Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Koroit Shire Council held at the Shire Hall Heatherton on the 18th April 1899.

Present. C. Patterson, President, (in the chair) and Cs. Steel, Boys, Quirk, Bonshire, Redmond Coutts, & Hale.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence:—

1 From A. S. Barrett, Solicitor, stating that he has issued writs against the Corporation at the suit of James Hannon to recover £123.2.9 for work and labour done and £500 damages for breach of contract, and asking for name of solicitor to corporation.
The Secretary stated that he had nominated Mr. Lamont who has withdrawn action for the Council and the nomination was approved.

2 Borough of Queenscliff re fees for Crown and Council bin licenses demanded by the Crown, and asking the Council to join in forfeiting cost of hearing a case stated or bringing an action to test the question.

Moved by C. Steel
Sec. by C. Hale that the Council assist providing the other Councils agree to do so

Carried

3 Secy. Inter. Exhibition asking Council to contribute towards cost of obtaining photographs of scenery &c.

Moved by the President
Sec. by C. Quirk that the Council agree to the proposal.

Carried.

4 Secy. for Mines enquiring "to what extent proposed dams will benefit the mining population". Noted.

5 Secy. for Lands stating that 113 acres will be reserved in Beaufort for growing purposes.—

6 Surveyor General re Land Board at Beaufort.

7 Govt. Statist re statistics

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9 Infant Asylum. ack. letter.

10 Land Office S. Commissr. requesting the Council to refund to G. Baker £5-5-0 survey fees on land reserved at Barwarre and refused to him in consequence of the Council applying for the reserve.
Moved by C. Steel
Sec. by C. Bonshire that the request be granted.

Carried.

12 Shire of Warrnambool re cutout near Derrylea on boundary.—

13 A. S. Barrett, Solicitor, proposing to refer Hannon's claim to arbitration.

14 Mr. Lamont enclosing the Council to refuse the last proposal.

Moved by Cr Coutts
Sec. by Cr. Redwood that the Council refuse to refer Harmon's claim to arbitration.

Carried.

The engineer requested instructions as to Harmon's contract on the Inglewood and Beaconsfield road over Hope Creek, stating that Harmon has abandoned the contract without completing it and that the time allowed for completion has long passed.

Moved by Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Redwood that the contract of James Harmon No. 485, for forming, draining, constructing culvert &c. over Hope Creek on the Inglewood and Beaconsfield road be cancelled in consequence of his abandonment of the contract and the expiry of time allowed for completion.

Carried.

15. Secy. for Lands re brick making area of Mr. Williams at Canon's Gap
Engineer stated that Mr. Williams have given up the ground and the matter was settled

16 Govt. Statist re returns

17 Fitzroy Council requesting that an application be made to the Minister of Public Works to insert a provision in the Amending Local Govt. Bill for the raising of Municipal Loans to be repaid at the expiry of a fixed term instead of as present.
It was pointed out that the effect of the

proposal would be to enable existing bodies to borrow money and expend it on improvements leaving the repayment to future ones, and that the present method was the most satisfactory to debenture holders and less burdensome to Corporations.
The suggestion was not adopted.

18 Secy for Lands stating the reservation of Allot. 8 Parish of Kennyglen is withdrawn and that the land will be thrown open for selection, subject to access to the Goldfield on the 13th inst.

19 Hope Creek re plant claim

20 P. Robinson Kennyglen stated he had built at his own cost a dam at Thompson's Gully and offering to keep it in repair during the winter for fair period.
The offer was declined.

21 Surveyor General giving notice of Land Board at Inglewood on 16th inst.

22 J. & H. Wilson. Nyrabella, objecting to limits of clearing sales.

23 John Copley applying for leave to occupy portion of a road near East Charlton on which he has sunk a well and asking for authority to charge for water.
The Council could not grant the required permission and it was suggested that he should apply for a mining permit.

24 Henry Knapp complaining of nuisance at East Charlton
A report from the Inspector of Nuisances was read in which it was stated that he could find no offensive matter, smell, or nuisance in the place indicated on any recent appearance of such being there a few loads of dry stable manure only being found, and that Dr. Dean had reported to the same effect.
Mr Lang was instructed to instruct the Inspector not to allow any offensive matter to accumulate in the township. —

25 A letter was also received from Mr. Jas. Egan denying the existence of the nuisance complained of. —

26 Thomas Carson asking the Council to pay him wages due to him by Shannon from any balance on the latter contract
No funds in hand. —
S. J. Jansen making same request

27 Secy. Police Memorial Lance Manfield asking donations.

28 J. R. Allsopp, Inglewilla State School, reporting cases of fever there.
A report from Inspector Kellen stated that the cases were slight and recovering.

29 H. Watson, Common Herdsman asking permission to impound stock trespassing on roads.
Refused.

30 Secy. for Drains re permit for water supply

31 D. Griffin applying for extension of time for drains pointers.

32 Ratepayers, Middlebrook, drawing attention to the condition of the bottom end of High St.

33 L. Grimmett applying for time to pay water rates next spring
Secy stated that applicant has not paid arrears
Referred to Secy.

34 C. Rose applying for extension of time on acct. of want of water. Granted.

35 Ratepayers at Inglewilla objecting to the application of Mr. and Miss Chalmers for leases at Mount Egbert. —
Moved by Cr. Stahl
Sec. by Cr. Stell that the application be opposed and that the Minister of Lands be requested to reserve Mount Egbert for water, timber and recreation purposes.
Carried.

36 Russell & Evans asking permission to erect two 6 ft. gates on the Kingower & Rushbrige road.
No power to grant such permission

37 Shire engineer applying for allowance for travelling expenses
Moved by Cr. Coutts
Sec. by President that the consideration of the application be postponed for six months.
Carried.

38 A. McKenzie stating his inability to pay rates through losing his crop by fire.

Lime to be given

39 Letter to Cr. Hall from Pottinger & Hubbard applying for additional payment on clearing the Frynier stated that the work was paid for in full the measurements being those of the contract surveyor who laid out the road.

Applic. refused.-

40 Letter from Mr. H. Robson to Cr. Bouchier asking for filling a hole on Wychetella road near his land

Moved by Cr. Bouchier

Sec. by Cr. Boys That engineer be authorised to expend £5 at place indicated

Carried

Cr. Boys and Bouchier reported that they had met the delegates from the East London Shire at Kempton and inspected the proposed sites for a bridge over the Loddon. The East London Council preferred the site known as Magor's Line but this would necessitate the erection of a bridge over the Kangaroo Creek and would not be so convenient as the other proposed.

Some discussion ensued on the subject — Cr. Steel objecting to the erection of the bridge at all Cr. Hall supporting it. Cr. Boys was in favour of deferring any further action until the survey of the proposed railway to Bendigo and it was ultimately

Moved by Cr. Irish

Sec. by Cr. Boys That the matter be postponed for six months

Carried.

The Treasurer reported Receipts for the month £209.5.0 Expenditure £588-4-6. Bank overdraft £689.3.4.

Report received and adopted.

Secretary submitted statement showing receipts and expenditure for each Riding including liabilities on current contracts since commencement of financial year.

The engineer reported on works in progress and completed. Recommended water reserve at Logfills on Inglis and Redan road. Also that tank fenced near Jennings and stumps pulled on Bridgewater and Redbridge road. - Recommended that 3 or 4 chains of forming and metalling be done at Conroy's Bridge and reports impassable condition of approach to East Charlton bridge in St. Arnaud Shire. That cost of asphalting Bridgewater bridge will be about £92 and Hope Creek bridge £40, but a new deck can be put on the latter for £24 and 12 inch coat of metal £25. Repair of Allen's bridge about £15. — Conroy bridge requires screwing up turning, and painting, and a new deck which may be put in next year's estimates. In company with the engineer of St. Arnaud Shire had examined the Avoca river with reference to proposed weir and had agreed that the work might be done for £250. but it is doubtful if the Councils can legally dam up the river. With reference to the two proposed sites for bridge over the Loddon had inspected them both the East Loddon Shire engineer and from an engineering point of view there is no difference

Recommends three chains of metalling near Mitchells in Inglewood & Kingower road, and

the pumping plant in with. Open excavating and the work. The Olympia plain dam tank is completed but the sum allowed has been exceeded as it was not sufficient to finish the work. Recommends the excavation of one or two frost tanks in the northern part of the Shire as provision against repetition of present drought. Works generally progressing satisfactorily but some stoppage from scarcity of water.

Report received and approved.

Moved by C. Rennison
Sec. by C. Hall That application be made for water reserve of 20 acres at Logpiles Carried

Moved by President (with leave)
Sec. by C. Smith That tenders be called for formation at Connor bridge Carried.

The engineer to effect such temporary repairs as are necessary to ensure the safety of the Connor, Sepe Creek, and Allan's Bridges.

The following tenders were brought up by the Public Works Committee.

1 Forming & metalling at Logpiles bridge Est. £6.10.-

Jones & Douglas	£2 —
D. Guthrie	£3 - 12 - 6

Jones & Douglas recommended.

2 Cleaning to Kimpanil Creek from J. Ryan's 2/6

J. Cannon	5 - 10 - —
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Beer Bros	6 — —

Beer Bros. recommended

3 Clearing from Rees to Davis Inspire Est. £2.10.-

H. Moding	15 —
H. McLean	£4 - 15 - —
F. Rose	£2 - 5 -
Beer Bros.	18 —

H. Moding recommended.

4 Clearing in Inglewood by Kilians to Chilcombing By 8.15.-

B. Porter	11 - 13 - 4
Allen	12 - 10 - —
H. Moding	8 - 6 - 8
F. Rose	12 10 - —
Beer Bros	10 -
E. Pearson	12 - 1 - 6
J. Fordham	9 - 12 - 6

H. Moding recommended.

5 Clearing in Inspire from 4 mile tank to Kirks 20.15.-

J. Snape	£3 - 15 - —
D. Gregson	18 - 11 - 3
J. Hunt	£2 - - -
F. Rose	16 — 10 - —
Beer Bros.	16 — 10 - —
John Matthews	18 - 11 - 3

F. Rose recommended.

6. Removing stumps and burning off dead timber on Inglewood & Boort road Est. £8 —

T. Kinsey	8 - 12 - 6
T. Tait	15 - —
Desmody	22 - —
Cadday	14 —
McKean	11 - 10 -
Wilkins £15 - Stewart £9	Keogh £8.

T. Kinsey recommended.

7 Culvert & fencing East Charlton & Glengarry road — Est. £70

J. Kelly	55 —
M. Parker	38 —
J. Parker	67 —
R. Sheriff	38 — 10 —
E. C. Sullivan	53 — 5 —

M. Parker recommended.

8 Delivering 400 c. yds. metal Middlebrook — Est. £100

J. Kinney	93 — 6 — 8
C. Rose	88 — 6 — 8
J. Odell	95 —
J. McKinnis	103 — 5 — 8
A. Guthrie	88 — 6 — 8
F. Hughes	105 —

C. Rose recommended.

9 Forming & metalling on Bridgewater and Salisbury road — Est. £36 —

J. Kinney	39 — 12 —
J. Hurst	30 — 16 —

J. Hurst recommended

10 Forming &c. in Wychitella — Est. £89 —

M. Parker	108 —
J. Kinney	113 —
J. Parker	81 — 18 —
H. Gregson	109 —
Ben Bros.	125 — 16 —
E. Sullivan	153 — 4 —

J. Parker recommended

11 Removing stumps and dead timber on Bridgewater & Salisbury road — Est. £60 — 2/6 chn

A. Kennedy	84 —
W. Jones	50 —
H. Gregson	36 —
J. McKean	30 — 6 — 8

J. McKean recommended.

12 Clearing and erecting Kangaroo & Pendlebury Gates — Est. £34

J. Gay	30 — 10 —
P. Robinson	20 —
A. Guthrie	32 —
F. Hughes	30 —
A. Keogh	34 —

P. Robinson recommended

13 Forming & metalling Inglewood & Bridgewater road — Est. £200

J. Kinney	£173 —
A. Guthrie	208 — 5 —

J. Kinney recommended.

Moved by Cr. Curtis
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the tenders of Jones & Douglas, Ben Bros. A. Wooding, F. Rose, J. Kinney, M. Parker, C. Rose, J. Hurst, J. Parker, J. McKean, & P. Robinson as recommended by the Public Works Committee be accepted.

Carried.

Moved by Cr. Quick
Sec. by Cr. Bourchier That the St. Arnaud Council be asked to install East Charlton bridge, this Council to pay half cost

Carried

Mr. Secretary was instructed to write to the ~~St. Arnaud Council~~ Minister of Public Works suggesting the insertion of a clause in the Amending Local Govt. Bill giving power to Councils to dam rivers when deemed necessary for obtaining water supply.

Motions under notice

By Cr. Hale
Sec. by Cr Robinson That tenders be called for constructing crossing on the Inglewood and Kingston road.

Carried.

By Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr Robinson That tenders be called for bridge over Simpson's creek Kingston and Rheinberger road

Carried.

By Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That certain side cutting be done on Heidelberg & East road near Kings hotel

Carried

By Cr. Hall
Sec. by Cr. Paterson That tenders be called for forming and metalling near Mr Ross. Lane Inglewood and Heidelberg road

Carried

By Cr. Irvine
Sec. by Cr. Hall That tenders be called for clearing from Black dam to Sparks land, Buckrabanyule, and near P. Lani and J. Howards. Also at Thompson's, Harrietville and for open crossing in East Charlton.

Carried.

Cr. Irvine withdrew the motion standing in his name for excavation of a tank at Myrtleville.

Instructions to Officers

Cr. Hall That engineer report on cost of forming and draining at north end of High St. Heidelberg.

Moved by Cr. Hall with leave
Sec. by Cr Paterson That tenders be called for completion of Damm's contract No 456.

Carried

Cr. Robinson. That engineer report on cost of pipe drain on Inglewood and Bourquin road by Mr. Ellis land.

Cr. Irvine That Secretary apply for reservation of about forty acres around tank at East Charlton; and for permanent reservation of land near Chinaville on East Charlton and Glenloth road.

Cr. Irvine
Sec. by Cr. Bonchier That engineer express fire pounds in reserves at East Charlton and repairing footpaths.

Carried

Cr. Bonchier. That engineer have hole filled near J. Pettys Inspection at cost not ex. £5.

Notices of Motion

Cr. Robinson That tenders be called for draining and clearing at 1st chain on road by Mrs Powers and [illegible]
Also for drains & crossings on Inglewood & Tarnagulla road, and crossing on road on Downing, And for metalling and draining swamp on

Bridgewater and Kewbridge road near
Cotton station. Accounts passed for payment.

188	J. Dunn Labour &c	13	15	0
189	Cont. 482 Mr. Kean	13	11	3
190	S. Young Labour &c	4	19	—
191	Cont. 505 Rowley	20	—	—
192	" 501 S. Young	15	—	—
193	Mr. Rowley Labour &c	12	10	—
194	S. Young " Fencing stands	22	6	9
195	J. McLean "	3	15	—
196	Cumming Expenses	7	16	6
~~197~~	Office Exp.	1	—	—
	D. Quirk Labour &c	3	13	—
	Posting bills 5/- Exchange 5/-		10	—
	Office furniture, Chairs.	2	10	6
	J. Murphy Cutting		10	—
197	G. F. Grant Commn. on Mag fees	6	10	—
198	Contract 504 O'Rourke	40	—	—
199	" 507 Kinsey	46	16	6
200	" 506 F. Ross	22	—	—
201	F. Ross Labour &c	4	—	—
202	J. Kinsey Salary as pound keeper	2	—	—
203	" Guarantee prem.	2	—	—
204	Deposit Cont. 479	1	—	—
	Office Exp. 2/- Exchange 3/-	1	5	—
"	Cont. 478 Armstrong	1	—	—
"	Deposit Cont. 506	1	—	—
205	Interest on Debentures	105	—	—
206	J. Reeck Salary	8	15	—
207	Deposits	7	—	—
	Directory	1	—	—
208	Kean Labour	3	—	—
209	Mr. Farlane	3	—	—
210	Cont. 498. Watkins	23	12	—
211	" 517 Hunter	10	—	—
	Forward	£ 410	10	6

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212	J. Welsh supplying metal	29	13	9
213	Bateman Labour	2	8	—
214	Cont. 512 Bentson.	30	—	—
215	" 494 Kinsey	17	—	—
216	J. Irving Salary D.	14	13	—
217	Deposits Cont. 494. 495	20	—	—
218	Cont. 489 A. S. Steel	6	12	—
219	Labour A. Dunn	7	9	8
	fencing pound D. at Lemon's Lands	20	—	—
220	Cont. 503 O'Rourke			
221	Labour W. A. Jones	9	15	6
222	" A. Chesholm	3	—	—
223	Presidents Allowance pr. Mercury	4	15	—
224	Advertg. E.C. Tribune	2	5	—
225	" Mag. Sentr. Advertise	6	7	6
226	Printing & Stationery Arnold & Co.	4	5	7
227	G. Baker - expense of survey fees at Barraba	5	5	—
228	Secretary	25	—	—
229	Engineer	95	—	—
		£ 644	—	7

The next meeting was ordered to be held on the usual day and the meeting then closed

Approved at Meeting
& Confirmed Aug 8th 1879
James Paterson
President