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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 11th.NOVEMBER 1919 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT:- Crs. Kiniry (President), Thomas, Chalmers, O'Brien ?Howe, Kelly, White, Andrews and Hendry.

MINUTES of theprevious meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs. Thomas and kelly.

CORRESPONDENCE

1—From Public Works Department stating that the price of 3ft 6in wire netting is now £66 10s per mile, and owing to a rise of £10 per ton in the price of wire the department could not state whether there will be any further fall—

2—From Quarantine Service Bureau stating that supplies of typhoid vaccine may be obtained through that department—

3—From Municipal Association, re the proposal to abolish 10th June for payment of rates, suggesting that the council should urge its parliamentary representative to oppose the Bill—

4—From Lands department re reservation of land near Vanrenen's in the parish of Tchuter for supply of gravel, stating that it had been found necessary to refer the matter to the Department of Mines—

5—From the Royal Insurance Co., stating the conditions under which public risk insurance policies are issued—

6—From Salvation National Headquarters, soliciting support in connection with the special appeal being made throughout Australia to raise £100,000—

7—From Municipal Association, requesting council to appoint a delegate to attend the special session of the association to consider the proposed Health Bill—

8—From same, stating that the case in connection with the Municipal Employees and Wages Claim would be heard during this month and requesting council to appoint witnesses who will be ready to attend and give evidence—

9—From State Rivers and Water Supply Commission stating in reply to correspondence that on the information supplied, an amount of £20 per per annum should be provided for depreciation in connexion with Wedderburn Water Supply and that an amount should also be provided in connection with Korong Vale—

10—From same requesting the reason for the proposed reduction in the water supply boundaries at Korong Vale—

11—From Korong Vale S.S. committee, requesting permission to erect two kiosks in the main street, Korong Vale on Flower Day—

12—From Dr. Deravin reporting a case of diptheria at Salisbury—

13—From Dr Jelbart stating that the hygienic principles had been observed in connection with the plant established by Mrs F. B Handley for the manufacture of aerated waters, and recommending that the application for registration be granted. The health officer recommends that, in view of the fact that in this and in other public utilities the town water supply will be drawn upon to its utmost limits during the summer, a sample of the water be submitted to the University Bacteriological department for report—

14—From Dr Jelbart recommending that the application of Mrs M A Pratt for registration of her premises as a private hospital be granted. Considerable improvements have recently been made on the building—

15—From Thomas Robinson, stating that he is now employed testing all the weighbridges in the Wycheproof and Charlton Shires, and offering his services should this council desire to have any bridges tested—

1. Received.

2. Received.

3. The Secretary reported that he had communicated with the Council's State Parliamentary Representative in accordance with he suggestion of the Association. His action was approved on the motionof Crs Kelly & O'Brien.

4. Received.

5. Received.

6. Received.

7. On the motionof Crs O'Brienand Thomas it was resolved to bring the matter under the notice of MR.I.J.Weaver M.L.A. and to request that in the event of the proposals of the Association being considered, an effort be made to obtain two representatives for the Shires, the Country cities to be represented along wi metropolitan municipalities by the other two members of the Board.

8. Left to the Country Municipal Association. (Crs.White and O'Brien)

9. Left in thehands ofthe Secretary.

10. On themotionof Crs Kiniry and White the ma matter was left in the hands of the Secretary to explain.

11. Permission granted on the motion of Crs Andrews and Thomas.

12. Received.

13. Resolved on themotionof Crs Kiniry and White to submit a copy of the H.O.'s report to th Health Department and to recommend that the application be granted. also on the motion of Crs.Hendry and White to submit to the Bacteriological Dept. a sample of the water from the Wedderburn Reservoir for report.

14. Resolved on themotion of Crs Kiniry and Wh White to submit to the Health Department a copy of the H.O.'s report and to recommen that the application be granted.

15. On the motion of Crs Andrews and White the Engineer was instructed to make an inspection of the Bridges and to test same

Correspondence (continued)

16. On themotionof Crs Andrews and Chalmers the Secretary was instructed to re-write to the C.R.B. pointingout that when the Deputation from the East Loddon Shire waited upon the Korong Shire Council requesting co-operation in the construction of the Hurstwood Bridge , this Council agreed to co-operate , only on th undersatnding that the East Loddon Shire would assist financially in the construction of the Borung Hurstwood Road.

17. Received.

18. On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to issue Final Notices to all occupiers who had not complied with the require ments of the Council, intimating that the obstructions must be removed.

19. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the Engineer was instructed to have the road attended to .

20. On the motion of Crs Howe and O'Brien it was resolved that the work be done.

21. cl(1) Received cl(2) Deposit to be forfeited on motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly.

22. (1st.part.) It was resolved on the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers owing to the shortage of funds and the cost of metalling to hold the matter over and to advise the East Loddon Shire accordingly.
(2nd.part) To advise the East Loddon Shire that this Council is not prepared to proceed with the works unless satisfaction is obtained from the C.R.B. re apportionment of cost of works.

23. received.

1J—From Country Roads Board stating that the Board had reconsidered its decision regarding the apportionment of cost of works on the Serpentine road, one-third of half the cost to be charged to East Loddon Shire. Re Borung-Hurstwood road, the Board does not consider it justifiable to charge any portion of the cost to East Loddon Shire—

17—From same approving of the tender of Jas Crisp for works in High street, Wedderburn—

18—From McKay and Thwaites, solicitors, advising of the steps taken re the Kinypaniel road and property occupied by Mr John Eeles—

19—From Rheola hall committee requesting repairs to road approaching the hall—

20—From C.R.B., approving of the proposal to tar paint the surface of the Bridgewater Bridge at an estimated cost of £6 6s—

21—From same approving of extras on C R B contract 5m, 18-19, on the Serpentine road near McLinden's, also approving of the forfeiture of deposit

22—From East Loddon Shire, re proposed works on Major's Line Road west of the Loddon River, stating that that council desires the road metalled and is prepared to pay half the costs also pointing out that there is about 15 chains of bad road on the Borungs Hurstwood road west of the Loddon in the Korong Shire, and that East Loddon Council would like similar action taken with respect to it. Requesting copy of engineer's report on estimated cost of same—

23—From Charlton Shire recommending that the tender of James Crisp at £64 be accepted for works near Buckrabanyule—

F I N A N C E.

On the motionof Crs O'Brienand Thomas accounts amounting to

£320:12:7 on the General Account of the Shire,

£13:9:6 on the Country Roads Board a/c of the Shire &

£29:1:11 on the Water Account -- were passed for payment.

Signatures for Bank etc.

On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved that the existing Councillors be authorised to sign cheques etc. on behalf of the Shire same to be counter signed by the Shire Secretary.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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North Riding

(1.)—S. Crisp has satisfactorily completed the stone crossing over the channel on the Borung-Hurstwood road by Perryman's.

(2.)—J. Ross has completed his contracts at Mysia for 17 chains formation and pipe culvert, and for 25 chains of formation, etc., on Buckrabanyule road by Cosh's.

(3.)—I have inspected the bridge on the Borung-Hurstwood road between Bell and Leech and find that it is in a fair state of repair.

(4.)—On the 3/11/'19 I inspected the 3-chain road between Hunter's and Jones, Buckrabanyule, and the N. and S. road between Jones and Kelly. On the 3-chain road in 152 chains there are ten watercourses crossing the road in a N. E. Direction. Most of these discharge easterly along the road, which has been considerably washed out already. To make matters worse there is an earth bank along the fence of J. James' land obstructing the flow of four of these watercourses at least. This road requires forming for all the 152 chains, and ten stone crossings require to be constructed. Cost: £200. A bad scour across the road between Jones and Kelly requires immediate attention: an apron and logwork require to be constructed. Cost: £12. The remainder of this road, although low lying, is in fair condition for a practically unused road.

Central Riding

(5.)—On 30th ult. I inspected Market Square with Mr. Flight, with a view to ascertaining the extent of his proposed mining operations. He proposes to sink two shafts one on the east side of the square and the other on the west; in both cases almost flush with the hedge. He does not propose to go deeper than 18ft. nor to drive more than a few feet. The shaft and drives are to be timbered. I recommend that the Council grant permission on condition that he undertakes in writing to limit the depths of the shafts to 20ft., and lengths of drives to 10ft.; to fence shafts in an approved manner not to encroach on the cricket ground; and to fill up and maintain the shafts for 12 months and leave the ground as he found it and to the entire satisfaction of the Council.

(6.)—Re application of Wedderburn Football Club to have Market Square extended eastwards.—The road on the east side is not a necessity although a few use it. The proposal to extend the ground 2 chains eastward would take in a strip of diggers' holes 1½ chains wide by 7 chains long; and the N.E. corner of the ground would come within a few yards of the existing rubbish tip. Approximate cost of filling up holes and levelling would be £65, and fencing with ordinary post and wire fence—posts 18 feet apart, 6 plain wires and one barb wire, 2 droppers—£10/10. In any case the ground would be too small for football, and unsuitable unless the existing ground were also levelled.

(7.)—Jas Crisp has nearly completed his contract for brick drains at Korong Vale. I have authorised some extensions and have agreed to pay him another £3 for cement grouting 13½ chains drain instead of the ordinary sand grout.

(8.)—The drain on the south side of the three chain road opposite the Church of England has scoured several feet deep and it will soon be impossible to cross it. I recommend that a log and stone apron be put in as a stop scour. Cost: £5.

(9.)—Mr. F. Griffiths has completed the crossing on Matcham's road, Woolshed Flat.

(10.)—Re road leading to Korong Vale cemetary. At the present time the road leading to the cemetary is in a very rough condition, and in wet weather is almost impassable. In any case the existing route is circutous from Korong Vale. The acquisition of a strip of land on either side of the lane leading north from Catholic Church would be a great boon—48 chains, 1 chain wide, would be required. Cost: approximately, £50.

(11.)—S. Crisp has completed repairs to the road between Perryman and Henderson, Woolshed Flat, and to bad holes by Nioa's dam, at a cost of £10/10.

(12.)—On 4th inst. I inspected the reservoir and took levels with the object of determining the advisability of raising the by-wash. When the reservoir is full the difference in level between the surface of the water and the top of the dam is 8 feet. With water flowing over the by-wash this would be reduced perhaps to 5 feet, or less. As a general rule it may be laid down that for properly constructed earthen dams with good puddle core walls, the minimum safe difference in level between high-water mark when water is flowing over by-wash to its full capacity and the top of the dam is 6 feet. This dam has not a properly constructed core of puddle clay throughout its length, and in my opinion, is of a bad profile, the up-stream slope being 2 to 1 instead of the usual 3 to 1. My predecessor raised the by-wash 3 feet, and is now up to its limit; if raised any higher the water would be in the catchment drains for several chains when the reservoir was full. I therefore do not recommend that it be raised. There was 9ft. 6in. of water in reservoir on 4/11/'19; the water has been receding at the rate of about 6in. per week.

(13.)—On 31/10/'19 I inspected road from W. Round's to Woosang State school near G. Baker's. On the east and west road between Gould and McGurk for 25 chains the road is becomming badly scoured, and on the north and south road between Baker's and State School an open stone crosing is required and 21 chains of formation. Altogether 45 chains of formation and loaming is required. Total cost, approximately, £60.

(14.)—Re lane leading along railway line to Binder's, Korong Vale. For 8 chains this is only 18 feet wide from the 3-chain road. This lane is blind and only three houses abut on it. The railway land does not encroach; it is the properties on the east side. I do not think there is much to be gained by widening this road.

South Riding

(15.)—On 25th ult. I inspected roads which F. W. Martin, of Burke's Flat, has applied to purchase, and find that there is no objection to their sale.

(16.)—R. Rodgers has completed Fahey's contract on the road leading from Cornish's to the Kinypaniel State school.

(17.)—I have arranged with C. Boyle, of Bridgewater, to tar paint the new metalling on the Bridgewater bridge. The Country Roads Board have given their consent to this being done. Estimated cost: £6/6.

(18.)—On 25th ult. I inspected the culvert by Macey's near Burke's Flat. Except from the point of view of being a harbour for rabbits this culvert is in good order; although it is practically unnecessary as nearly all the water from the drain on the south side of the road goes over the open crossing about 1½ chains east form the culvert.

(19.)—I have had the well on the Bremannah road by McCumber's cleaned out by W. Taig.

A. J. E. GOURLAY.
Shire Engineer.

Clauses 1 , 2 , 3 , Received.

" 4.(1st.part) Held over till January meeting.
(2nd.part) On the motion of Crs ~~XXXXX~~ Thomas and Chalmers it was resolved to have the work done.

Clause 5. It was resolved to grant the application subject the conditions laid down in the Engineer's report , ~~XXXX~~ The agreement also to provide that the drives be blocked before the shaft is filled in and a deposit of £5 to be lodged.(motion of Crs White and Hendry)

Clause 6 . Held over . Theopinion was expressed that nothing could be d done in the matter while the present dredging lease existed.

Clause 7. Left in the hands of the Engineer.

" 8. Heldover till March meeting. (9) Approved.

" 10.It was resolved to apply to the Lands Department for a strip of land now contained in the Police Paddock(motion of Crs Kiniry and Hendry)

" 11. Action approved (12) a) No action (b) Left in the hands of the Engineer and Central Riding Councillors .

" 13. Held over 14) Held over.

" 15 . It was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brienand Kelly to offer no objection to the sale of theroads.

" 16. Received (17) Dealt with in correspondence

" 18. Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly to have the burrows dug out.

" 19. Action approved on the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE :- Cr White reported having attended the Annual Session of the Municiapl Association and as to the business transacted there. Also as to motions submitted by the Korong Shire.

KORONG VALE ,WIIGHBRIDGE:- The leasing of theKorong Vale Weighbridge was left inthe hands of CrKiniry.

GRAVEL PIT WYCHITELLA:- At the sugestionof CrAndrews it was agreed that the matter be held over till January-meeting.

GALLOWAYS HILL :- HELDOVER.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER:- CrHendry instructed the Engineer to inspect and report on the road from MrD.Johns-Berrimal Road to Mr.W.Hughes, especially the dangerous holenear the Berrimal ~~XXXX~~ Post Office.

DECEMBER MEETING :- It was agreed to allow the December meeting to lapse.

GRAVEL RESERVE Nine Mile:- On the motion of Crs White and Hendry it was resolved to make application to have a piece of land near Nine Mile Reef reserved for the supply of Road Making Material.

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COUNTRY ROADS BOARD-PERMANENT WORKS :- It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and O'Brien to make application to the Country Roads Board to have Permanent Works carried out as recommneded by the Shire Engineer.

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ESTIMATES AND RATE FOR 1919/20.

Cr Kiniry moved - in accordance with notice - that a rate of 1/6 in the pound on theNet Annual Value of the Rateable property in the Shire as shown by the valuation made by D.F.Gibson be made for the year ending 30/9/1920. Cr White seconded (pro froma)
The motion was lost.

Cr Tomas moved that the estimates be reduced by £10.
Seconded by CrChalmers and carried.

Cr O'Brien then moved that the estimates be reduced by £10 ,(in accordance with motion carried) and amendded to provide for the inclusion of revenue expected from the sale of war-bonds and that a rate of 1/3 in the ~~MX~~ £ on the Net Annual Value of the Shire be made for the year ending the 30/9/1920. The said rate to be due and pyable on the 10th December 1919, to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same.
Seconded by Cr White and carried.

Afurhher amendment by CrAndrews that the estimates be reduced by one sixth ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and seconded by CrThomas was lost.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Howe it was resolved to sell the Inscribed Stock held by the Shire.

PAN CHARGE WEDDERBURN 1919/20.

On the motionof Cr.Kiniry seconded by Cr.Hendry that a Pan Charge of one pound four shillings per pan per annum - with a reduction of25% on additional pans in the same tenement - within the boundaries of the Township of Wedderburn be made for the period ending the 30th/9/1920, the said rate to be ~~XXXXXXX~~ due and payable in two moieties on the 10th December and the 10th.June to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same .

PAN CHARGE - KORONG VALE.

Resolved on the motion of Crs Kiniry and White that a pan Charge of thirty shillings per pan per annum, within the boundaries of the pan service area of Korong Vale be made for the period ending the 30th. Septembr 1920, the same to be due and payable in four quarterly instalments to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same .

Confirmed 13/1/20
Peter Kiniry