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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 13th.APRIL ,1920 at 11 a.M.

PRESENT:- Crs.KINIRY (President) Hendry , Andrews , Chalmers, O'Brien Kelly and Howe.

561 Apologies were received from Cr. Thomas & White

MINUTES of the previous meeting of the Council were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs.Howe and Hendry.

1 Defence Department, advising that tenders will be received for electric light transmission Gear recently used in connection with the lighting of Broadmeadows Camp.

2 Municipal Association, forwarding opinions on questions arising out of the Municipal Employes wages award.

3 Health Department, drawing attention to the possibility of a recurrence of influenza and requesting to know what hospital accomodation there is for dealing with same.

Also from the same Department advising that a Commission of Public Health has now been created in place of the old Board of Health and requesting council's co-operation.

4 Country Roads Bd., stating that in response to council's request that the Board has approved of 15 chains of road being made on the west side of the Huntwood Bridge, and that £342 15s had been set aside out of loan funds for the purpose of making same.

5 Lands Department intimating that 28 acres of land near Vaareness, Logan had been gazetted a grabel reserve.

6 Department of Agriculture, stating that the plan specimen forwarded was the Thorn Apple.

7 Country Municipal Association, forwarding copy of letter sent and reply received from the Minister for Customs in connection with the motion submitted by this Council concerning the embargo on the export of rabbit skins. The reply stated that the embargo had been lifted till 1st April 1920, when further consideration would be given to the matter.

8 Country Municipal Association, re council's motion that the Railway Department be requested to reduce the freight on roadmaking material. The reply states that the rates are already specially low and barely payable, and the Commissioners regret they cannot see their way to make any further reduction.

9 Railway Department, stating that the Commissioners have approved of the Reservoir at Korong Vale being enlarged, and that instructions have been issued for the work to be taken in hand.

10 Claim's Agent, stating that the council's claim for £3 9s 6d for two barrels tar damaged could not be allowed as the goods were consigned at owners risk.

11 East Loddon Shire, requesting a joint inspection of Serpentine Bridge over the Loddon River.

22 Lalydale Shire, stating that that council is intending to ask the Municipal Association to establish a Fire Insurance Fund, and requesting information re property insured by this council.

South Melbourne City, submitting copy of motion passed by that council "That council is of the opinion that the time is opportune for the State Government to extend its Insurance Business to all branches of Insurance.

14 T. M. Morecroft. applying to have his garage at Wedderburn registered under the Factories Act.

15 Dr C. E. Gelbart, tendering his resignation as Health Officer.

16 Dr Deravin, reporting an outbreak of measles at Kurting, in consequence of which he had ordered the school to be closed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Received.

2. Received . The Secretary was instructed to endeavor to procure additional copies of th award.

3. Left in the hands of the Secretary.

(b) received.

4. On the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers it was resolevd to have plans and specificatins prepared and if approved by the Board to call tenders for the same.

5. Received.

6. On the motion of Crs O'Brien ad Hendry it was resolved to give notice to the occupier and owner to destroy the weed.

7. The Secretary was instructed to urge the necessity for an open market.

8. Received.

9. Received.

10. The matter was left in the hands of the Secretary to make further claim.

11. The Secretary reported that the Inspection had been made.

22. Left in the hands of the Secretary to supply the information.

23. Received.

24. The Council approved of the application being granted.

15. Received.

16. Received%

Correspondence (continued.)

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17 W. J. Pratt and 46 other ratepayers requesting council to take the necessary steps to have the dam known as Hendry's, west of the Wedderburn Railway Station, reserved for Water supply purposes.

18 H. R. Gillespie requesting that attention be given to the drains near his property on the Inglewood-Serpentine and Bridgewater-Inglewood Rds.

19 George Bayles, Emu, drawing attention to the state of the bridge at Emu and suggesting that it should be inspected without delay.

20 J. J. Weaver, M.L.A., forwarding copy of letter received from Closer Settlement Board, in reply to council's protest against loading land acquired for Soldier Settlement with 2½ per cent of its capital cost for the purpose of providing roads, etc.

17. Left in the hands of the Secretary to make inquiries and to ascertain the position re the dam. (CrsHendry & Kelly) 564 569

18. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the matter was left in the hands of CrsHowe and the Shire Engineer and if damage is being done to have the matter attended to.

564 19. It was resolved to refer the matter to the Kara Kara Shire and to request that their Engineer take the matter in hand.

20. Received.

568 21. From J.T.McLeish - Burkes Flat- inquiring if Council w is prepared to supply wire netting to Landowners on easy terms.

To be informed that the Council is not now dealingin wire netting (Crs O'Brien and Kelly.)

22.Dr.Taylor reporting an outbreak of measles in thedistrict. Received.

23.From Dr.Taylor making application for the position of Health Officer to the Central and North Ridings of the Shire.

567/578 On the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers - it was resolved to appoint Dr.Rennick of Korong Vale - Health Officer for the North Riding of the Shire , and
On the motion of Crs Hendry and O'Brien it was resolved to appoint DR.Taylor of Wedderburn , Health Officer for the Central Riding.

24. FromT.Fry of Kingower requesting permission to remove timber inside the bank of the Kingower Reservoir. 568
Left in the hands of the Engineer and Cr.O'Brien.

25. FromMrs Eliza Bayles of Emu , drawing atention to a large hole in the lagoon near Emu on themain Melbourne Road.
On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to refer the matter to he Engineer for report.

26. R.H.QUINTRELL Burkes Flat, complaining ofthe state of ht e road from Burkes Flat to Bealiba .
On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly the Enginner was instructed to inspect and report.

26. John Cernish requestdd that a hill near his house be cut down.
On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to fefer the matter to the Shire Engineer . He to confer with MrC rnish.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary's Report.

Receipts for month ending 31st March, 1920—Rates, current, £1525/5/3; arrears, £6/14/10; interest, 5/9; pan charges, Wedderburn, £24/19/; Korong Vale, £17/5/; slaughtering licence, £1; military blankets, £1/16/; rate certificate, 1/; part cost work, High-street, Wedderburn, refunded by Country Roads Board, £53/16/11 total, £1631/3/9. The bank overdraft at 31/3/1920 was £974/6/4. After providing for today's pay sheet of £152/11/11, and allowing for outstanding cheques, etc., and also for receipts since the end of the month, the overdraft will be £873/7/11.

Financial position of ridings at 31st March, 1920—North, credit, £156/8/8; Central, debit, £1296/9/1; South, credit, £154/10/; trust account, credit, £26/6/4.

Water Account.—Receipts: Rates, current, Wedderburn, £24/3/; do., Korong Vale, £9/15/; arrears, Wedderburn, £1; water charges, Korong Vale, £1/16/; meter installation charges, £1/8/8; do., interest, 1/9; reticulation charges, Wedderburn, £7/16/2; total, £46/0/7.

Country Roads Board.—Refund by board: Part cost works, High-street, Wedderburn, £53/16/11; maintenance, Bendigo-Charlton road, £14/6/7; maintenance, Borung-Hurstwood road, 6/; total, £68/9/6.

Wire Netting Account.—Instalments, £2/7/10; interest, 6/6; total £2/14/4.—Adopted in globo.

The Secretary's report was received and adopted on the motion of Crs Kelly and Howe.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Consta ble Ford reported the drains and slaughter houses at Koronf Vale to be in a satisfactory state.

Received.

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The report from the clerk of works - Mr.J.P.Livingstone - attached hereon was read and received.

The President & Councillors,

Shire of Korong.

Gentlemen,

On March 22nd by instructions from the Secretary, I went to Serpentine to confer with Mr. Venables, Shire Engineer for East Loddon, as to the repairs that were needed for the Salisbury Bridge. A list of the repairs agreed upon is given at the end of this report. More repairs are necessary if the bridge is to do service [illegible] length of time, and if these were carried out, I believe the bridge would be safe for another twelve or fifteen years. Mr. Venables said he thought there would be great difficulty in getting a contractor to come and drive the piles at present, and his Shire could not afford to go in for more repairs than were urgently needed. If at any time later an overhaul of the Bridge is intended, I would advise the Council to have the piles in the mid-stream set tested. A Foreman who accompanied Mr. Venables tole me that when a load crosses the bridge, the Angle-stay pile on the up-stream side, wobbles badly, and I noticed an intermediate pile attached to it had dropped from its place, the causes of which would be either decay or erosion. If these are loose in their sockets it is possible that some of the main Upright piles maybe loose also, and I think the up-stream side would be the most likely place to find the weakness. As no load crossed the bridge while we were there, I did not have the satisfaction of studying the result. I would also recommend the removal of about two-thirds of the gravel covering on the deck of the bridge. As far as we could see it is about nine inches thick and if about five or six inches were removed and the remainder treated with a coat of tar, the bridge would be relieved of about 40 tons weight, and still have sufficient protection for the deck. Mr. Venables agreed with me in this, and said that if the tarred gravel did not give satisfaction three or four inches of asphalt would. The deck of the bridge is fairly flat so the gravel covering is almost all dead weight.

The following repairs are those agreed upon for the present;

No. 2	Set of Piles	1 Pile to strap with two pieces	16' long	13"X 6.
"	" " "	2 Braces Replace	27' "	12"X 4.
No. 3	" " "	1 Brace Splice	15' "	9"X 6.
" 6	" " "	1 Lower Waling Splice	20' "	12"X 4.
		1 Shoulder Stay Replace	13'6" "	12"X12.

By instructions from the Secretary, I went to Korong Vale to examine and clean the Water Meters. I was surprised to find that they were placed in position mostly from 9" to 2ft. under the level of the ground. They are in narrow boxes and could not be removed unless a length of pipe be dug up on either side. The boxes in some cases have been made of ordinary hard wood, and are completely eaten away by white ants. In several instances the meters were completely covered up with earth, and one had 3 inches of dirt on top of it. In places where the boxes were good very often the meters had been covered with water, and the dirty water had almost obliterated the numbers on the dial. I noticed that several of the glass dial caps had been removed, most likely by owners wanting to clean the dial of sludge to have a look at the tally. In some of these cases the dirt had rolled in on the dial and the cap put back on top of it. The next drop of water would wash this dirt in among the clock-work gear which works the hands and would tend to put a brake on the meter. I might say here that the type of meter is about the best I have seen, and I think if they were placed above the ground in either a red gum box, or under a cast-iron Hood, they would give no further trouble whatever. Those that I opened and examined had very little sediment, rust or rubbish of any kind in the strainer boxes.F For raising them above the ground the main fittings would be two binds and two elbows and in some cases short pieces of pipe would be required. If placed in this way the meters could be removed in a

in a few minutes, and if the dials are clean and easily accessible I do not think they are so likely to be tampered with.

WALDERBURN RESERVOIR WORKS.

I beg to report that since I took charge on March 8th work has continued uninterruptedly at the Reservoir. Only eight drays were at work for the first week; but early in the second week twelve started, and that number has been going continuously ever since. On several occasions I timed the drays and found they were averaging thirty eight loads per day each. The load averages about 26½ chains with a fairly steep grade for about 7 chains. The average time for the round trip was 1½ minutes. Taking Mr. Gourlay's estimate of 7,000cubic yards required for the bank, the cost per yard runs out at a little under 1/6 per yard. The new bank is up level with the old one and a start has been made on the pitching and dressing. About 100 loads of loam will be required to top off the bank when all the other work is completed. The jetty has been pulled down and rebuilt about 4 feet higher. At the request of Councillors White and Hendry, I drew a plan and had prices submitted for a floating arm for the reservoir. Thompson &Co., Castlemaine have the work in hand, and have been asked to make the matter urgent. The estimate for this is £45. The plan has been sent to Mr. Gourlay to be submitted to the State Rivers and Water Commission.

The expenditure for the Reservoir Work is roughly as follows:-

For excavating and building Bank - - - - - - - - -	£520	
Total including Survey, Deputation Fees etc. - - -	£550	

The rest of the work I expect to run out at :-

Pitching and Dressing - - - - - - - - - -	£110	
Eye-wash - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£135	
Raising bank of drains - - - - - - - - -	£ 25	
Making Pug trenches - - - - - - - - - - -	£ 10	
Timber, bolts etc. for Jetty - - - - - -	£ 15	
Drain Extension - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£ 60	
Loam Top dressing bank - - - - - - - - -	£ 15	
Floating Arm - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£ 45	
	£415	£550
		£415
		£965

At the request of Cr. Hendry, I attended to the pump on the Shire Dam on Station Rd. I found the intake pipe blocked with debris and had it taken up and cleared. The pump is now working well.

I also repaired the pump at Dalrymple's, Fenton's Creek. This pump still requires a new foot valve to make it perfect; but while working does good service.

Deputation RSSFLA ~~and~~ 10R

Board,

Council to take over

Sites

TENDERS

Contract No.90 - Works Majors Line Road - West of the Loddon River.

On the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers it was resolved to accept the tender of S.Crisp at £61-9-0 (Subject to the approval of the East Loddon Shire.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD CONTRACTS on the SERPENTINE ROAD _ Nos.5P.& 6P. 1919/20.

It was resolved to invite fresh tenders for same.

FINANCE.

On the motion of CrsO'Brien ad Kelly ~~it~~ accounts amounting to :-

£152:11:11 on the Genaral account of the Shire , and
£429:3:5
~~XXXXXXXXX~~on the Water Account , were passed for payment.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

INGLEWOOD HOSPITAL A.C'S -- Held over.

CHARITIES DONATIONS - On the motionof Crs O'Brienand Kelly it was resolved that contributions be the same as last year.

FILING CABINET For CORRESPONDENCE . The Secretary was authorised to procure same.

SANITARY PANS - On the motion of Crs Hendry and Kiniry it was resolved to procure 12 additional sanitary pans for the contractor- the discarded pans to be satacked by the contractor for inspection by the Engineer.
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FAHEY'S Contract - KINYPANIEL ROAD -CONTRACT 75 18/19 . It was resolved on the motion of Crs Kelly and Kiniry to pay to Fahey the balance due to him on the Contract.

COMMON AT WEDDERBURN and COWS dying on same . CR Hendry mentioned that animals dying on thecommon were often unclaimed when dead with the result that the Shire often had to bear the expense of burying or removeing same.
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On the motion of Crs Hendry and Kelly the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the common re the matter.

SPRING AT MOLIAGUL. On the moiton of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to have same claaned out.

ENGINEER -- ---APPOINTMENT. After considerable discussion it was resolved on the motion of CrsAndrews and O'Brien that Mr.J.H.VARCOE be appointed Engineer and Pure Foods Inspector of the Shire at an annual Salary of £363--- payable monthly.
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DEPUTATION from.R.S.S.I.L.A. and other public bodies.

THE R.S.S.ILA_, ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ represented by MR.P.HANSEN.
" A.N.A. " " " DR.G.U.TAYLOR.
" I.O.R. " " " MR.F.J.PETTERD.
" Wed derburn Brass Band. " " " MR.D.F.GIDSON

waited upon the Council requesting that the Council take over the Old Mill site Wedderburn - fence same ,planr it and generally the site , and allow thw R.S.S.I.L.A supported by the citizens the erect a suitable Soldiers Memorial thereon.

After discussion Cr.O'Brien moved "That the Council take over the ~~XXXXX~~ at the cost at which it was acquired by the soldiers. That the cost be equally shared by the three ridings of the Shire and that the cost of fencing , planting and improving t~~XXXXXXX~~ the site as well as keeping same in order be undertaken by the Central Riding of the Shire.

The motion was seconded by CrKelly and supported by Crs.Andrews and Chalmers.

Th President (Cr.Kiniry and Cr.Hendry also supprted the scheme but thought that the cost of filling and making ready for planting should be shared by the three ridings .

The motion in tha above form was carried.

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SHIRE VALUATION - The Valuer D.F.GIBSON submitted an account for the work of Shire Valaation claimimg £171--- balance owing.

On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to pay the Valuer a further progress payment of £100 and the balance of £71-- whenxxx- all discrepancies -errors in acreages etc. have been cleared up .

The above payments to be made wubject to an xx agreement being entered into by the valuer to comply with the conditions of his letter to the Council of the 11th.March 1919 , in which xxxxxxxxxx Mr.Gibson agreed to make a valuation of any individual property for a period of three xxxxxx years - free of charge.

NOTICE UNDER MOTION.

Cr.Kiniry moved :-"That the motion passed at the meetingof the Council held Jan.14th.1919 , authorising the Engineer th charge ½% on the Contract price for working plans suppliedto contractors in connexion with C.R.B. contracts) Parmanent Works - be rescinded.

Secd. by Cr.O'Brien and carried.

CONFIRMED.@-

Peter Kiniry
President
11/5/20