OCTOBER 11TH. 1920.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG HELD AT THE SHIRE HALL ? WEDDERBURN on MONDAY the 11th? OCTOBER ,1920 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT :- Crs. O'BRIEN (President) , Kelly , White , Kiniry , Hendry , Andrews and Thomas .

An apology for absence was received from Cr.Howe .

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs .Andrews and Kelly .

CORRESPONDENCE .

1—From Public Works department notifying that Mr James Barr, of Collins street, has been appointed to audit the shire accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1920—

2—From Country Roads Board intimating that tenders may now be called for works on the Bendigo-Charlton and Serpentine roads from which plans and specifications have already been approved ; Also correspondence from Mr I. J. Weaver, M.L.A., re the same matter—

3—From same approving of the acceptance of the tender of W. J. Taig at £309 8s 8d for works on Serpentine Road—

4—From Chief Secretary's office, intimating that Thursday, 11th of November, has been fixed as the day on or before which Councils in the North Central Fire Brigades' District may nominate some person to be its representative on the local committee of the said district—

5—From Constable Linehan, resigning his position as Inspector of Nuisances in the South Riding—

6—From Rev. R. F. Jagger, president of Wedderburn tennis club, intimating the football club had not repaired the tennis court according to agreement, and requesting that the matter be given attention—

7—From Lands department re proposed gravel reserve in parish of Borung, stating that the land in question would be temporarily reserved for the supply of gravel, but that no title to it would be granted to the council—

8—From same, stating that the road south of allot. 29 in parish of Borung, near Boyle's and Geary's, has been closed under the provisions of the Land Act—

9—From Blind Institute, re deputation to the Government to urge upon same its obligations and responsibilities in connection with the institute, inviting council's delegates to visit the institute on Tuesday, 12th October, at 2 p.m., to discuss the proposed deputation ; also inviting the delegates to inspect the institute in all its workings—

10—From Oxley Shire, re Kiewa River hydro-electro scheme, stating that the proposed conference and deputation to the Premier had been postponed—

11—From Wycheproof Shire, suggesting that the Country Roads Board should be approached and urged to open up a suitable gravel pit at Wedderburn to provide gravel for the Northern districts, and asking if this council is willing to co operate—

12—From Charlton Shire, stating that that council is becoming alarmed at the condition of the Charlton-Boort road along that portion which forms the boundary of the two Shires, asking if this council is prepared to co operate in repairing same, and suggesting that the engineers of both shires should meet on the ground and draw up a joint report—

13—From James Bedworth, making application to have water laid on to his premises at Korong Vale—

14—From Wm. McDonald (Arnold Branch Farmers Union) requesting that repairs be effected to the road between Arnold West and Inglewood—

1. Received .

2. Received .

3. Recd.

4. Held over .

5. Resignation accepted .
Appointment of successor , Held over .

6. The Shire Secretary reported that he had been informed by the ~~XXXXXX~~Secretary to the Football Club that the Court had been put in order and was ready for the Engineer's inspection . Engineer to inspect.

7. Recd. On the suggestionof Cr.Andrews the President - ~~XXXXXXXXXs~~ -CrO'Brien - was requested to inquire into the matter duringhis visit to Melbourne in connexion with the Municipal Conference.

8. Received .

9. Received .

10. Received .

11. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Wycheproof Shire that the matter is receiving the consideration of this Council.
The Charlton Shire also to be advised of this fact in answer to their latter to Cr. Andrews .

12. On the motion of Crs Thomas and Andrews it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Engineer to confer with Charlton Shire Engineer and to report to the next meeting of the Council .

13. On the motion of Crs Kiniry and Hendry it was resolved to grant the application subject to the usual conditions .

14. On the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly it was resolved to inform the branch that instructions were given to the Engineer at last meeting to call tenders for this work?

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ENGINEER'S REPORT.

1—Contract 97, 40 chains of formation on the E W road between Spears and Leech, parish of Kinypanniel—J. Ross, the successful tenderer for this work, declines to go on with the job. I recommend that his deposit be forfeited and fresh tenders called. Flood waters have caused a considerable amount of damage on the above road, and it will be necessary to have the ruts and crossings and check banks repaired.

2—Plans and specifications prepared for 78 chains of loam formation on the Borung-Major's road between Huggins and Allfrey; 57 chains of forming and loaming on the N S road between Stewart, Beles, Evans and Chalmers; 20 chains of forming and loaming on the Wychitella-Buckrabanyule road between McPherson and Hindson, parish of Buckrabanyule.

Central Riding.

3—Flood waters have caused damage to the crossing along the course of the Nine Mile Creek, and it will be necessary to have repairs carried out by day labor.

4—Bridge over the Sandy Creek at Gowar requires repairs to the abutment and wings.

5—Crossings are in a bad state along the course of the Sandy Creek, parish of Berrimal. Recommend that repairs be carried out by day labor.

6—Shire Boundary road, near Hodgson and Polkinghorne, parish of Berrimal, requires repairs to check banks and cleaning out of side drains, etc.

7—J. Crisp has commenced work on his contract in Greig street, Korong Vale.

8—Richmond Plains road, near Kirk's eucalyptus factory—I recommend that extra clearing be done and road reformed.

South Riding

9—Tenders called for 13 chains of formation between Fuller and Rodgers, Burke's Flat-Wedderburn Road; 40 chains of formation on the Inglewood—Kingower Road between Telegraph Poles 90 and 110. 10 chains of formation near Harnetty's, Wehla-Bealiba Road.

10—Road from J. H. Turpie's to Inglewood is in a bad state and requires side drains cleaning out and repairs to check banks and scours filling in, etc.

11—East and West from Glenalbyn to Shand's. This road is badly scoured in places. Some person has blocked the inlets to the crossings, thereby diverting the water and sending it down the centre of the road. I recommend that repairs be effected and check banks erected.

15—N. and S. road between Shand and McGurgan.—Crossing near Shand's is badly scoured and in need of repairs.

Country Roads Board Permanent Works.

Plans and specifications have been prepared and approved of by the Board and tenders called for the following works:—

Contract 5p 19-20—32 chains of Gravelling on the Serpentine Road between Coutt's and Oldfield.

Contract 7p 19 20—47½ chains of gravelling on the Bendigo-Charlton Road between Speers and Cornish, Glenalbyn.

Contract 8p 19-20—47½ chains of gravelling on the Bendigo-Charlton Road near Martin's Glenalbyn.

Contract 10p—21 chains of gravelling on the Bendigo-Charlton Road between Burge and Smith, Parish of Wedderburn.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

1. On the motion of Crs.Andrews and Kelly the Engineer's recommendation was adopted.

2. Received.

3. On the motion of Crs White and Hendry the Engineer's recommendation was adopted.

4. Left in the hands of Engineer. Motion of Crs.Hendry and White.

5. Engineers recomendation adopted on motion of Crs.Hendry and White.

6. Left in the hands of the Engineer. Motion of Crs.Hendry and White.

7. Received.

8. Work to be done. Motion of Crs.White & Hendry.

9. Received.

10. On the motion of Crs.Kelly & O'Brien it was resolved to have the work done.

11. Engineer's recommendation adopted, on motion of Crs.Kelly & O'Brien.

12. On the motion of Crs.Kelly & O'Brien it was resolved to have the work done.

C.R.B. Permanent Works.

Received & dealt with in tenders.

REMINGTON BEND

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary (Mr. E. Hargreaves) reported as follows:—

Receipts for month ending 30th September, 1920 — Rates, current, £43/5/10; arrears, 9/; interest, £1/1/3; pan charges, Wedderburn, £20/2/6; Korong Vale, £62/17/6; contract deposits, £17/15/; moiety of fines, 15/; rent, Linehan's land, £15; materials sold, £1; weighbridge receipt book, 4/; slaughtering licenses, £2; rate certificates, 2/; refund from water account, 3rd instalment, £143/16/; interest, £32/12/6; engineer's commission from Country Roads Board, £21/6/7; total, £362/17/2.

Credit balance at bank, allowing for outstanding cheques £1024/16/7.

To-day's pay sheet amounts to £484/0/3, which will reduce the credit to £540/16/4.

Financial position of Ridings—North, credit, £238; Central, debit, £140; South, credit, £864; trust, credit, £63; balance, £1025 debit.

Uncollected rates at 30th September—North Riding, £41/6/6; Central, £157/11/6; South, £93/15/3; total, £292/13/3.

Sanitary Rates, Wedderburn.—Amount collected for year to 30th September, 1920, £242/5/6; amount outstanding, including arrears, £46.

Sanitary Rates, Korong Vale—Amount collected to 30/9/1920, £130/2/6; amount outstanding at 30/9/1920, including arrears, £33.

Estimates for 1920-21.

Estimated revenue for year ending 30th September, 1921, £7869. Other moneys available—Credit balance, Bank of Australasia, less trust account, £962; deposit, State Savings Bank, £350; deposit, Commonwealth Savings Bank, £300; advance to water account, £1000; total, £10,481.

Estimated expenditure, other than works, £1612; balance owing on contracts already let, £732; sanitary services, £340; balance available for public works, £7797; total, £10,481.

Of the £7797 shown above, according to the allocation previously adopted, the North Riding will be entitled to £2379; the Central, £1680; and the South, £3738.—Received.

The recommendations of the tender committee were as under :-

5P/1920—35 chains of gravelling, etc., on Serpentine road between Coutts' and Oldfield's.

17/1920—47½ chains of gravelling on Bendigo—Charlton road, between Speer's and Cornish's, Glenalbyn.

8P/1920—47½ chains of gravelling, draining, etc., on Bendigo—Charlton road, near Martin's, Glenalbyn.

11P/1920--21 chains of gravelling between ——— and Smith's, Bendigo—Charlton road, parish of Wedderburn.

11P/1920-21—26 chains of metalling on Bendigo—Charlton road, between Gregson's and Korong Creek.

103—58 chains of loaming, formation, etc., on Borung—Major's Line road between Huggin's and Allfrey's.

104—20 chains of forming and loaming on Wychitella — Buckrabanyule road between McPherson's and Hindson's.

105—13 chains of formation between Fuller's and Rodger's, Burke's Flat, on Burke's Flat—Wedderburn road, also one stone crossing near Truscott's, Burke's Flat—Bealiba road.

106—10 chains of loaming and forming, two check banks and stone crossing on Wedderburn—Bealiba road, near cross road near Harnetty's.

107—30 chains of forming and loaming between Stewart's and W. Eele's; 20 chains between Stewart's and Vensalow's, and 7 chains between Chalmer's and Eele's, Mysia.

108—40 chains of formation on Inglewood—Kingower road, between telegraph poles No. 90 and 100.

--- To be re- advertised .

---7P.19/20 - To be re-advertised.

--- The tender of Geo.Ross @ £359:3:2 to be accepted. ✓

-- " "Geo.Ross " £89:18:11 " " ✓

" "S.F.Crisp " £315:10:0 " " ✓

To be readvertised

104 The tender of John Ross @ £34:10:0 " " ✓

105 " "D.Butterick @ £30:14: 0 " " ✓

106 " " D.Butterick @ £44:12:0 " " ✓

107 " " John Ross @ £82:2:6 " " ✓

108 To be readvertised

On the motion of Crs White and Thomas the recommendations of the tender committee with regard to the Shire Contracts Nos 103 to 108 were adopted, and the recommendations iwht regard to the C.R.B . contracts were adopted

on the motion s of Crs O'Brien and Kelly in connexion with contracts 5,7,8 & " " White & Kiniry " " " LO & 11.

WEDDERBURN RACECOURSE .

On the motion of Crs. White and Kiniry the tender of A.Gray at £28:11:2 for-- per annum for a period of five years was accepted .

FINANCE .

Accounts amounting to £484:0:3 onthe General Account of the Shire and £108:11:10 on the Country Roads Board a/c of the Shire were passed for payment on the motion of Crs Andrews and Kelly.

COUNTRY MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE .

Cr.O'Brien (President) reported as to the business transacted at the recent Conference held at Bendigo and as-to-the-d- particularly as to the decisions of the conference with regard to the motions submitted by the Shire of Korong. He also considered it desirable in Country interests that the Country press should be given by the country press to the doings of the Association . Cr.O'Brien remarks were supplemented by Cr.White who also attended the Conference . On the motion of Crs Thomas and Hendry the delegates were thanked for their ~~xxxx~~ representation of the Council

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XXXXXXX RATES ABANDONED .

On be motion of Crs. O'Brien and Kelly rates as under amounting to £10:18:- were abandoned .

rateNo.	Name	Reason for abandonement	Amount £-s d.
540a.	T.G.HALL	Not traceable	3: -
Rate Book Folio No.73 .		Departmental Buildings vacant	9: ---
1211a_	Mrs.A.Cameron	Land reverted to the Crown	15: ---
1245a.	Wm.Romyn	Not traceable	9: --
1304	R.Evans(exors)	Leasehold reverted to the crown	9: ---
1506	O'Keefe	Property twice rated	5:12: ---
1606a	Mrs Esther Richards	Land not traceable	3: 1 : --
		Total	£ 10 : 18: --

LINEHANS LAND . It was resolved to sign and seal documentw in connexion with same , to have the land vested in the Council.

J.KELLAR - WEDDERBURN . Application to remove trees alon his fence was referred to the Shire Engineer.

ROAD LEASE applied for by W.W.alker - Fentons Ck. was held over for a further period .

MACKAY W. -BEHRIMAL - Transfer of Land . It was resolved to sign the statement that- acknowledging that the Council is now the owner of the property .

MUNICIPAL & SHIRE COUNCIL EMPLOYEES WAGES LOG .

CR.Obrien reported having given consideration to the matter . He XXXXXXXX reported that he had instructed the Municipal Assn. to represent the Council in the matter of opposing the claim at a cost not exceeding £5---- . He also suggested that the Council should ask the Association to endeavor to assist the Municipal Officers to obtain registration and on his motion seconded by Cr.Thomas this was agreed to .

WEIGHBRIDGES . BORUNG _ Resolved to re-offer to G.R.Beer the lease of the bridge at the rental piad for the year ending 30/9/1920. Also to get timber for repairs to the deck of bridge . The lessee to do the work of repairs .
Motion of Crs.Andrews and Thomas .

MYSIA:- Resolved on the motion of Crs Thomas and Andrews to re-offer the Bridge to the former lessee. at the rent paid last year.

WYCHITELLA. Resolved on the motion of Crs Thomas and Andrews to re-offer the Bridge to the former Lessee, at rent paid last year.

KORONG VALE . On the motion of CrsKiniry and White it was resolved to offer the bridge to Mr.Dan King at a rental of £12--- per annum and if the offer be not accepted to call tenders for the lease of the Bridge .
Also resolved on the motion of Crs. Kiniry and Hendry that the Engineer inspect and test this bridge .

WEDDERBURN WEIGHBRIDGE . Held over to be dealt with later.

Mill Site -Wedderburn . A motion by Cr.Hendry that tenders be called for fencing and levelling the site was not seconded .
The suggestion was made by the President that the Central Riding members should confer regarding the matter .

DAY LABOR GANGS . The President commented on the proposition by the Shire Engineer that day-labor gangs should be employed for the purpose of putting the roads in order and mentioned some of the points which he considered would require careful consideration before adopting the scheme .

REMUNERATION TO THE SECRETARY FOR WORK DONE BY HIM IN CONNEXION WITH THE SHIRE VALUATION.

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REMUNERATION TO THE SECRETARY FOR WORK DONE BY HIM IN CONNEXION WITH THE RE)VALUATION OF THE SHIRE .

The Secretary requested that the Council give consideration to the above matter . Cr.White moved that an amount of £100--- be allowed. Cr.Andrews seconded .

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Cr.Hendry moved as an amendment that the matter be held over for one month . Cr. Kelly seconded .

The Secretary intimated that he would like the Council to be unanimous with regard to any allowance made , and the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to withdraw and the amendment was agreed to. The President also commented on the matter .

ROAD WORKS.

On the motion of Crs Andrews and Chalmers- Thomas it was resolved to call tanders for 150 c_.yds. of maintenance gravel to be stacked at Borung .

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER .

By Cr.White :- Inspect and report on the N.& S. Rd. from Charlton Rd. Woosang south to the spot known as Harley's corner at the Pepper Trees , especially drainage near sports ground and cemetery.

" Cr.Thomas :- Inspect scour across the road between McFarlane's and T.Grose - Parish of Buckratanyule . Attend to the scour opposite the Railway Tank - Wychitella .

Inspect and report on the condition of the three chain road between Keith and Hurley . Boort-Cahrlton Rd. Parish of Wychitella .

" Cr.Hendry . Have footbridge on creek south of the Police Camp , Wedderburn repaired , . Crossing on creek in front of the Royal Hotel , Wedderburn also crossing at Pound Dam .

" Cr.Kiniry . Inspect road between Perryman's paddocks . Woolshed Flat.

NOTICE OF MOTION .

Cr. Obrien gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council that a General rate of one shilling and three pence on the net annual value of ~~rateabpreperty~~ rateable propertywithin the Shire be made for the year ending 30/9/1921 . Aso that a pan-charge of 24/- per pan per anum be made in connexion with the Wedderburn Sanitary Service and that a pan- charge of thirty shillings per pan per annum be made in connexion with the Korong Vale Sanitary Service .

COMMISSION ON WATER WORKS TO ENGINEER GOURLAY . In response to the letter read from Mr.Gourlay requesting that the Council re-consider its decision to pay him only 2½ % , it was resolved on the motion of Crs.White & Kiniry to adhere to the former resolution .

CONFIRMED .

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Wm J O'Brien

CHAIRMAN .

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