Minutes of an ordinary monthly meeting of the Korong Shire Council held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 17th November 1892.

Present Cr Laidlaw (President in the chair) Crs Procter Coutts, Gray, Ross, Catto, Chalmers, & McGuirk.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

Correspondence:-

1 Wm Wooding for leave to have water laid on to his premises Wedderburn.
granted

2. Kara Kara Shire asking Council to join in construction of the Forbes bridge at an estimated cost of £300.
Dealt with later on

3 Morgan Connell for repairs to roads near Ambrosia & Quello &c Jeuticus Creek
Referred to Engineer in instructions to report on all roads in that locality.

4 Gordon Shire with Clerk £19 " 13 " 6 half cost of boundary works.

5 Arnaud Court drawing attention to dangerous condition of a culvert at Kingsmill. Referred to Engineer.

6 Malachi Harvey Rygid re removing complaint that Contractor Wildish had cluttered his grazing area with felled timber. Council cannot interfere the land being outside the Shire.
It was also resolved that future specifications contain a clause requiring Contractors to produce a certificate from adjoining landholders to the effect that no

damage to their fences or land has been left unrepaired,

8 Lands Department returning forms for Council's decision that "certain portions of streets within the Shire" are no longer required for public traffic. This referred to the Application of the Charlton Agricultural Society to purchase the road adjoining the showyard & and had been attended to by the Secretary.

9 Water Supply Department asking Council to instruct the Shire Engineer to furnish quarterly reports upon condition of the Gonder weir.

Cr Chalmers
Cr Procter } That Secretary reply to the effect that Council does not acknowledge any responsibility and declines to furnish reports as to the condition of the works.
Carried

10 Lands Department asking Council to convene a meeting of persons interested in Orville Common for purpose of electing not less than 3 gentlemen for appointment as Managers. Received Cr Catto undertook on behalf of President to convene the meeting.

11 Secretary Loddon Water Trust with an a/c for £3 " 4 " 0 Council's share of Trust guarantee a/c for working expenses.

Cr Gray
Cr Chalmers } That the amount be paid and the Trust be requested to furnish a statement of the duties of its Engineer & caretaker & any other officers employed.

C.d

12 Constable Burman Bridgewater inquiring whether Council desire proceedings taken against a man named Smith for barking trees on a road little used near the Basie Estate. Smith offers to grub the stumps & burn timber & Council considers further proceedings unnecessary.

13 City of Ballarat Council suggesting a deputation from Local Bodies should wait on the Hon the Minister and urge an early amendment of the Fire Brigades Act 1890. Council approves, Messrs Coutts & Langdon MP. & be requested to represent this Council

13a Secretary Loddon Water Trust requesting Council to appoint a Commissioner upon the Trust in place of Wm Pattison who was appointed by the Governor in Council and whose term has now expired.

Council declines to appoint a Commissioner.

14 Town Clerk Daylesford re necessity of Municipalities combining in support of the Government in its efforts to have the 5 percent minimum valuation adopted in the Local Government Bill now before Parliament.

Cr Fay
Coutts } That the letter be received.

A amendment by

Cr Coutts
for Wm Park } That members for N. W. Province be requested to support the 5 percent minimum.

Cd

15 Water Supply Department asking Council to arrange with the St Arnaud Shire for repairs to weir at Charlton where the wing has settled a little.

Letter to be referred to the St Arnaud Council

16 The same inquiring whether any water supply objections exist to occupation of 3 acres of land by Mrs Hurst near tank at Lemnos Hoosing.

Council has no objections

17 Gordon Council asking Council to contribute a sum of £4.9.2 towards salaries of caretakers of Coburna Channel

Council declines

18, 19 Eye & Ear Hospital & Deaf & Dumb Institution for donations.

Approved — Charitable vote to be same as last year

20 Mr Nuttall Kyneton to have the water laid on to his premises.

Cr Fay
Cr Ross } Water to be laid on to Nuttall. Cd

21 E. H. Perrin for Council's consent to sale of certain road running through his property at Yengoroo which has been enclosed by fence for many years. Mr Perrin attended and explained that he owned land adjoining. Referred to Engineer for inquiry

22 Messrs Winter Bros for payment of £5 on a/c of excavated earth removed from tank Boring.

Ordered to be paid

23 Inspector Delaney monthly report upon sanitary condition of South Riding. Engineer to report on drainage from Cheese Factory Bridgewater.

24 Inspector Satchwell monthly report referred amongst other things to complaints about bathing in Hendry dam Wedderburn

The Secretary was instructed to have notices posted prohibiting bathing there before 7 p.m. or after 7 a.m.

Dr McKean Health Officer with monthly report of satisfactory nature.

Inspector Morris with ordinary monthly report & objecting to certain remarks made by Cr Fry at a previous meeting, and asking for an increase of salary.

Cr McCurk
by Cr Ross } That Inspector Morris salary be increased to £10 per annum amount to be divided amongst the 3 Ridings, Carried, Cr Coutts objecting

At noon Council adjourned for the purpose of holding the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting of the Borough Council

held in the Shire Hall Wedderburn on Thursday the 17th November 1892 at noon, present the President in the Chair and all members except Cr Redwood

The Secretary produced the audited statement of accounts together with the auditors report which drew attention to the large amount of arrears of rates & recommended that all arrears books containing the whole arrears in a compact form should be adopted and that books prior to say 5 or 6 years ago closed. The Secretary approved of the recommendation and it was moved by

Cr Coutts
Cr Catto } That the rate books prior to 1888. be closed and a list brought up by Secretary of other rates considered to be irrecoverable. Carried

Cr Chalmers
Cr Coutts } That all unpaid rates be handed to the Shire Solicitor for collection, Carried Notice to be once published that the list will be handed to solicitor at the end of November. Carried

Cr Coutts
Cr Fry } That the Statement of Receipts & Expenditure for year ended September 1892 be passed & allowed and that the same be printed, Carried

Meeting closed

Council resumed

Report on night service Wedderburn defining the new boundaries of the area agreed to by the Riding Councillors and giving an estimate of the Revenue to be derived from G & S Rates, respectively

Cr Ross
Cr Boutts } That a 4½d per fowl charge per week be paid to Mitchell he to collect charges.
Carried

an amendment by Cr McPark that tenders be called was not seconded,

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Cr Chalmers } That a plan be prepared showing the Wedderburn night service district and that it be hung in the Institute and that the Health Act and by-laws with respect to Closets be enforced in all cases within that area. Carried

Treasurer's Statement showed

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Credit balance at bank	£ 453 " 3 " 10

Received & approved.

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with authority to sign Cheques on the Shire Bank account at a salary of £175 per annum.

Cr Boutts
Cr Ross } Council agree Carried

Engineers Report:-

Was printed and circulated amongst members and action taken upon it as follows

Clause 16 dealing with Mr Ross's application for sale of road at parish of Wedderburn was approved and the Engineer authorised to deviate the road at a cost of about £10

Clause 10 referring to scours near bridge at Barlows Tarnihurst to be done by Contractor Mr Conolly brd.

Clause 15 Cr McPark Cr Ross that tenders be called for repairs to Korong Vale drains separate tenders for brick & asphalt.
Cd

The Engineer was instructed to interview Mr Allan and ascertain price required for land to make drain at Korong Vale.

The Public Works Committee brought up the following

Tenders

No 1 Remetalling west side of Barraker Hill

Goodwin	52 " 10 " 0	Estimate £90 " 0 " 0
Clark	62 " 10 " 0	
Welch	87 " 5 " 0	

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The President and Councillors of the Shire of Korong.

GENTLEMEN—

I have the honor to report having prepared drawings and specifications for 17 contracts, tenders for which are returnable to-day.

NORTH RIDING

2.—As instructed I have inspected the road between Mrs Jenkins' and James Jenkins' and am of opinion it requires about 40 chains light forming, in detached portions, and an open crossing to make it a good road in wet weather.

3.—The road between Dunkley's and Anderson's is in places very badly scoured; I would recommend cleaning out and widening side drains, filling scours, and cutting mitre drains where required; and that also a crossing or culvert be made near the railway gates take the water direct into the Buckbanyule tank.

4.—An open stone crossing is required over drain in Western Street, Charlton, by Wilmot's; and one by Robinson's in same street to allow a drain to be taken down to main drain by Cricket Club Hotel.

5.—The five chains of forming and gravelling by T. Cosh's on Wedderburn and Charlton road, authorised at last meeting being insufficient to make a thorough job, I have, after conferring with President and Central riding members, invited tenders for 24 chains the length required; and trust my action meets with your approval. The work is a joint one between the North and Central Ridings.

6.—In accordance with instructions I have inspected the brick filling, in Main Street of Charlton, complained of by Mr Ogburn; and beg to recommend that same be wholly covered with a layer of broken metal, as, although, at time of my inspection, the bricks were no nuisance they will, in the dry weather, be ground up by the traffic into fine dust, which will be very unpleasant on a windy day; and also bad for travelling on.

7.—Re the matter of a crossing on road between Hunter's and Bird's, near Wychitella, I don't see that one is at present required, as I have had the drain cut shallow and well sloped so that traffic can easily pass over it.

8.—With the Presidents concurrence I have let a contract for putting Wychetella Weighbridge in repair.

9.—Through pressure of work I was unable to call tenders for fence by Sale Yards, Charlton, as instructed. With reference to this work I beg to recommend that a complete job be made, and all fencing required be done at same time. I also wish to know what width the road-way shall be. The greater width it is made the more it will cost in consequence of extra timbering and filling being required. In my opinion 16 feet will be sufficient.

10.—There are some dangerous scours working out into centre of Inglewood and Boort road at Bridge by Barlows Fernihurst which should receive early attention.

CENTRAL RIDING.

11.—Finding that the drain (about 10 chains) applied for by Mr Manlien, Korong Vale, will be of service to the road, I have included it with other work to be done by his place.

12.—Regarding Mr Row's complaint as to surface being taken away opposite his gate, on Charlton and Yeungroon road, I beg to inform you that an ordinary side cutting has been made along the road for the purpose of making a formation, and which cutting Mr Rowe has to cross in going to and from his paddock. Beyond giving Mr Rowe permission to make a crossing in the cutting I don't see that we can do any more; as if the Council commences to provide crossings for landowners wherever formations or drains are made it will be a never ending expense.

13.—With Crs. Gray and Ross I inspected the road from Inglewood and Wedderburn road to Wedderburn Junction, by Heenans. The work most needed at the present is clearing; but which cannot now be done, the season being too far advanced.

14.—The pipe across High Street, Wedderburn, near the Post Office, proved altogether inadequate to carry the water that fell on the morning of the 5th inst, the water running right over the road. Steps should be taken to make proper provision for the free carrying away of the water, by laying works by the school have been done far more water comes down than formerly.

15.—In inviting tenders for improvements to drain, Korong Vale Township, I have made out the contract for the excavating only, of such drains as are required, and which I beg to recommend be made of asphalt as that material is, for drains, in a flat place like Korong Vale, preferable on account of its smoothness, and being much easier kept clean, and the cost in this case will be very little more than brick, and will, in my opinion, be cheaper in the end. I have an estimate from the contractor of the Bendigo City council, for making asphalt drains 2 inches and 3 inches thick, for which his prices are 3s and 3s 6d per per square yard, respectively, and would recommend that 3 inches be the thickness adopted. This for a curved drain as I have designed, 2 feet on top and 9 inches deep, will amount to £2 11s 4d per chain; or for a drain 3 feet wide, £3 17s 0d per chain. The length of drains required to be asphalted is 25½ chains.

16.—The small brick drain along back creek should be carried 2 or 3 chains Northwards into Allans' land if satisfactory arrangements could be made with him for it to be done, as the draining will then be disposed of instead of lodging at the end of the street as it now does.

16.—I see no objections to sale of road between Rossi's land so long as the track along the creek between Rossi and Payne is preserved and a chain road reserved along South boundary of Rossi's cultivation paddock as per sketch submitted for your information whereby the existing crossing will be retained. The cost of filling holes and making a good track along Rossi's south boundary fence will not exceed £10.

SOUTH RIDING.

17.—In company with Crs Catto and Redwood I inspected the Inglewood and Kingower road by Sibbalds', and consider it would be advisable to cut a deep drain on the upper side of the road to intercept the underground run of water that in winter time comes up in the centre of the road, rendering it almost impassible. The drain to be cut with just enough fall to make it run without scouring, and the material therefrom put as a protective bank on the roadside. I beg to recommend that about 200 yards of gravel be supplied and put on the road, and that an old clearing along a good track, on the northern side of the road, be widened so as to give additional accommodation to traffic in wet weather; the cost of this will be very small, £6 or £7 at the most.

18.—About 150 yards of maintenance metal is required on the Inglewood and Bridgewater road, and which I beg to recommend be obtained during the dry weather.

19.—There have not been many contracts completed since last meeting, the wet weather having retarded most of them; all started are progressing favourably, and those not yet commenced will shortly be gone on with.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant
ERNEST E. HAWKINS,
Shire Engineer,

Shire Hall, Wedderburn,
17th November, 1892.

2. Stone crossing by Mesdames on Spring Creek.

Wiedish	£24 " 15/-	
Jackson	26 " 9 " 6	Estimate £23 " 2 " 6
O'Shannassy	18 " 4 " 0	
Jaiz & Gilmore	18 " 18 " 8	
Sly Jun	20 " 18 " 0	
Crisp Sty	27 " 8 " 6	

Recommended O'Shannassy

3. Works between Metcalfe's & Young's Husband.

Wiedish	39 " 10 " 0	Estimate £43 " 0 " 0
Jackson	54 " 0 " 8	
Sly Jun	46 " 5 " 0	
Brett	52 " 16 " 0	
Crisp	47 " 10 " 0	

Accommended S. B. Wiedish

4 Drains & Crossings by Moulliens & Gray Borung.

		Estimate £25 " 9 " 0
Wiedish & Hooding	£20 " 3 " 0	
Beer	20 " 0 " 0	
Wiedish	21. 0. 6	
Crisp Sty	27. 7. 0	
Johnston	31. 8. 0	
McSween Jno	28. 12. 0	
Phillips Jun	27. 14. 0	

Recommend Wiedish & Hooding

5 Hedderson Road & Rhoda road

Jackson	£36. 8. 6	Estimate £60
Poynton	37. 11. 3	
Sly Jun	40. 5. 0	
Phillips	44. 10. 0	

Recommend Jackson

6 Works by McSwans & McFurlas & Leyton Hill

		Estimate £94 " 10 " 0
Gourley Bros	£101. 15/-	
Wick & Co	83. 15/-	
Ross	74 0	
Jenkins & Sons	69. 10/-	
Beer	84. 10/-	
Phillips Jun	87. 10/-	
Bannon	93. 0	

Recommended Jenkins & Sons

7 Keeping the Guards in repair & various other works around Headworks.

Mitchell	70. 0. 0	Estimate £ nil
Henderson	47. 0. 0	
Duckett	29. 0. 0	

Recommended Duckett

8 Works in Camp, Wateon & Armstrong Street Charlton.

Goodwin	75. 0. 0	Estimate £79 " 5 " 0
Jenkins Bros	80 " 2. 6	
Clark	98 " 10. 0	

Recommended Goodwin

9 Maintaining roads Korong Vale, lamplighting & connecting Water Rates &c.

Kernot	£121 " 8 " 0	Estimate £ nil
Kay	58 " 14 " 8	
McNicol Jno	55 " 0 " 0	

Recommended Kay

10 Bridgewater Serpentine Road near Redwood.

		Estimate £26 " 3 " 6
Wiedish & Hooding	£33 " 5 " 8	
Wiedish S. B	30 " 8 " 0	
Gourley Bros	24 " 4 " 10	
Beer & H.	29 " 14 " 2	
Ross Geo	26 " 6 " 4	

Recommend Gourley

11 Forming & Draining by Machine Kimpaniel
Estimate £41 " 5 " 0

Weldish & Wooding	£36 " 15 " 0
Kinny John	39 " 7 " 6
Beer Jas.	35 " 15 " 0
Jenkins & Sons	38 " 1 " 3
Crisp H	40 " 0 " 0
McGovern Wm	57 " 15 " 0

Recommended Beer

12 Draining between State School & Henderson Kimpaniel
Weldish & Wooding £24 " 14 Estimate £27 " 12 " 0

Beer Jas	3 5 " 8 " 0
Crisp & Hy	34 " 18 " 0
Johnston Jas	33 . 0 . 6
McGovern Jno	31 . 16 . 0

Recommend Weldish & Wooding

13 Improvements to Drains Lorang Vale
Estimate £68 " 8 " 0

Rob Kinion £96 " 4 " 6
Fresh tenders to be called

14 Work by Flahmans on East side of Barrons Stm

Weldish & Wooding	£25 " 11 " 4
Weldish S.B.	21 " 10 " 0
Goodwin S.	23 . 0 . 0
Welch & S	28 . 15 . 0
Ross Geo	28 . 0 . 0

Estimate £30 " 10/-

Recommended S.B. Weldish

15 Erecting Hand pump at Lamono
Estimate £7 " 10/-

Jackson	£10 . 0 . 0
Phillips	7 . 0 . 0

Recommended Phillips

16 Forming &c by Boates Wooding on Charlton Road
Estimate £87 . 10 . 0

Beer	£72 . 10 . 0
Weldish	61 . 12 . 0
Ross Geo	35 . 0 . 0

Recommended Ross

17 Clearing in Ridge Street Henderson
Estimate £6 " 11/-

Mitchell	£4 . 0 . 0
Nolan	9 . 13 . 4
Henderson	2 . 10 . 0
Welch	4 . 17 . 6
Ross	4 . 14 . 0
Duckett	5 . 10 . 0

Recommended Henderson

Cr Coutts
Cr Gray } That the tenders of Goodwin, Whanmary, Weldish, Weldish & Wooding 2, Jackson, Jenkins & Sons, Duckett, Goodwin, Kay, Beer, Cooley Bros, Phillips, Ross & Henderson be recommended by the Committee be accepted.
Carried

Cr Gray Engineer reported result of Conference between members of this Council and the Kara Kara Council on the question of repairs to McIvor bridge ~~when~~ the following Conclusions were arrived at.
That the fort should assist in making the necessary repairs, that timbers should be ordered at once by the Engineer and work commenced about the 1st of March, that in February the Engineer should submit to the Councils the name of a suitable Person of work. The estimated Cost of repairs was £400

Cr McGuirk
Cr Ross } That the report of delegates to the bridge Conference be adopted and the Proposals carried out. Carried

Motions under notice

All motions for works were postponed till January meeting and the December meeting was ordered to lapse.

Applications for position

of ~~Rate~~ Collector of Light Rates at Charlton were received from Messrs. Tait Boath, Murphy and Agnew.

Cr Proctor
Cr Gray

That Mr C. J. Tait be appointed Collector of Light Rates at Charlton at rate of £10 per annum, payable quarterly, Carried

The President called attention to practice of Contractors leaving ploughs or scoops along the road and moved that Engineers give instructions to stop it, also to keep some one on the watch where trees are burning on roads.

Notices of Motion

Cr Gray — Tenders for construction of bridge over Fenton Creek near Furnace West School.

Cr Laidlaw — for work near Dunkley & Andersons Buckrabanyule

Cr Proctor — for an open crossing near Melmott Charlton

Cr McCurk — for 12 inch pipe near Post Office Avoca

Cr Chalmers — for about 70 chains forming near Hartley McMahons, Kemp &c Wychitella.

Chalmers — for drains & new Shire land Boring.

The Public Works & Finance Committees brought up the following accounts for payment, which were passed for payment on motion of Messrs Boutts & Proctor.

Cd

102	R. Moore Govt auditor	29.19.0
103	Cou 1592 H. Letts fund	1.0.0
104	Cou 1609 S. H. Peverill	20.0.0
105	Cou 1693. P. Rodgers	1.10.0
106	Cou 1612 S. H. Beer.	19.4
107	Cou 1613 do	2.2.6
108	Cou 1598 W. Rudin	.12.6
109	Williams local auditor 19 days	21.."
110	Cou 1708 Henderson	7.1.8
111	W. J. Campbell for stamps	1.15."
112	Cou 1714 H. Crisp	25."""
113	Cou 1579. 1601. 1589. R Jenkins	2.17.2
114	Cou 1602 W Atkins	8"""
115	Sundry accs per vouchers	10.14.11
116	Cou 1707 Hinter	10.15.8
117	Cou 1631. Phillips	8.7.0
118	Cou 1714 Hy Crisp	36.0.0
119	Cou 1724 S. H. Reed & others on cartage	2.0.6
120	Cou 1707 Hinter Rd	12.0.0
121	Cou 1748 Barnard	25.0.0
122	Barnard night watch Charlton	25.10.0
123	Cou 1699 Phillips	12.0.0
124	Hawkins labour & portage	4.15.9
125	Cou 1714 Hy Crisp	15
126	Hawkins salary	29.3.4
127	Gray account stationery Rudder Rendersecretary	16.13.4 25.0.0
128	Cou 1721 Rd Veach	9.3.0
129	Hy Walton lamps	4.12.0
130	D. Cross lamplighting & cleaning	7.9.0
131	Kay lamplighting Korong Vale	2.15
132	Scott lamplighting Bridgewater	2.2.
133	Goode printing & advertising	3.15
134	Irving Advertising	1.19.6
135	Arnold & Jackson printing &c	12.10.5
136	Hansen labour & work	3.13.0
137	Chisholm labour & work	7.2.6
	Forward £	410.3.0

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138	Rodgers labour Kurting	9 . 5 . 0
139	Thorer lamps for Streets	5 . 13 . 0
140	Cross labour & extra lamps	5 . 11 . 10
141	Cou 1719 Sly Jun	33 . 0 . 0
142	Cou 1751 Jas Ross	30 . 0 . 0
143	Cou 1733 do	25 . 0 . 0
144	Cou 1709 Kinter	10 . 0 . 0
145	Cou 1749 Kirion	12 . 0 . 0
146	Cou 1718 Kierce	14 . 0 . 0
147	Cou 1609 Hillis	12 . 0 . 0
148	Cou 1723 Robertson	25 . 0 . 0
149	Cou 1570 Aidebroot	12 . 0 . 0
150	Ross labour hyria	8 . 8 . 0
151	Jas Ross, labour	1 . 0 . 0
152	Moreough President Allowance	4 . 3 . 6
153	Jackson printing & advertising	6 . 3 . 9
154	Cou 1604 Hiedish & Cou 1678	2 . 16 . 0
155	Cou 1715 Hildrich	10 . 0 . 0
156	Cou 1720 Connolly & Co	17 . 0 . 1
157	James Kay cleaning & barrator	1 . 5 . 0
158	Jas Kenon labour per a/c	1 . 10 . 0
159	Cou 1739 McGovern	8 . 16 . 0
160	Addison Trust Share of expenses	3 . 4 . 0
161	Sundry a/cs per voucher	8 . 15 . 5
162	P. Rodgers crossing at Tarnagulla	1 . 5 . 0
163	Cou 1646 & 1625 Dalrymple & Co	18 . 15 . 0
	£	696 . 14 . 7

The next ordinary meeting was ordered to be held on the usual day in January next unless business of importance necessitated the holding of a meeting in December & the meeting then closed, Confirmed

Adam Laidlaw
President