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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG held at the SHIRE HALL, WEDDERBURN on TUESDAY

PRESENT:- Crs Andrews (President) Chalmers, Thomas Gray, Kiniry and White.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

1—From Country Fire Brigades Board, intimating that the amount due to the Board from this Shire for the year ending 31st December 1919 is £11 16s 9d.

2—From Lands Department, asking if Council has any objection of a dam being constructed by Mr J. J. Stewart on the old State school site, parish of Mysie.

3—From Municipal Association, stating in reply to Council's letter, that the Minister of Lands in reply to a deputation has agreed that the Department will in future notify Councils of leases, licenses, etc., of land.

4—From Borough of Wonthaggi, requesting this Councils support in an endeavor to induce the State Government to bear the whole of the expense in connection with the Influenza Epidemic.

5—From Edith Cavell Special Appeal Committee, soliciting support in connection with the appeal on behalf of Sick Incapacitated and Necessitous Military Nurses.

6—From Public Works Department, re Commonwealth Grant to Municipalities of £759 to be used for for the employment of Returned Soldiers.

7—From E. Jowett Esq, M.H.R., submitting information re the above, and expressing the hope that the Council would be able to avail itself of the provisions of the Governments offer.

8—From Peace Celebrations Committee, suggesting a programme for the celebration of Peace Day.

9—From Education Department, stating in reply to Council's letter re fumigation of Korong Vale State School, that the Department's fumigator had not resumed duty after being on active service and that if the local Health Officer were satisfied, the Department would offer no objection to the school being opened.

10—From Education Department, drawing attention to a paragraph in "The Age" which stated that the Korong Vale State School had been opened without proper disinfection and in defiance of the Hospital Committee.

11—From Wedderburn Race Club, requesting permission to charge at gates of Racecourse in connection with the meeting to be held on Wednesday the 19th April, the proceeds of which are to be divided between the Local Repatriation Committee, the Wedderburn Brass Band and the Race Club.

1. Received.

2. Held over for further information.

3. Received.

4. Support to be given.

5. On the motion of Crs O'Brien & Kelly resolevd to donate £2/2/-

6. After considerable discussion and proposal to plant vacant lands with suitable timber trees; to enlarge the Wedderburn Reservoir; to build a new Shire Hall, to make a supplementary reservoir at Korong Vale had been defeated, it was resolved on the motion of Crs Andrews & White to utilize the money in employing returned soldiers on road works throughout the Shire.

Held over.

Held over. See page 127

7. Received and dealt with - with Clause 6.

8. Resolved on the motion of Crs Gray and White to invite the Korong Shire Patriotic League to undertake - on behalf of the Shire - arrangements for peace celebrations, without promise of monetary assistance.

9. Received.

10. The secretary stated that a reply had already been sent, accompanied by a statement giving the report an emphatic denial, and it was resolved to take no further action.

11. Permission granted on the motion of Crs Gray and Kelly.

South Riding.

14—Tenders have been called for the supply of 100 cubic yards of ironstone, etc, to the Bridgewater bridge. The approval of the Board to this is not to hand yet; but will be forthcoming shortly.

15—Tenders have been called for the crossing on the Logan-Burke's Flat road, between Rogers and Gilmour.

16—Specifications have been prepared for work on north and south road between Lyon and Lyon, Kinypaniel. These works are urgent.

17—On the north and south road between Cornish and Matthew, Kinypaniel, a 2 chain stone invert, drainage and check bank, are urgently required to be done as this road is impossible in wet weather. Contractor Rodgers being in the vicinity it would be a good opportunity to get this done at schedule rates or as day labour.

18—S. Crisp has made good progress with his works near Vanrenan's on the Emu-Logan and Logan Burke's Flat roads; and ought to finish about 12th inst. A request has been made for an extension of the formation for 4 chains north to connect up with existing gravel formation.

19—I have authorised W. Taig to put in three days clearing drain and filling scours by O'Keefe's on Inglewood road; also patching further west.

20—Harding has completed his contract on the Serpentine road at Coutt's swamp except for final rolling and trimming up.

21—Taig Bros. have completed about 25 chains of gravelling on the Serpentine road by Geok's and Redwood's.

12. From the Railway Department granting permission to make certain connexions with the Departmental Mains at Wychitella under ceratins conditions.
Left in the hands of the Shire Engineer to make the best arrangements with the ratepayers. The work to be done only on condition that the ratepayers bear the whole of the cost. (Motion of Crs Thomas & Chalmers)

13. From the Country Roads Board approving of Specifications for works on the Bridgewater Bridge - Contract 4M. 18/19.
RECEIVED.

Dr Wilkinson
14. From ~~Dr Deravin~~ reporting a case of Diptheria at Salisbury West.

Received.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT (A.J.E.Gourlay)

1—W. Foster has completed 20 chains of formation on the boundary road between Chalmers and Maloney; also one stone invert 1½ chain long. He has commenced topping up the existing formation for about 15 chains on the 3 chain road between Thomas and James.

2—I inspected the north and south road by M. Hunter. Any damage which may be occurring to his paddock through scours, etc, is not caused by the drain being silted. It would be of no advantage to clean out this drain for a few chains; it would need to be continued 20 chains at least to the nearest depression if anything were done.

3—D. and F. Butterick are making good progress with their contracts on the Borung-Harstwood road. Conditions so far having been in their favour. Approximately 140 chains have been completed. Mr Kemp, of the C.R.B., acquiesces in my decision to put up the banks opposite the depressions on account of Potter's complaint.

4—Re the contract for 55 chains of forming and loaming at the west end of Butterick's contract which we propose to let; the C.R.B. will most likely class this as a maintenance work.

5—R. J. Rodgers has commenced work on his contract between Speers and Bell, Borung. The length of the crossing allowed in the contract being totally inadequate, I have authorised an extension up to 3 chains. I have also authorised him to do repairs by daywork to the same road near the railway crossing and on the north and south road between Gray's paddocks.

Central Riding.

6—Tenders were called returnable 29th ult. for the work at Brandrupp's and near the Woosang Recreation Reserve. J. Ross was the successful tenderer.

7—On 23rd ult. at the instance of Messrs Ross and Lang, I inspected the road between Rogerson and Lang in company with them. I recommend that £6 be spent throwing up banks which will confine the flood waters to their natural courses. The central formation also requires patching. Most of the damage to this section of road is caused through an old brick bank having cut away.

8—I have authorised W. Foster to repair a dangerous scour on the Wychitella road between Brown and Nisbet; also sundry other repairs by day work.

9—G. Taylor has commenced work on his contract between Stephenson and Stephenson and between Sutton and Finch on the north and south road. He will finish there on Saturday and will then commence work at Kellett's.

10—on the Wehla road between Papworth and Rinder the drain on the west side has scoured about 4 feet deep and at one place in particular has commenced to cut into the road. I recommend that £10 be spent in remedying this with hard-packed stone work and in sundry other repairs along this road.

11—R. J. Rodgers has completed his contract on the 3 chain road between Ryan and Gibson, Korong Vale; also 3½ chains extra foundation and 1 chain stone crossing.

12—Re the proposed culvert across High St., Wedderburn, to take storm water, estimated to cost £35.—I interviewed Mr Kemp, of the C.R.B., on the matter and he had no doubt that the Board would agree to bear a proportion of the cost.

13—Re application to purchase 20 acres of land in the township of Wehla—On 2nd April I inspected this block and interviewed settlers and there is no objection to the sale of it.

Additional matters coming within the scope of the engineer's supervision were agreed to as follows:—(1) Resolved to grant the application of P. J. Richmond to have water laid on to his factory at Wedderburn, providing he pays half the cost of piping, does the work of connecting, and instals a meter. (2) Repairs required between Kelly's and Kelly's, Glenalbyn.—Tenders to be called at next meeting. (3) Road near T. Leach's, Rheola. Permission was granted to S. R. Catto to erect a fence on the road side of the scour, the work to be done under the supervision of the engineer. (4) It was reported that, in addition to the repairs required to the Bridgewater bridge as per clause 14, repairs to the woodwork were required, and the engineer was authorised to have same carried out.

Health Reports.

Dr Taylor (shire health officer) reported:——"Since my last report a case of pneumonic influenza—a railway driver on Sea Lake—Korong Vale section, was reported from Inglewood Hospital. I isolated contacts for one week and had bedroom at the hotel fumigated. There has been no further spread of the disease. Two cases infected in Melbourne, were seen by me at Kinypaniel. Contacts were isolated and quarantined, and there has been no further spread. Two cases of diphtheria have occurred at Wedderburn. One case was fatal, due to heart failure from toxaemia of 3 weeks duration. There having been a recrudescence of the influenza epidemic in Melbourne, residents of the country district should be strongly advised not to visit the metropolis at present.

Inspector McKinnon reported that the condition of the drains and sdaughter yards, and the sanitary state of Wedderburn generally was satisfactory.

Inspector Bertrand reported that Korong Vale generally was in a satisfactory condition, but that certain drains required re-grading in order to facilitate drainage. The shire engineer was authorised to have the necessary work done.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 Received.

4. In theevent of the Country Roads Board classing same as maintenance, further application to be made to have the work classed as Permanent Work.

5. Engineer's action approved .(O'Brien & Kelly)

6. The Engineers action was approved on the motion of Crs White & Gray.

7. Recommendation adopted . It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and Gray to call tenders for he work.

8. Engineers action approved. Clause 9. Received.

10. Work to be done .Also removal of fallen tree & silt from drain (O'Brien & Gray)

11. Received. ~~12. The~~-------

12. On the motion of Crs Gray & Kiniry the Engineer was instructed to prppare a report re cost etc. of putting in three aquaducts at Chapel, Kerr & Godfrey Streets.

13. On themotion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to offer no objection to the proposed sale.

14. Work to be done also repairs to the woodwork of the Bridge. (The atention of the C.R.B. to be called to the probability of Traction Engine traffic over the Bridge) (O'Brien and Kelly.)

15. Received . 16. Tenders to be called for the work (Kelly & O'Brien)

17. On the motion of Crs O'Brien & Kelly it was resolved to do the work by day-labor or at Schedule rates .

18. Extension to be carried out at schedule rates.

19. Engineers action ap proved . 20. Received. 21 . Received.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT (continued)

22. It was resolved on the motion of Crs Gray & White to grant the application provided the applicant (P.J.Richmond) pays half the cost of the piping , does the work of connecting & instals a meter.

23. Works between Kelly & Kelly . Resolved to call tenders for the work. (O'Brien & Kelly)

24. Resolved on the motion of Crs O'brien & Kelly to grant the application of S.R.Catto to erect a fence on the road side of the drain near T.Leach's Kneola. Work to be done under the supervision of the Shire Engineer.

25. On themotion of Crs O'Brien & Kelly the Engineer was instructed to have necessary repairs effected to the woodwork of the Bridgewater Bridge, before the work as specified in Contract 4M.C.R.B is carried out.

HEALTH OFICER'S REPORT.

The report of the Health Officer as (DrTaylor- ins shown on the attached printed report was read and received on the motion of Crs White and Gray.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The report of Inspector McKinnon as shown on the attached printed report aws read and received on the motion of Crs Gray and White.

The report of Inspector Bertrand as shown on the attached printed report was read and received on the motion of Crs Kiniry and White.

Re the drain requiring attention it was resolvd on the motion of Crs Kiniry and White to have the work done in accordance of the recommendation ofthe Engineer(Feby .report clause 9)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary (Mr E. Hargreaves) reported:—1. Receipts for the quarter January 1st, 1919. Rates Current £2016/-2/3; rates arrears £9/10; rates interest 5/; sanitary rates, Wedderburn £41/5; sanitary rates, Korong Vale £25/3; contractors deposits £71/4; asphalting charges, half cost £7; Wychitella water rates £6; slaughtering licenses £4; weighbridge rents £5; weighbridge receipt books 16/; rabbit poison sold 5/; workers' compensation £5; rate certificate 1/; Country Roads Board commission on works £21/10; withdrawal from State Savings Bank £17; withdrawal from Commonwealth Savings Bank £15; inoculation charges refunded £3/2/6; repayment of advance water, etc £72; repayment of advance interest, etc £9/4/6; cheques repaid to bank £5/11/6. £2/10. £2/16/-, total £2340/16/5. Financial position of ridings.—North Riding credit £46/16/5; Central debit £1331/8/8; South Riding credit £121/2/11; Trust account, riding credit £212/2/10; bank balance, debit £28/15/2; less cheques issued £13/ £935/18; Plus unpresented cheques 6/8, net debit balance £916/6/6. The above statement does not include to-day's pay sheet. 2.—Current rates collected since the beginning of the financial year amount to £2363/15/9, leaving £1715/6/3 uncollected. £107/7/2 arrears of rates have been collected, leaving £94/5/11 of arrears uncollected, and a total of outstanding rates amounting to £1809/11/2. 2.—Water account. Receipts to quarter—Rates current Wedderburn £103/2; rates current Korong Vale £44/10; rates arrears Wedderburn £2; rates arrears Korong Vale £7/16; rates interest 5/9; meter installation charges £21/7/4; meter installation interest £1/2/3; water sales per meter 8/; water sold at standpipe £1/ 18; reticulation charges £2/9; total £184/18/4. Credit balance at bank, £74/14/1, of which £53/6/8 belongs to Wedderburn and £21/7/5 o Korong Vale. 4.—Wire netting account, instalments £80/3/4; interest £11/1/4; total £91/4/8. 5.—Country Roads Board account. Refunds have been received as under—Serpentine road, permanent work £792/ 3/8; Bendigo-Charlton road, maintenance £30/10, total £822/16/8.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary's Report submitted as above was received and adopted on the motion of Crs Thomas and O8brien.

TENDERS

Tenders.

Tenders were accepted as follows—

Contract 68.—Works on boundary road near Brandrupp's and near the Recreation Reserve, Woosang.—John Ross, £22/9/8.

Contract No. 69.—Stone crossing on the Logan-Burke's Flat road between Rogers and Gilmour's.—S. F. Crisp, £16/17.

Country Roads Board contract No. 4M. 18/19.—Supply, spreading, etc of 100 cubic yards of ironstone and 9 of gravel binding on the Bridgewater bridge, Bendigo to Charlton road.—F. J. Harding, subject to the approval of the board.

Contract No.

68. Tender of John Ross at £22:9:8: to be accepted.

69. Tender of S.F.CRISP at £16:17:- to be acepted.

4M.18/19 C~~&~~R~~&~~B~~&~~ Tender of F.J.HARDING at £39:1:6 to be acepted subject to the approval of the Country Roads Board.

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F I N A N C E.

On the motion of Crs Thomas & Chalmers accounts amounting to

£345 / 18/ 10 on the General Account of the Shire &

£220 / 10/ - on the Country Roads Board of the Shire , were passed for payment.

CONTRACT CANCELLED:- ON the mtionof CrsChalmers and Gray it was resolved to notify W.Ball that owing to wokrks in Contract No.12-1917/8 not having been completed according to agreement , the contract would be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

It wasresolved on the motionof Crs Thomas and Chalmers to re-advertise the work.

RE Employment of Returned Soldiers and grant of £749 to the Shire out of the Commonwealth Grant of £500,000.- it was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Andrews to ~~XXXXXXX~~ advise to the Public Works Department of the Councils Scheme for employing the soldiers . Intimate on what works it was proposed to spend the money and request approval.

S O L D I E R ' S C E R T I F I C A T E S.

Cr Gray submitted a report re samples obtained and recommendation to the Council that the Yarrawonga design be adopted for presentation to soldiers and that the Memorial Design be presented to relatives of fallen soldiers. That the pressed pine frame as submitted be obtained for the soldiers certificates and the frame of Australian Oak for the memorial design.

On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Chalmers the recommendation was adopted.

It was resolved on the motionof Crs O'Brien and Andrews to order 100 frmes for the Yarrawonga Design and 100 for the memorial design and 100 certificates of each design,providing the printers will agree to supply additional orders at the same rate.

TIMBER TRAFFIC FROM FOREST AREAS.

Cr OBrien reported having attended the conference in Melbourne re the above question , he submitted a statement as under :-

Korond Shire comprises 913 sq. miles . State Forests56.7 sq.miles Eucayptus Oil Reserves 24.5 sq. miles Crown Lands 29.8 ; other rese rves 10- Total 121.4 sq.Miles non revenue producing (not including roads) roads Therateable area is 792 sq.miles . A rate of 1/6 in the £ gives a revenue of £4079 , or an average of£5/3/- per sq.mile. On the same basis the 121 sq.miles of Forests would give a rate revenue of £635.
If the whole of the endowment (£323) were deducted there is a bal- ance due by the ~~State~~the Korong Shire of £312 annually for services rendered to State Forests? Eucalyptus Reserves etc., in making roads. There are 1452 miles of roads in the Shire , rate revenue £4079 - equals £2/16/- per mile of road. Main roads alone comprise 452 miles, equals £9 per mile of the 1452 miles. There are 600 miles of main roads in County Kent , England, and the cost of maintenance is £203/9/- per mile.
Nearly 9000 tons of timber were trucked outwards last year from Railway Stations within this Shire. This does not include a considerable tonnage trucked from Goldsborough, Lranelly , Bealiba and Emu , which was carted from the Korong Shire. 9000 tons at 6d. royalty would only give £225 yearly ~~XXXXXX~~ revenue. 3d. per ton equals £112.

The above 9000 tons are made up from stations within the Shire as follows:- Arnold-1047 ; Bulabul 30; Bridgewater-139 ; Inglewood 532; Kurting1519; Glenalbyn 1701; Wedderburn 3530; Wedderburn Junct.116; Korong Vale 254; Borung 38 ; Mysia -- ; Wychitella --; Buckrabanyule--; TOTAL 8906 Tons.

On the motion of Crs Gray and White the thanks of the Council was tendered Cr O'Brien for having given his time to the Council and for his valuable report.

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INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC ACCOUNTS.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the Secretary was authorised to to pay accounts in connexion with the above epidemic amounting to approximately $420 pounds.

RE EMPLOYMENT OF RETURNED SOLDIERS AND GIFT TO THE SHIRE OF £749 OUT OF THE COMMONWEALTH GRANT OF £500,000.

On the motion of Crs O'brien and Kelly it was resolved to accept the gift from the Government.

A motion by Cr Gray "That the Council concentrate its efforts upon spending the money as a whole on one scheme" lapsed for want of a seconder.

Cr Gray moved that the money be utilized in planting vacant lands with suitable timber trees (There was not any seconder.

After further discussion Cr Kelly Suggested that a new Shire Hall be built and that the money be spent on labor in connexion with such building. Supported by Cr Gray. -- ~~The motion was lost~~ Cr Kelly intimated that he was not prepared to move at that stage

CrGray moved that the money be spent on enlarging the water supply storage at Wedderburn. (The motion was not seconded)

Cr Andrews moved that the money be spent in employing returned soldiers on roads works throughout the Shire. Seconded by Cr White.

Cr Gray moved as an amendment "That a supplementary reservoir be made at Korong Vale". Seconded by Cr Kiniry.

The amendment was lost and the motion carried.
Voting for the amendment Crs Gray, Kiniry & Kelly.
" Against " " Crs Andrews, White, O'Brien, Thomas & Chalmers.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER

Cr Kiniry Inspect road between Perryman and Henderson, Woolshed Flat, Inspect crossing near Cavruthers, Woolshed Flat. Have scour between Fahey and Fahey on the Korong Vale Borung Road attended to.

CrWhite- Inspect and report on scours between Ross and Ross, Berrimal and the Wedderburn Berrimal Road, also scour on the N. & S. Road between Hauser and Baker Berrimal.

CrThomas- Inspect the decking at Ennis's Bridge, reported to be dangerous Inspect and have the decking of bridge on Dobsons Road attended to Between T.Roberts mallee block and W.Hindsons. Inspect and take necessary action to prevent water crossing and injuring formation between Birds and Railway line, East and West Road Parish of Woosang. Inspect and report on the scour near letts gatehouse , and take any necessary steps to prevent accidents by fencing off the scour.

Cr O'Brien - Remove fallen tree and clear silt from side drain between Papworth and Rinder- Wehla Road.

WORKS TO BE DONE OUT OF GIFT OF £749.

Cr.O'Brien - Gravel and make road near Emu Railway Station.

Cr Kelly - Form and gravel road running from Kurting Rly Station north via- Taigs and Locketts.

Form and Gravel Inglewood Road and Powlett road opposite the old Maxwell Mine.

CONFIRMED:-

Robert Andrews

13/5/1919.