The Finance Committee appointed by the Council to enquire into the finances of the Shire met on the 10th.Feby. 1919 and made recommendations to the Council as under :-

1. Miscellaneous a/cs (receipts and expenditure) to be shown separately on the Balance Sheet for each of.

PRESIDENT'S ALLOWANCE.

2. Any portion of the Presidential Allowance refunded by the President to be shown on the Balance Sheet in the financial year in which the President held office.

3. DAY LABOR:- No a/cs for day labor- removing trees etc - to be paid unless the work has been authorised by a Councillor or officer of the Shire.

(b) That the limit of £5 (five pounds) expenditure per month allowed to Councillors be strictly adhered to .

(c) That the limit of £10 (ten pounds) per month which the Shire Engineer is authorised to spend be strictly adhered to.

(d) Specifications for contract work to be complete as far as possible in order to avoid extras to contracts. Same to be prepared , when practicable , and laid before the Council before calling tenders for same.

(e) Day labor as presented by the Engineer to be adopted.

4. ADVERTISING :- To be confined to the two papers printed within the Shire :- namely, Toodyay Herald and Northam Advocate.

5. That the annual contribution to Starmund Hospital be reduced to £5. Five pounds.

6. That the expenditure of £5:5s be approved of at the first favorable opportunity.

7. Refunds of the motion of the Federburn Road Board be not allowed.

8. Secretary's report to be prepared once in three months only.

On the motion of Crs. Gray and Kelly the above recommendations were adopted and the thanks of the Council was tendered the committee for having given this matter and for its report.

Re Contract No. It was resolved to notify the Contractor 1.Cribb that if the work is not completed - within 14 days to the satisfaction of the Engineer - the deposit will be forfeited.

Pound at Wadderburn.

On the motion of Crs White and O'Brien Mr1.McHugh was appointed Poundkeeper to the Pound at Wadderburn within 14 days. 12 - Parish of "Wadderburn" adjoining INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC :- On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the Council expressed its approval of all that had been done by Committees up to date .

Cribb moved that steps be taken to open the "Wadderburn State School as an emergency hospital. Seconded by CRIBB and CARRIED.

On the motion of Cr White it was resolved "That an operair meeting be held in front of the Post Office on Wednesday the 12th March at 7 p.m. to get with the three Committees in connection with the emergency Hospital.

Moved by Cr Cribb that :- "For the purpose of carrying out the emergency hospital at the Wadderburn State School the three Committees be and are hereby authorised to have full control and

CONFIRMED:-

March 11th.1919. PRESIDENT.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORNG

held at the Shire Hall, WEDDERBURN on TUESDAY the 11th. MARCH 1919.

PRESENT: Cr. Andrews (President) Chairman, Thomas, O'Brien, Kelly, Howe, White and Kiniry.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs. O'Brien & Kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence.

1—From Lands Department stating that the unused and unmade road on the north and east sides of the old S.S. site, parish of Kinypaniel, had been closed under the provisions of the Land Act.—Received.

2—From same intimating that application lodged with the department for 100 acres of land near the township of Rheola, which included the reservoir catchment area, had been declined.—Received.

3—From same, stating that the application has been made for sale by public auction of about 20 acres on the north side of the Ridings boundary road, and between allots 30 and 40, and 45 and 46—township of Whela—and asking if council had any objection to the sale.—Left in hands of Cr. O'Brien and the engineer.

4—From Public Works Department, replying to council's letter re non-enforcement of the Dog Act, pointing out that the Act makes is compulsory for a council to enforce its provisions, and does not leave it to the discretion of councillors.—Received.

5—From War Memorial Advisory Committee, intimating that free advice re designs, situation, etc., of war monuments and memorials may be obtained by communicating with the secretary, 57 Swanston Street, Melbourne.—Held over. On councillors suggestion we draw attention to the fact that this information is obtainable.

6—From Donald Ross, Gowar East, requesting permission to erect a low water bridge over the Avoca River, about two miles south of the main Wedderburn road.—No objection.

7—From Stanley R. Catts, complaining of road near T. P. Leach's homestead, Rheola, and stating that fence was in bad repair. He was prepared to erect a substantial fence and asked for permission to do so.—Referred to the engineer for report.

8—From P. J. Richmond, Wedderburn, asking to have water laid on to his property at the old brick kiln site in Godfrey street—Engineer to report at next meeting.

9—From F. J. Petterd, quoting prices for frames for soldiers' certificates—Cr. O'Brien said he would like to know the extent of the undertaking. Cr. Andrews said that the matter of expense should not be considered. The men were prepared to sacrifice their lives that we might still retain that liberty which we enjoyed. Cr. Kiniry moved that each councillor present a list of the men who left their respective districts at next meeting.

10—From J. W. Latta, Borung, asking permission to erect a telephone line across east and west road between W. Wright and C. Coutts, also across road at Mysia township.—Request granted.

11—From D. F. Gibson, shire valuer, stating that he had still to value the southern portion of the south riding, and remnants of the central. To compensate for the delay he would report on any individual property free of charge for the next three years.—Received.

1. Received.

2. ~~Referred to Cr O'brien and The Engineer (O'Brien & Howe)~~ Received.

3. Referred to Cr O'brien and the Engineer. (O'Brien & Howe)

4. Received.

5. Received.

6. Crs White and Kiniry moved that the Council offer no objection. CARRIED.

7. Engineer to inspect and report.

8. Engineer to inspect and report.

9. Held over. Councillors to supply lists of soldiers from their respective districts in order that some ideas of the number required may be obtained.

10. Crs Andrews and Chalmers moved that no objection be offered _ CARRIED.

11. Received.

ENGINEERS REPORT.

Clauses 1,2,4,5,& 6 were received.

Specifications as per clause 3 for works on the Borung Hurstwood Road to be referred to the Country Roads board for approval.

North Riding

1—D and F Butterick have come [illegible] their contract on the Borung-Hurstwood road, and are making good progress at the east end.

2—The bridge over the Kinypaniel Creek at Fernihurst has been repaired, 1500 super feet of grey box having been put in to replace the worst planks. Total cost £28.

3—Specifications have been prepared for 55 chains of loamed formation, etc, on the Borung-Hurstwood road between Perryman and Perryman, which if approved, I will submit to the Country Roads Board.

4—W Forster has completed his contract on the three chain road between Hunter and Bird, and has commenced the boundary work between Chalmers and Maloney.

5—I met Wm. Ball on the site of his contract at Day's crossing, and arranged for him to start work about the middle of next month.

6—S Crisp has almost completed his contract on the east and west road between Chambers and Williamson Wychitella.

Central Riding

7—Re Nesbit's request for a pump to be installed at the dam at Woolshed Flat. In view of the heavy rains I deemed it advisable to defer this matter till next summer when pumps will probably be cheaper.

8—I have had the Wedderburn reservoir drains cleared out, as owing to sillation, etc., they were overflowing in places.

9—The 12in pipe culvert across High Street, Wedderburn, from Barclay's corner to Brady's, is blocked, and the water regularly flows over the roadway, causing scours. An 10in reinforced concrete mouier pipe culvert would meet requirements. Cost, £35.

10—Tenders have been called for the construction of a crossing between Collins and Collins, Berrimal.

11—R J Rodgers has nearly completed his contract on the three chain road between Ryan and Gibson, Korong Vale. He has agreed to supply 150 cubic yards of maintenance metal to Korong Vale at 7s per yard.

12—I have arranged for S Crisp to construct approach to crossing across the ~~Avoca River~~ Tenlons Ck by Cain's property, Logan.

13—The area of the portion of the dredge lease reserved for gravel is 2a 2r 16p.

South Riding

14—On the Logan to Burke's Flat road there is a very bad patch about two chains long between Rodgers and Gilmour, which is almost impassable, and has been much complained about. I recommend that a stone crossing two chains long be constructed at a cost of £12.

15—W Taig has completed O'Shannessy's contract on the Brennanah road at McCumber's, for 40 chains of formation and five chains extra to connect up formations; also three days day labor further south, and patching on the Inglewood road.

16—S Crisp has commenced his contract at Vanrennan's. He has nearly completed 25 chains formation on Burke's Flat road.

17—On 26th ultimo Cr Howe and I met the Marong engineer at the Bridgewater bridge to discuss what was immediately required to be done to the bridge. We decided to recommend that tenders be called for 100 yards of ironstone metal and nine cubic yards of gravel blinding, which we propose to spread on the deck. I have arranged for Harding to effect repairs to the decking before this is gone on with. We agreed that the Korong Shire should carry out the work according to precedent.

18—Harding's contract on the Serpentine road at Coutt's swamp is now nearing completion. In recent rains the drainage there has proved very effective.

19—A and E Taig have commenced work on the contract at Gook's Serpentine road. The gravel is being taken from F Gibbons' property. He wrote objecting, but I have given a permit to the contractors under clause 501 of the Local Government Act.

A. J. E. GOURLAY,
6|3|19 Shire Engineer.

Clauses 7 & 8 were received.

" 9. It was resolved on the motion of Crs White & O'Brien to ~~XXXXXXX~~ write to the Country Roads Board re the and ascertain if they will do the work as permanent work.

" 10 & 11. were received.

" 12. On the motion of Crs Kiniry and White the Engineer's action was approved.

" 13 Received.

" 14 On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to call tenders for the work.

" 15 & 16 were received.

" 17. On the moiton of Crs O'brien & Kelly the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

" 18. Received.

" 19. On the motion of Crs O'brien and Howe, the engineer was instructed to estimate the compensation due to Mr Gibbon and offer payment accordingly.

20. Repairs to Sandy Creek Bridge/received.

21. Works at Pooles Corner. No action

22. Boundary Road at Brandrupps . Tenders to be called for the work and also for sundry repairs near the recreation Reserve at Woosang.

FINANCE.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly accounts amounting to

£338 :14: 8 on the General a/c of the Shire
356 : 7: 8 on the Country Roads Bd. a/c of the Shire
103 : 19: - on the Water A/c

were passed for payment.

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HEALTH OFFICER'S and HEALTH INSPECTORS REPORTS.

Dr. Taylor then tendered his annual report which was as follows:—The year 1918 has been, from a health point of view, satisfactory. No serious development of epidemic diseases. A few cases of diphtheria have been reported, also some severe cases of scarlet fever, and whooping cough milder than as usual. We had the influenza in the early spring. No typhoid fever came under notice, and there have been no deaths from tubercular diseases. The sanitary services have been satisfactorily performed, and township drains have been regularly cleaned. Slaughter yards have been kept in a reasonably satisfactory condition. Defects in Korong Vale drains have been attended to.

Dr. Deravin, health officer of the south riding for the past year had been good, with the exception of an epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria, five cases of each being reported, also one case of typhoid fever.—The report was received.

Constable Bertrand reported that drains and slaughter yards at Korong Vale were in satisfactory condition. Senior-Constable Linehan reported similarly.—Both reports were received

Health Officers' Reports.

The health officer for the central and north ridings (Dr. Taylor) reported as follows: —

Wedderburn and Korong Vale are now clean areas, no fresh cases having occurred for more than a fortnight.

All the cases are now convalescent. There have been 50 cases, with 4 deaths—2 at Wedderburn and 2 in Korong Vale. The type of the disease has been a severe one, and under the circumstances the death rate may be considered low. I have performed 2082 inoculations and of those inoculated twice only one case of influenza developed and that was of the severe pneumonic type with, unhappily, fatal results, but the patient was probably infected before the second inoculation was performed. I beg to acknowledge the assitance rendered the community by the residents of Korong Vale in organising the emergency hospital at the State School, the committee who undertook the arduous duties of its management, and Miss Rinder and the staff who acted as nurses and orderlies. I also desire specially to acknowledge the action of Miss Rinder in most generously placing her home at my disposal for the reception of pneumonic cases. I have had the cordial co-operation of the local committee of Health, the Shire Secretary, Constable Bertrand at Korong Vale, and many others, whose assistance I beg to acknowledge. The school at Korong Vale has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, but as a preliminary measure I would suggest that before re-opening any of the schools used as hospitals, that the Department of Education be asked to send their expert fumigating staffs to supplement the measures already adopted.

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T E N D E R S.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the tender of JamesCrisp for works :- CONTRACT No.67.(Stone crossing?Excavation etc. across scour on the North and South Road between Collins and Collins)- at £7 was accepted , subject to the deposit being increased to £1.

During the proceedings of the Council (the standing orders having been suspended) Ex-Councillor Potter of Fernihurst was permitted to speak.

He complained that the drain that is being made in connexion with the works Contract 1P. & 2P. 1918/9 (C.R.B.) ~~were~~ was diverting water on to his property.

It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Country Roads Board, suggesting that the stops be put in , inorder to make the water go in its natural course.

O R D I N A R Y B U S I N E SS

On the motion of Crs Thomas and Chalmers the Engineer was instructed to have repairs affected to the main Boort- Charlton Rd.

Also to have a scour attended to near the Wychitella Railway Tank

also to attend to drains near Miss Hunters property on the Wychitella Sth. to Wedderburn Road.

BORUNG WEIGHBRIDGE@- On the motion of Crs Thomas and Chalmers it was resolved not to sel the Bridge to MrG.R.Beer.

ROAD LEASE TO JAMES SPEER.(between allots. 150 and 151a) Kinypaniel
On the motion of Crs Andrews and Kiniry it was resolved to offer no objection to the lease providing unlocked swing gates are provided at each end of the road.
(Crs Thomas and Chalmers voted against the motion)

MANSE BORUNG It was resolved on the motionof Crs O'Brien and Chalmers to exempt from rates the Manse at Borung and all property in the Shire used for a similar purpose.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC A/C 's

Accounts in connexion with the Epidemic and amounting to £ 405:10:10 were presented by the Secretary.

After considerable discussion it was resolved on the motion of Crs Kiniry and O'BRien that the a/c's be held over.

The Secretary was authorised to re-pay to Mr.A.Anderson an amount of£50 advanced by him to pay hospital acounts.

On the motionof Crs Kiniry and O'Brien it was resolved to communicate with the Secretary to he Hospital Committee pointing out that the cost of maintai ing the hospital worked out at he rate of 9/- per day per patient and suggesting that the proportion which would have to be met by the Council(4/6 per day per patient) be collected as far as possible from he persons treated , or that other steps which the Committe may deem advisable to raise the money be taken.

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MOTIONS UNDER NOTICE.

It was resolved on the motion of White and Kiniry that the Trespass Rates and Sustenance Charges at the Pound established at Wedderburn at allot 13. Section 12 - Parish of Wedderburn be as under

	Upon land other than tillage land.	Upon tillage land.	Amount to be charged for sustenance while impd.
Horse	-: -: 1	-: -: 6	-: -: 1
Boat	-: -: 1	-: 5: -	-: 2: 6
Pigs	-: -: 1	-: 10: -	-: 3:-
For every head of other cattle	-: -: 3	: 5: -	-: 2: -
Every Entire Horse			
Bull, Ram, £5 trespass			
Sheep & Mutton			

ORDINARY BUSINESS

On the motion of Crs Thomas and Chalmers the Engineer was instructed to have repairs effected to the main Boort- Charlton Rd.

Also to have a scour attended to near the Wychitella Railway Station.

Also to attend to drains near Miss Hunters property on the Wychitella Sth. to Wedderburn Road.

CONFIRMED.

W Best Andrews PRESIDENT.