Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING of the COUNCIL of the SHIRE OF KORONG held at the SHIRE HALL, WEDDERBURN on TUESDAY the 11th FEBRUARY, 1919 at 11 a.m.

Present:- Crs. Andrews (President) Gray, White, Kiniry, Howe, Kelly & O'Brien

Apology from Cr Chalmers - illness in home.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of O'brien and White.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1—From Lands department intimating that 2 acres 2 roods 16 perches in the township of Wedderburn has been gazetted a gravel reserve—

2—From Department of Public Works referring to the fact that the amount of money spent last year was greatly in excess of the proposed expenditure as provided for in the estimates, and urging greater care in that direction; also pointing out that the non-enforcement of the Dog Act was a breach of the Act.—

3—From same, asking if council has any objection to east and west road between allots 150 and 151a, parish of Kinypaniel, being leased to James Speer, Borung—

4—From Country Municipal Association, forwarding copy of letter from the Lands department refusing the association's request for a list of names of persons to whom licenses and leases have been granted on the ground that the information was contained in the Government Gazette. The association considered that too much time was spent by Shire secretaries in perusing the Gazette, and pointed out that the work of issuing notices could be done for 6s 8d if the desired information were obtained, as against £10 under the present condition of affairs—

5—From Borough of Maryborough bringing under notice a resolution passed by that council to the effect that level crossings on railways should be abolished—

6—From Borough of Inglewood, intimating that a temporary hospital was being established in Inglewood, and asking this council to bear cost of treatment of any patients admitted from this shire—

7—From First Victorian Town Planning Conference and Exhibition, intimating that the conference would be held at Ballarat from 27th to 29th March, and requesting that council be represented—

8—From City of Bendigo, soliciting council's support in a movement to induce the Government to introduce an amendment into the Country Roads Board Act providing that the Roads Board be empowered to take over, as National Roads, such sections of the Main Roads as, in its opinion, are not materially advantageous to the municipalities through which they pass, or those adjacent thereto—

9—From Mr I. J. Weaver, M.L.A., stating that he would do all he could to prevent any alteration in the Width of Tyres Act—

10—From G. R. Beer, Borung, asking is the council would dispose of the weighbridge at Borung—

11—From Jas. Nisbet caretaker of the mining dam at Woolshed Flat, asking for power to stop certain discrepencies which occur in regard to the use of the water—

12—From H. H. Turnley, proprietor of "Loddon Valley Courier and Farmers' Advocate," Tarnagulla, soliciting shire advertising—

From M Richmond, Principal Collingwood Technical School, stating, in answer to council's enquiry, that it would probably be better for the council to obtain the frames locally—

14—From D. W. Paterson and Co., quoting for frames for certificates—

1 1. Received. Engineer to endeavor to have a larger area reserved.

2. Crs O'Brien and White moved that the Department
a. be informed that the increased expenditure was brought about by the exceptionally wet winter.
b. That the Council does not consider it advisable to enforce the Dog Act at the present juncture.

3. Held over.

4. Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White to communicate with the Country Municipal Assn. expressing appreciation of its efforts and to urge that the matter be pressed with the Department

5. Received.

6. Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly to inform the Boroung of Inglewood that the Shire will ~~pay its share~~ bear the cost to be Borough Counc of patients admitted from this Shire, but to suggest that in the event of large expenditure being necessary, the three Sth Riding Crs. be consulted.

7. Received.

8. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and White it was resolved to support thr movement.

9. Received.

10. Referred to North Riding Councillors.

11. On the motion of Crs Kiniry & Gray it was resolved " That the caretaker be instructed to repair the fence and that he be informed that his duties include caretaking of the pump when same is placed there.

12. Received.

13. Held over.

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15. D.F.GIBSON (VALUER (Reported re the valuation of the Shire. Submitting valuations of the North and Central Ridings and sating that he would complete the balance (part of) of the Central Riding and the South Riding before next meeting without fail.

16. F.NISBET, and 12 other ratepayers requesting the erection of a pump on the Woolshed Flat Mining Dam.

On themotion of Crs Gray and Kiniry it was resloved to grant the request and to have the pump erected.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

North Riding

1—S Crisp has commenced his contract for 3 stone crossings, drainage, etc., on the east and west road between Chambers and Williamson, Wychitella.

2—Forster has completed 15 chains of forming and loaming between Hunter and Bird, Buckrabanyule. Arrangements have been made for him to do the boundary work between Chalmers and Moloney at schedule rates.

3—D and F Butterick commence work on the Borung-Hurstwood road on the 9th inst.

4—Wychitella Water Supply—The majority of the consumers were not in favor of paying their proportion of the cost of laying a 2in. main from the horse trough to Walker's corner. I have written to the Victorian Railways for permission for Vanderbist and Hindson to connect to the 2in. main laid to the horse trough. No reply is yet to hand.

5—I have made arrangements for 1500 super feet of grey box decking to be put in to replace the worst planks in the Kinypaniel Creek bridge.

Central Riding.

There is now only 9 feet of water in the Wedderburn reservoir. I would recommend that the watering of gardens be prohibited until further notice.

7—W Crisp, the dayman for Wedderburn, being quarantined, I put J. Thompson on in his place. The latter, however, got a sunstroke on Thursday, and I have now arranged for R D. Forster to put in 3 days a week on the drains, etc., until Crisp is again available.

8—I tested the Korong Vale weighbridge, and found that it was weighing correctly.

9—Street drains, Korong Vale—The drains which have been causing complaint are the drain in the right-of-way at the rear of Jewell's Hotel, and the drain on the north side of the 3 chain road by Greig's. The former is a brick drain which, owing to having no fall and to disrepair, is holding all the slop water, etc, which flows into it, for 5 chains. In the case of the drain by Greig's, which is an earth drain, the water lies in this also, as it has not sufficient fall for 4 chains. A further length of 1 chain 40ft. by King's requires lifting, re-setting and re-grading. The cost of lifting and re-laying drains and 4 chains of new brick drain by Greig's would be approximately £12.

10—Complaint by Poole of drainage conditions, allots 17, 18, parish of Kooreh. — On 22nd ult. Crs Gray, White and Kiniry and myself interviewed the ratepayers concerned and inspected the properties. Summing up, we decided that if there has been any diversion of water, the council is not concerned in it, inasmuch as it does not affect our roads. Anything that may have been done to divert is purely a matter between the owners concerned. A council drain along the north side of allot 27a for about 20 chains has scoured very deep, and there is a danger of the fence being undermined in the future. The purchase of a strip of land half a chain wide, and the removal and re-erection of the fence would overcome the difficulty.

11—On the north and south road between Collins and Collins a bad scour extends across the road. £6 is required for cutting down the banks and making a log crossing.

12—R J Rodgers has commenced his contract on the three-chain road between Ryan and Gibson, Korong Vale.

13—At the south west corner of allot 38, parish of Berrimal, a bad scour extends across the road, which is impassable. Mr Reed has offered to give us sufficient land to allow traffic to pass if we move the fence. The acquisition of an area of 24 poles would be sufficient to allow traffic to pass.

South Riding.

14—Harding is making good progress with his contract on the Serpentine road at Coutts' swamp, and ought to complete it during March. I am exercising careful supervision, and the work so far has been satisfactorily carried out.

15—W Taig has almost completed O'Shannessy's contract on the Brenannah road at McCumbers; and 5 chains extra. He is putting in three days filling scours and throwing up check banks on the same road between Leach and Morse.

16—The work of repairing Sandy Creek bridge is in hand and will be completed about the 12th inst.

17—Temporary repairs have been effected to the Bridgewater bridge.

18—I have inspected the Kingower road between Davies and Rumgay. The work urgently required comprises 7 chains formation, 9 chains clearing, 5 check banks, 34 chains of side drains and filling scours, and two small crossings. Cost, £30.

19—G E Taylor has commenced work on the north and south road between Sutton and Finch, Wehla.

A. J. E. GOURLAY,
10|2|19. Shire Engineer,

1. Received.
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9. The day man to be instructed to keep the drains thoroughly clean and disinfected.

10. On the motion of Crs Gray and White the report was received and ~~XXXXX~~ it was resolved to enter into negotiations with the owner for the purchase of the necessary ½ chain strip of land.

11. Members to be called for the work at next mtg. (Gray & White)
12. Received.
13. The offer was accepted with the thanks of the Council, & the Engineer was instructed to have the fence removed. (Gray and White)
14. Received
15. "
16. "
17. The Shire Engineer was instructed to arrange to meet with the Korong Engineer and CrHowe to decide the best means of repairing the Bridge. (O'brien & Kelly)
18. Tenders to be called for the work at May mtg. (O'Brien and Howe)
19. Received.

Clause 20. Gravel from Miss Ellis - Inglewood.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe the Engineer was authorised to have the gravel carted out and stacked - as per greement with Miss Ellis.

FINANCE.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and White a/s amounting to :-

£214 : 4: 5 on the General a/c of the Shire
280 :10: - " Country Rds.a/c "
44 : 4: 8 on the Water Account.

were apssed for payment.

HEALTH OFFICER'S
REPORTS

Dr Taylor reported re the "Influenza Epidemic" situation in the North & Central Ridings of the Shire and of the steps taken to cope with the disease and to prevent its spread. The following cases were reported :- Wedderburn 10 ; Korong Vale 27 ; Borung 3 ; Mysia 6 ; Kurting 4 . Toatal 50. (between 700 & 900 persons in oculated)

Dr Deravin reported re the situation in the South Riding of the Shire. Six cases had been reported . Between 300 & 400 persons had been innoculated.

INSPECTORS REPORT.

Inspector McKinnon reported the Sanitary Condition ~~in the South Riding~~ at Wedderburn to be satisfactory.

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TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received up till 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th February, for the following works :—

No 62 (Re advertised) — Supply of 300 cubic yards of maintenance metal on Korong Vale-Kinypaniel road at Korong Vale.

No 65—One stone crossing, 16 chains of side drains, etc., on the north and south road between Heenan and Steel, south of Wedderburn Junction railway station.

No 66—10 chains of Formation, Drainage, Filling Scours, etc., on the 3 chain old Inglewood road by Huggins', Fernihurst.

Copies of specifications and tender forms may be inspected at the Shire Hall, Wedderburn, and at the following places near the sites of the work as under :—

No 62—At Greig's store, Korong Vale.
No 66—Fernihurst Post Office.

Contract
62. On the motion of Crs. Gray and White it was resolved to offer Contractor R.J.RODGERS half the amount of his tender, to do half the amount of work.
Specification - 300 c. yds - Tender £114:7:6
½ quantity - 150 " @ 7/-½ " 57:3:9

65. On themotionof Crs Gray & White the tender of John Ross at £9:16:- was accepted.

66. On the motion of Crs Andrews & Kelly the tender of John Ross at £24: 11: 6 was accepted.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

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

Pound at Wedderburn.

On the motion of Crs White and O'brien MrJ.McHugh was appointed Poundkeeper to the Pound at Wedderburn Allot 13 Sec. 12 - Parish of "edderburn.

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 .

CrWhite moved that steps be taken to equip the "edderburn State School as an emergence Hospital . Seconded by CrKiniry and CARRIED.

On the motion of Crs Kiniry and White it was resolved "That an openair meeting be held in front of the Shire Hall , Wedderburn at 3 p.m. on Wednesday the 12 th February for the purpose of electing five citizens to act with the three Central Riding Councillors, the Health officer and the Shire Secretary as a Committee to equip and manage affairs in connexion with the emergency Hospital ~~at~~ to be established at he Wedderburn State School.

On the motion of Crs Kiniry and White it was resolved that :- "For the purpose of equipping and managing affairs connected ~~at~~ with the emergency hospital at the Wedderburn State School, a committee be appointed to include the three Central Riding Councillors , the Health Officer (DrTaylor - and the Shire Secretary (E.Hargreaves) and five citizens to be chosen by the public.
In all matters of finance the three Riding Councillors to have full control and assume full responsibility.

On the motion of Crs Gray and o'Brien it was resolved to insert a notice in the press intimating that owing to the excessive cost to the Council of innoculation the Council would be pleased to receive payment for innoculation from those who do not wish to avail themselves of the Councils generosity.

also

" That the Health Officers be instructed to enquire from those about tobe innoculated whether they desire to be innoculated ~~to be~~ at their own or the Councils expense "