214	Cont. 457	Hughes	10	—	—
215	" 460	Walker	10	7	11
216	Engineer	C. Lloyd	50	—	—
217	Cont. 447	Mahony	2	8	—
218	" 438	Harris	7	16	3
219	" 443	Rose	40	—	—
220	" 432	Walker	20	—	—
221	Rhodes Race fund (Treasurer)		2	—	—
222	Deaf & Dumb Asylum		2	2	—
223	Mutine Exp.	Calcott (two)	8	12	—
224	Advertg.	Barnes	2	19	—
225	Deposits	Cont 434	2	—	—
226	Above	Gregson	2	—	—
			£211	18	3

	Forward	£ 911 - 18 - 3	
227	Cont. 410 Innis	2 - 10 - —	
228	" 439 Sutton	40 - —	
229	J. R. Cook Salary	7 - 10 - —	
	" Commission on drops	9 - 7 - 6	
230	Victorian Govt. percentage on licence fees	27 - 10 - —	
231	Cont. 358 Smith	1 - —	
232	" 432 Baragwanath	7 - —	
233	" Labour D. Spear	2 - 16 - —	
234	Cont. 391 Vidiz	1 - —	
235	Interest on debentures	105 - —	
236	Flood damages Hamilton	30 - —	
237	Cont. 342 Walker	18 - 5 - 7	
238	Refund 432	3 - —	
239	Cont. 445 Lange	30 - —	
240	" 446 Rose	30 - —	
241	Argus advtg.	1 - 6 - 6	
276 ~~242~~	Evans Bros.	2 - 11 - —	
164 ~~243~~	Labour Whitney	4 - 11 - 6	
265 ~~244~~	" Pickard	3 - 3 / 9 - —	
166 ~~245~~	Moncrieff. 2. 10. 0 / 5 - 16 - 0	8 - 6 - —	
270 ~~246~~			
262 ~~247~~	Cont. 444 Odlich	20 - —	
~~248~~	Labour Langston & Fry	22 - —	
258 ~~249~~	Rowley Labour	44 - 1 - —	
259 ~~250~~	Cont. 384 82 418 3/141 Rowley	5 - 18	
256-251	Labour Wisely	3 - 13 - 6	
252	Labour Hurst	15 - —	
257 ~~253~~	Cont. 375 Keogh	12 - —	
~~254~~	" 397 "	6 - —	
see 227 ~~255~~	" 70 Innis	2 - 12 - —	
261 ~~256~~	Engineer for G. Clare	25 - —	
~~257~~	Cont. 431 Rourke & Keogh	45 - —	
243	Sutton Labour	16 - —	
	Forward	£ 762 - 5 - 10	

	Forward	£ 762 - 5 - 10	
244	Cont. 439 Sutton	23 - 0 - 9	
245	Smithing Sundries	432 - 11 - 10	
246	Labour McKinnis & Lawson	5 - 10 - —	
247	" Jones & Harding	5 - 9 - —	
248	" Stevens	9 - 12 - —	
249	" Brayton	2 - 11 - —	
250	Cont. 416 R. Steel	29 - 9 - —	
251-2 and 6 before 253	Labour Asher & Chisholm	8 - 1 - —	
254	" Walker	17 - 5 - —	
255	" Summers Hamilton	2 - 9 - —	
256	G. F. Grant Salary	18 - —	
260	Sundry	25 - —	
263	Cont. 441 Kneary Bros.	40 - —	
265	Labour Pickard	9 - —	
266	Refund 397	1 —	
Moncrieff 2.10.0 and 5.16.0 see 166	G. Savage Cos 6.9.6 / 4.10 / 3.19.6	1 - 9 - 6	
	Rowley	1 - 10 - —	
267	Labour Philips	3 - 10 - —	
268	Cont. 443 O'Ram	40 - —	
269	" 440 N. Cotton	20 - —	
271	" 407 Odlich	3 - —	
272	Cont. 379 Langston & Fry	3 - —	
273	Survey fees	4 - 13 - —	
274	G. Tippett Engineering	12 - 0 - 6	
275	Cont. 442 Rowley	25 - —	
276	Arnold & Jackson	2 - 11 - —	
		£ 1504 - 8 - 5	

The next meeting was ordered to be held at the Shire Office on the usual day and the meeting then closed.

John Cowan President

9 May 1878