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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 the 14th OCTOBER 1919, at 11 a.m.

PRESENT :- Crs Kiniry, (President) Hendrey, Kelly, O'Brien, Andrews & Thomas.

Apologies were received from Crs White (who was [illegible] Municipal Conference and from Crs Howe and [illegible]

CORRESPONDENCE.

1—From Victorian Town Planning Conference, desiring to know if this Council will be represented at the Conference to be held at Ballarat on 13th, 14th and 15th November next—

2—From Lands Department, outlining proposals which the Government is making for expediting soldier settlement—

3—From Insurance Companies, suggesting that the Council should protect itself against liability for accidents happening on roads, bridges, etc, throughout the Shire—

4—From Wangaratta Shire, forwarding copy of resolution passed by that Council re the proposed interference by the Government in the export and price of Rabbit Skins and suggesting that members of State and Federal Parliaments should be urged to oppose any such interference—

5—From Talbot Shire, intimating that that Council has placed on the agenda paper for the Municipal Conference, Thanking this Council for promised co-operation and requesting the support of the Council's delegate

6—From Health Department, intimating that in consequence of the decline in the Influenza Epidemic, the Government has determined that its liability for any expenditure in connection therewith shall cease as from the 15th Sept.

7—From St. Arnaud Hospital Committee, submitting claim for £14 representing extraordinary expenditure incurred in treating Influenza Patients from the Korong Shire—

8—From Inglewood Hospital Committee, stating that information has been received from the Central Influenza Committee to the effect that failing satisfaction in applying to the patients for payment, the committee should apply to the Council from whence the patients came—

9—From Country Roads Board, intimating that the undermentioned amounts have been allocated for the maintenance of main roads in the Shire. Barung Hurstwood road £200, Charlton-Bendigo road £270, Serpentine road £300.

MONSTER EFFORT.

10—From Inglewood Committee, requesting that steps be taken to have Wednesday October 29th proclaimed a Public Holiday in the South Riding of this Shire. A "Monster Effort" is being made on that day to raise funds for the erection of a monument to soldiers—

11—From Victorian Wheat Commission, intimating that if sufficient inducement is offered the Government will take steps to obtain supplies of cornsacks for the coming harvest—

12—From Taxpayers Association, expressing the opinion that owing to the gravity of the financial situation, the State Surplus of £330,000 should not be allocated, but should be set aside as a reserve to be held against a time when it will be needed. Soliciting Council's support in any endeavour to bring pressure to bear upon the Government—

13—From Management of the Industrial Australian and Mining Standard, intimating that it is proposed to publish a dealing with Local Government matters and desiring to know if this Council would support—

14—From F R Martin, making application to purchase roads near his property in the parish of Tchuter—

1. No delegate to be sent.

2. ~~XXXXXXX~~. Held in abeyance advise has been received that the proposals have been adopted.

3. The Secretary was instructed [illegible] inquiries.

4. It was mentioned that this [illegible] action in the matter, and the [illegible] was received.

5. Received.

6. Received.

7. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to refer the matter to the Health Department. The account to be paid on advice being received that the Health Department will refund half the expenditure.

8. Received.

9. Received.

10. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to apply for a holiday for the the South Riding and at the instance of Cr. Kiniry who mentioned that a carnival was also being held at Korong Vale on that date it was resolved to apply for a holiday for the Central Riding also.

11. Received.

12. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Thomas it was resolved to support the movement.

13. Received.

14. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved that the Engineer inspect and report to next meeting as to the necessity or otherwise of the roads.

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Correspondence (continued)

15—From Public Works Department, advising that Mr O Pitman has been appointed to audit the Shire book for the year ending 30th Sept. 1919—

16—From Charles Mitchell, applying for a return of the deposit of £5, lodged when he began the Sanitary Contract work at Korong Vale—

17—From J A Finch claiming £2, for gravel taken from property leased by him at Kurraca also to cover damage to fence and probable loss of sheep

18—From J W Latta, asking for permission to put up a bank under his fence along the three chain road running east and west in front of his house Borung—

19—From Health Department, forwarding instructions for disposal of equipment acquired in connection with the Influenza Epidemic—

20—From Dr Morris Jacobs of Bendigo Hospital, reporting a case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis from Korong Vale—

21—From Kowree Shire, expressing the opinion that all returned soldiers, not already qualified to vote for members of the Legislative Council, should have the right extended to them.

22—From Mrs M A Pratt, Wedderburn, applying for registration of her premises in Reef St. Wedderburn as a Private Hospital—

23—From Charles Fight, requesting permision to mine in the Market Square Wedderburn—

15. Received.

16. On the motionof Crs Hendry and Kiniry it was resolved to return the deposit.

17. On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Hendry the Engineer was instructed to confer with the landowners= the arrangements made between the landowner and the contractor.

453/ 18. On themotion of Crs Andrews and Thomas the application was granted.

19. Received.

20. Received.

453/6 21. On themotionof Crs Andrews and Hendry it was resolved to support the motion.

477 22. Referred to the health officer for report. (Motionof Crs O'Brien and Kelly.)

478 23. On themotionof CrsO'Brien and Kiniry it was resolved to refer the matter to the Shire Engineer to make full enquiries and report to next meeting.

476/ 24. Fom Wedderburn Football Club. Requesting Council to give consideration to a proposal to extend the Market Square Wedderburn on the East side to make same large enough for playing football.

On themotionof Crs ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Hendry & Kiniry it was resolved ~~it was~~ to refer the matter to the Shire Engineer to report as under:-

1. The necessity, or otherwise, of the road on the east side of the reserve
2. The possibility of securing the land.
3. The probable cost.

422/ 25. ~~Health Department~~ - requesting a report from the Health Officer as to the suitability, or otherwise, of the premises occupied by Mrs F.B.Handley in High Street, Wedderburn for the manufacture of aerated waters.

Referred to the Health Officer for report -(Motion of Crs O'Brien and Hendry)

429/ 26. From the Railway Commissioners intimating that the Commissioners will visit Korong Vale at 5.40 p.m. on the 22nd.inst and Wedderburn on the 23rd.inst.

The President agreed to wait upon the Commissioners and bring under there notice the shortage of trucks ~~th~~ at the various stations throughout the Shire.

Secaretary Report.

The Secretary reported that he Bank overdraft on 30/9/1919 was £326/14/8.

Chaques outstanding at that date amounted to £6/4/- while cash in hand amounted £79/16/10 making a balance of £1753/ 1/10 .

The financial position of the Ridings was as follows:-

North Debit £329/6/5 Central Debit 1310/12/9 Sputh -Debit £228/1/6

Trust Accounts credit - £114/18/10.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

NORTH RIDING.

1—Alterations have been carried out to the Wychitella Water Supply satisfactorily by the ratepayers, and the supply of water is now adequate.

2—Crisp and Ross have completed their contract on the Borung-Harstwood road by Perryman's satisfactorily. A stone crossing across the channel at the east end of the contract is necessary and I recommend that this be put in hand.

3—John Ross has completed 17 chains of forming on the 3 chain road by Robinson's, Mysia. This contract is not yet complete as the concrete pipes have not yet come to hand.

4—A new G.I. horse trough has been installed at Mysia.

5—I arranged with R. J. Rodgers to roll the gravelling done by the soldiers at Mysia and to rap down the larger stones. This has been satisfactorily completed.

6—R J Rodgers has completed his contract for 83 chains of formation etc, near the White Elephant dam Borung, and has constructed a stone crossing and 6 chains of loam formation on the east and west road by Hancock's.

7—S Crisp has completed his contract for 100 chains of drainage, etc, on the east and west road between Roberts and Morecroft Woosang.

8—John Ross has commenced his contract for 25 chains of formation, drainage, etc, on the Buckrabanyule road by Cosh's.

9—A separate report has been prepared re proposed siding into gravel pits between Wychitella and Korong Vale.

10—I inspected the Wychitella road from Donaldson's to Wychitella and and have noted what is required over the whole 11 miles of its length. The road throughout its length is badly scoured, existed drains are silted, new drains require to be made, stone crossings are required at intervals in several places gravelling is required in detached portions, while it would be advantageous to re grade several of the steepest hills and cut down sideling slopes, especially the ones by Edwards and between Tonkin and Symonds. All the works required are too numerous to detail in this report, their total estimated cost being £300. The most urgent works are 18 chains of drainage by Donaldson's and 2 small stone crossings; also 2 stone crossings and 3 chains of gravelling by J. H. Douglas and Le Sueur's. Check banks thrown up at intervals on the slopes and attention to drainage would save greater expenditure in the future.

Report will be found on file with correspondence

Central Riding.

11—The stone aprog and logwork in scour between Fahey and Fahey on the north and south road has been satisfactorily completed by Jas Crisp.

12—I inspected the road from Snake Hill to Henderson's Water Hole Flat. The road between Pratt and Barbers requires forming and draining throughout its length but 10 chains at the bottom of the hill where the clay is on the surface is more urgently required; between Smith and Jackson 20 chains of filling scours and formation is required. At the cross roads by Henderson's scours require filling and a 1 chain stone crossing requires to be constructed. Approx. cost £40. On road between Smith and Smith Waterhole Flat 2½ chains of stone crossings are required and 3 chains of approaches also 4 trees require grubbing approx. cost £24.

13—Wm Forster has effected repairs to the drain which was bringing down P D Ournow's fence on the St. Arnaud road.

14—A separate report has been prepared re Galloway's hill.

15—I inspected the Korong Vale weighbridge. The declining requires partially renewing, and the corner holds require replacing to prevent the bridge swaying when loaded. This latter I have instructed C. Mitchell to do. The new declining will cost approx. £3 when completed. The bridge is weighing correctly.

16—Reservoir Gardens 15 chains pathway requires weeding and sweeping 9ft wide, beds all require digging, plants trimmed up and approx 2 acres of leaves, etc, requires to be raked up into heaps and burned. A good man could do the work required in a fortnight.

17—I have instructed S. Crisp to repair scours and clean out drains on the Charlton road by Donaldson's.

18—I have written instructing Mr F. Griffiths to repair crossing on road by Mrs Machin complained of by P. Madden.

19—The east and west road between Chambers and Thompson Kinypanial is in a rough condition owing to some of the water from the 3 chain road draining on to it. A check bank is required at the corner by the 3 chain road to prevent this, and the 3 stone crossings required raising and the silt clearing away from the north side to allow the water to drain off.

South Riding.

20—Re the diversion of water on to the Kurting-Powlett road between Lamprell and Wilson. The overflow from E. K. Wilson's dam is diverted on to the road opposite his house, and T Wilson has a drain along the fence between allots. 4A and 4B which also diverts a large amount of water on to the road at one place out of its natural northerly course. The damage to the road owing to these two diversions amounts to £ 00. I recommend that both Wilsons be notified to fill their drains up to grass level and to allow the drainage to flow northerly in its natural course. E K Wilson has already agreed to do this if his brother also complies.

21—W Taig has completed 22 chains of formation on the north and south road between Petersen and Kelly, Powlett. I authorised him to do 12 chains extra formation, also day work patching the same road further south and drainage and filling scours on the north and south road by Hewston's.

22—D Butterick has commenced work on the north and south road between Grigg and Hendry Powlett.

23—I authorised W Taig to repair the crossings on the Inglewood road by Spears.

24—R Rodgers has made a start on Fahey's contract on the east and west road leading to the Kinypanial State School. At the east end of this road a dangerous scour right across the road requires stoning also the approaches to a culvert require repairing. This culvert has insufficient waterway and floods will always wash and the approaches unless they are stoned.

A. J. E. GOURLAY,
14.10.19 Shire Engineer

Clause 1. Received (2) It was agreed to have the crossing made

~~XXXX~~ Clauses 3,4,5,& 6 were received.

In regard to clause (6) Cr Andrews mentioned that a short formation was required to link up the old formation with the new , and suggested that that the work be done when the contractors are again in that locality.

Clauses 7 &8 were received. Claues 9 - Re Gravel Pit at Wychitella.

On the motionof Crs Andrews&Thomas it was resolved that the report lay on the table for one month and be read again at next meeting

Claues 10_ . Held over for one month.

CENTRAL RIDING.

Clause 11. Received . Clause 12. Cr Hendry suggested that the work be done At this satge the President drew attention to the necessity for ~~he~~ strict economy . He suggested that nearly all the works counld stand over for the summer months . He was supportdd by Crs O'Brien and Andrews _.

After further discussion it was resolved on the motionof Crs Hendry and Kiniry that the works in claues 12 be placed on the estimates for next year.

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ON PROPOSED DEVIATION, GALLOWAY'S HILL, ST. ARNAUD.

The President and Councillors.

SHIRE OF KOROG.

Oct. 14th 19.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit this report on the proposed deviation round Galloway's hill as follows:-
On 19th Sept. I took the levels for 59 chains and made a thorough inspection of the locality. As will be seen by the accompanying plan the grades on Galloway's hill are not steep, 1 in 27 being the grade of the steepest part. The sideling slope is on a grade of 1 in 18, which greatly increases haulage. The rough surface has also been partly the cause of complaints.
Taken on a basis of finance the deviation proposal has the preference as shewn below:-

DEVIATION.

	£	s	d
500 c. yds. excn. @ 2/-..	50	- 0	- 0
Purchase of land 20 acres @ £3.....	60	- 0	- 0
Survey fees, land transfer	10	- 0	- 0
40 chs. removing & re-erecting fence...	20	- 0	- 0
46 chs. gravelling @ £3..	120	- 0	- 0
	£260	- 0	- 0

Re-grading.

	£	s	d
Excavation 1353 c.yds. @ 2/6.	169	- 0	- 0
R. C. Culvert 3' x 2'.....	45	- 0	- 0
38 chs. gravelling @ £3....	114	- 0	- 0
	£328	- 0	- 0

The financial aspect however is not the only consideration.
In the first place something is lost by having a curve instead of a straight road; and again in the re-grading proposition enough excavati excavation is provided to fill the watercourse shewn on the plan at 40 chains, and provision is made for the construction of a reinforced concrete box culvert across it.
This in itself would be a great advantage as the road in this watercourse is naturally very bad after rain.
Of the two schemes I therefore recommend that the hill be re-graded as shewn on accompanying plan.
I have provided for gravelling in each case as the nature of the rock in which the cuttings would be made is such that it would soon powder up with the traffic and would need a hard surface to cover it.
This of course being an expensive item could wait for a year or two but would have to be done to perfect the works.

Yours obediently,

A.J.E.Gourlay

Shire Engineer.

please return

It was resolved on themotionof Crs O'Brien and Thomas that the matter be held over for the inspection of Central Riding Councillors.

TENDERS .

Contract 76. Construction of 4 cahins of brick drain at Korong Vale . and lifting and re-setting 7 chaind of existing brick drain at Korong Vale. Council to supply the bricks .

On themotionof Crs Kiniry and O'Brien the tender of James Crisp at £14/5/- was accepted.

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Engineer report (continued - see report opposite)

Central Riding.

Clauses 13 & 14 - Received . Clauses 15. Work to be done.

Clauses 16. Cr.Hendry moved that £5 be spent. There was no seconder.

The President suggested that the Secretary and Engineer might organise a working bee to do the necessary work.

Clauses 17 & 18 were received. Clause 19 .Work to be placed on the estimates.

South Riding.

Clause 20. It was resolved on the motionof Crs O'Brien and Kelly that the Engineer furnish Mr G.Wilson with a copy of the report dealing with his case and enquire if he is prepared to comply with the requirements of the Council.

Clause 21 . Engineers action approved. (22) Received.

23) Engineers action approved(24) To be placed on the estimates.

ADDITIONS TO ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Re Contract for works on the Kinypaniel Road. The Engineer was instructed to see that the banks are placed in the right positions.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Exors of W.A.MATTHEWS and enquire as to what is being done to remove the bank on her property.

The Engineer referred to the bad state of the road between Perryman and Henderson - Woolshed Flat , and on the motionof Crs Kiniry and Hendry he was authorised to have the work absolutely necessary done.

Re Contract No. 47 - It was resolved on the motionof Crs Thomas and O'Brien to notify the contractor P.STRACHAN that owing to the fact that his contract had not been satisfactorily completed , no further payments would be made and that his deposit would be forfeited.

Re Contract 19. It was resolved to notify J.M.CASTLEMAN that if the works in contract 19 were not completed to the satisfaction of the engineer , no further payments would be made to him on this Contract and that his deposit would be forfeited.

Contract 25. R.M.SOULSBY . Cr O'Brien moved that - Owing to the fact that the specifications were not at the place as advertised and that the contractor had tendered without seeing the specifications - his deposit be returned.

DEVIATION at GALLOWAYS HILL.

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Tenders-------

Contract No.4 P.~~XXXX~~ 19/20 -- Construction of Silt -pits etc. in [illegible] High Street , Wedderburn .

On the motionof Crs. Kiniry and O'Brien the Tender of James Crisp at £116-2-8 was accepted subject to the approval of the Country Roads Board.

F I N A N C E.

On the motion of Crs Thomas and Kelly accounts amounting to :-

Ell. 553.16.11 on the General Account of the Shire

£22-10- 0 on the Country Roads Board a/c of the Shire &

£3-12-7 on the Water Account were passed for payment.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

CULVERT NEAR MACEYS. Cr O'Brien instructed the Engineer to inspect and report as to thebest means of dealing with the rabbits and proving for traffic.

KORONG VALE WEIGHBRIDGE . It was resolved on the motionof Crs Hendry & O'Brien that the matter be left in the hands of Cr Kiniry.

CAPT. JACKA V.C., M.C. (his return) Cr White drewd attention -by letter to the fact that Capt.Jacka would soon be returning and suggested that the Shire should fittingly weelcome him . The President supported this opinion as did also other councillors . It was finally deicded to leave the matter in the hands of the President.

WEDDERBURN WATER SUPPLY STORAGE. At the instane of Cr.Hendry the Engineer was instructed to report at next meeting as to the advisability of raising the by-wash of the Wedderburn Reservoir.

WASTE OF WATER. On the motio nof Crs O'Brien ad Hendry the Engineer was authorised to cut off the supply of water , where there is evidence of waste- or where it isnot practicable to do this , to prosecute.

RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS VISIT . The Commisioners having intimated their intention of visiting Korong Vale & Wedderburn , the President agreed to wait upon them and bring under their notice the gravity of the situation in regard to the shortage of trucks.

DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS . Cr Andrews suggested tthat an endeavor should be made to get more of the raods throughout the Shire made under the Developmental Roads scheme , and on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Andrews the Engineer was instructed to mark on the Shire Plan the roads already submitted to the Country Roads Board to be classed as Developmental Roads.

SHIRE PLAN an EX -CR T.KELLY. At the suggestion of Cr O'Brien the Secretary was instructed to forward to ~~EXX~~ Ex-Cr Kelly one of the recently compiled Shire Plans .

EXTRAS TO CONTRACTS (additional) On the motionof Crs Kelly and Thomas additional extras to contracts amounting to £112/16/7 for the year ending 30/9/1919 were approved by the Council.

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RATES ABANDONED :- On the motion of Crs O'Briena- & Kelly

resolved to abandon rates as under :-

Rate No. 1082 a.	Railway House -Korong Vale vacant	£ --:	2 : 6
1088	" " " " "		5 : -
" 1551	Poyser - House removed		1-16 : -
	Total	: £2-	6 : 3

WATER SUPPLY.

Rate No. 52 (korong Vale) not included in the area Total -- £1 .....

WEDDERBURN WEIGHBRIDGE - The Secretary reported that the bridge had been let to a former lessee - Miss M. Stuart - at a rental of £1 (one pound) per year. His action was approved on the motionof Crs Hendry and Kiniry.

MXXXX MOTION UNDER NOTICE

Cr Kiniry moved that the valuation of the Shire made by D.F.GIBSON be adopted. Seconded by CrO'Brienand carried.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER.

CR.THOMAS :- To inspect and report on the condition and necessary work on the E. & W. three chain road from J.Hunters N.E. corner towards Boort and Charlton Road. --- Also to report on necessary works required on the North and South road off the above three chain road running south towards Railway Line especially as to the- al- large scour between Kelly and Jones.

Cr.KINIRY -Report on the Street by the Church of England -Korong Vale.

Report on the advisability of obtaining a piece of land on the west side of the Police Paddock leading to the Korong Vale - Cemetery

On the advisability of widening the lane leading along the Railway Line into Miss Rinders property -Korong Vale.

CR.HENDRY -- Inspect and report on the road from W.ROUNDS to Woosang State School near G.Bakers.

Report on the cost of channelling and the works necessary to divert the water from the creek to the propeosed " Grayes lake"

CR ANDREWS Inspect and report on thebridge between Bell and Leech property - Borung.

NOTICE OF MOTION GIVEN

Cr KINIRY gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council "That a rate of 1/6 in the £ on the Net Annual Value of the Shire - as shaown by the valuation made by D.F.Gibson - be made for the year ending 30/9/1920.

Aso that a Pan charge of 24/- per pan per annum be made for the year ending the 30/9/1920 be made in connexion with he Wedderburn Sanitary Service, and that a pan charge for the year ending 30/9/1920 ~~be-made-of~~ 30/- per pan per annum be made XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX in connexion with the Korong Vlae Sanitary Service.

PEACE LOAN - KORONG SHIRE QUOTA.

During the proceedings of the meeting-the standing orders having been suspended , Mr.H.J.Penrose ,attended the Council meeting and reported as to the amounts contributed through the various banks and credited to the Shire of Korong , as under :-

Bank of A/sia XXXXX , Wedderburn £8520 - Korong Vale 2690 : N.S.W. Ing. 2400

Vic.XXXX Bealiba 930 : Nat?Boort. £100 -- Nat B'water 520 , Vic. ing . 510

C'mth Bank _ £3550 - Savings Ing. £180 - St Aenaud £100 - P.POP, Wedderburn £210

P.O. Mysia £150 -- Toatal £19,860 .

Confirmed 11/November/1919
Peter W Kiniry
President