Nov. 9th.1920.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF KORONG HELD AT THE SHIRE HALL WEDDERBURN on TUESDAY THE 9th. November 1920 at 11 a.m.

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

An apology for absence was received from Cr.Howe.

There was also present at the meeting Ex-Councillor Thomas Kelly who was welcomed by the President and invited to take a seat at the table

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Crs.Andrews and Chalmers .

CORRESPONDENCE .

1—From Country Roads Board, approving of the acceptance of tenders for works on Bendigo-Charlton road, near Martin's, Glenalbyn, between Burge and Smith and between Gregson's and Korong Creek, Wedderburn.

2—From Lands department, enquiring if council had any objection to a small piece of land on which there is a dam, being included in with allotment 61, section C, parish of Borong, recently granted to Mrs M Nioa—

3—From cities of Bendigo and Ballarat, soliciting support for Crs Andrew and Pittard, who are being nominated for reelection to the Country Fire Board, also a joint letter from the candidates—

From Sale Borough, intimating that Cr Lyon is being nominated by that council for election to the above, and requesting this council's support; also a letter from Cr Lyon—

From Municipal Association, forwarding copy of Vermin Destruction and Noxious Weeds Bill and requesting council's opinion re same—

From same, requesting council's opinion re the proposal before the recent session of the Municipal Association to request the State government to nationalise certain roads and the Commonwealth Government to subsidise all expenditure in constructing these highways—

7—From Charlton Shire, intimating that that council is forwarding to the Municipal association a proposal re the nationalisation of the Melbourne-Mildura road through Castlemaine, Bendigo, Inglewood, Charlton, Wycheproof, Sea Lake and Ouyen, and requesting this council's support in the project—

8—From Wycheproof Shire, stating that that council had been informed that a large quantity of suitable gravel is to be found near the Wychitella railway station, and asking if this council would supply full particulars regarding same—

9—Gloria Light Company, offering to instal one of their street lamps and to give a 30 days trial with same free of cost to the Council providing Council agrees to accept same at the end of the thirty days if the lamp proves satisfactory—

10—From Municipal Association, requesting Council to supply particulars showing how the municipality would be effected by adoption of the schedule of salaries and allowances proposed by the different Associations and Unions—

11—From Constable Power, Inglewood, making application for the position of Inspector of Nuisances for the South Riding, vacated by Constable Linehan—

12—From Constable Mackay, resigning position of Inspector for Korong Vale District—Intimating that Const. Teague has been appointed to Korong Vale—

13—From Borough of Ararat, inviting this Council to send a representative to a conference to be held at Ararat on 24th Nov. to discuss a proposal to have St Arnaud connected with Portland by rail—

1. Received .

2. Held over for one month. Engineer to inspect and report .

3. It was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White to support the candidature of Cr.Andrews .

4. It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and Andrew to support the candidature of Cr.Lyon.

5. It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and Thomas to request Mr.Weaver M.L.A. to endeavor to ascertain present cost of the administration of the Vermin Destruction Department , also the amount spent annually on the eradication of vemin from Crown Lands , and to inform the Municipal Association in the meantime that the council is opposed to any scheme for the eradication of weede and vermin that does not make provision for the eradication of weeds and vermin from Crown lands at the expense of the Government.

6. & 7 It was resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and White to inform the Municipal Assn? that the Council is in favor of the nationalization of certain highways , and in the event of the nationalisation scheme being carried into effect , this Council is of the opinion that the road as suggested by the Shire of Charlton from Melbourne to Mildura is one that should be nationalised .

8. Wycheproop Shire to be informed that this Council is negotiating for a site for a gravel pit and if successful that Council will be informrd .

9. Received .

10. Left to the Secretary to supply the information .

11. On the motion of Crs.Kelly and O'Brien Constable Power was appointed .

12. On the motion of Crs Kiniry and Hendry the resignation was accepted and Constable Teague appointed , subject to his approval.

13. Received .

CORRESPONDENCE (continued).

14—From Mrs W. B. Smith, asking permission to asphalt the footpath in front of her premises, Wedderburn—

15—Ballarat Progress Association, advising of further steps taken in the movement to obtain an efficient railway service. Also enclosing copy of letter from the Chief Commissioner—

16—From John Kellar, Wedderburn, making application for a small alteration in the reservoir drain near his property—

17—From Secretary Wedderburn Tennis Club, expressing satisfaction with regard the fulfilment by the Wedderburn Football club of the conditions re the agreement in connexion with the market square. Also stating that the Football club had in addition to fulfilling the agreement—shipped the court thus leaving the game in a condition for play—

18—From J. E. Murphy, analyst, acknowleding receipt of samples for analysis—

19—From John Leggett, requesting an increase in lampslighting allowance. Pointing out that kerosene and all other requisites had increased in price—

14. On the motion of Crs Hendry and White the application was granted subject to the usual conditions .

15 . Received .

16. Referred to the Shire Engineer .

17 . Received as satisfactory .

18. Received .

19. On the motion of Crs Kiniry and White it was resolved to grant an increase of one penny per lamp per week . The ~~instructed~~ Engineer was instructed to look into the matter and to advise the Council if he considers it advisable to reduce the number of lamps .

SECRETARY'S REPORT .

Secretary's Report.

The secretary (Mr. E. Hargreaves) reported:—Receipts for month ending 31st October, 1920.—Rates, arrears, £35/9/7; do., interest, £1/8/; pan charges, Wedderburn, £15/11/; contract deposits, £38/10/; rent, Wedderburn racecourse, £17/5/7; deposit, Wedderburn racecourse, £1/10/; Wychitella water rate, £2; rent, Mysia weighbridge, £9/10/; rate certificate, 1/; moiety of fines, 10/; cancelled cheque, £6/6/; cash in hand at 30/9/20, £10; paid to bank during month, £138/1/2; credit balance at the bank after allowing for issued and unpresented cheques, £678/10/9. Water account —Receipts: Wedderburn, arrears and rates, £6/15/; interest, 2/6. Korong Vale, arrears and rates, £4; interest, 1/3; water charges, £1; instalments on meters, £9/8/3; interest on meters, £1/2/; paid to bank, £22/9/. Wire Netting Account.—Instalments, £1/16/; interest, 4/8; total, £2/0/8. Country Roads Board Account.—Refunds by board, maintenance Bendigo-Charlton road, £106/2/11; maintenance Serpentine road, £15/6/10; total, £121/9/9.

Secretarys report was read and received .

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were dealt with as under :-

97 . Tender of J.R.FAHEY at £63--- accepted on the motion of Crs Andrews & Chalmers .

103. The tender of John Ross accepted on the motion of Crs.Andrews & Chalmers .
Tender price ££158:9:0

108. The tender of F.J.Harding accepted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Thomas .Tender £67:10:-)

110. The tender of P.L.SMITH at £38:19:0 to be accepted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly.

109. The tender of John Ross at £40--- accepted on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Thomas

69. The tender of C.Mitchell at 24/- per pan per annum to be accepted for the Sanitary Service and tender of 24/- per week for cleaning drains to be accepted on the motion of Crs Kiniry and Hendry .

5P.19/20. The tender of D.Butterick at £650:10:1 to be accepted subject to the approval of the C.R.B. on motion of Crs O'Brien and Thomas .

Contract No 97—40 chains of formation on the E. W. Road between Spears and Leach, Parish of Kinypaniel.

No. 103—78 chains of loam formation, and 4 stone inverts on the Borung-Major's Line road between Huggins and Allfrey.

No. 108—40 chains of formation Inglewood-Kingower road, between telegraph poles 90 and 110.

No. 110—3 chains of gravel formation and two stone inverts on the McIntyre's Inglewood Road, near McDonald's, Parish of Kingower.

No 109—Supply of 150 cubic yards of Maintenance Gravel stacked at Borung Township,

No. 69—Sanitary Service and Cleansing drains at Korong Vale.

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD.

No. 5P 19-20—35 chains of gravelling, etc., on the Serpentine road, between Coutts and Oldfield.

No. 7P 19-20—47½ chains of gravelling, etc., on the Bendigo-Charlton road, between Speer and Cornish, Glenalbyn—

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Mr.J.H.Varcoe)

NORTH RIDING

1—Very little work has been done in the North Riding during the past month. Road near H. Neal's Woolshed Flat—damaged done to this road by flood water has been repaired and side drains cut along the north side of the road. The erection of a check bank near the railway crossing and a level bank on the south side of the road will now confine flood waters to the natural course. Opposite the railway bridge on the same road I have had a stone crossing put down and check bank erected.

2—F. J. Harding is employed on day work in the Wychitella district repairing the damage done by the recent rains.

3—Contractor Jack Ross will be commencing his contract near Chalmers' and Eales' early this month; also contractor S. F. Crisp will be commencing his contract near the Major's Line Bridge at an early date. Contract recently let to F. J. Harding (loaming between Hall and Hampson, Wychitella)—I propose holding this work over until after the harvest.

4—I recommend that tenders be called for the supply and delivery of maintenance material for the coming —50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel stacked at Wychitella, 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel stacked at Mysia, 50 c yds of metal stacked at Borung.

CENTRAL RIDING.

5—Road between Lang and Rodgerson's, Richmond Plains—T. Waters has been employed scooping out the old creek and the erection of a levee bank through Mr Lang and Rodgerson property, and the erection of a stone crossing on the road. The work is now practically complete.

6—On the Richmond Plains road I have had a team carrying out repairs day work, but at present the work is at a stand still through being unable to obtain a satisfactory road plough.

7—Contractor S. F. Crisp has practically completed his contract of gravelling on the St Arnaud road near Galloway's Hill.

8—I have had the necessary repairs carried out to the Pound crossing by the day man.

9—Metalling on the St Arnaud road between Green and railway crossing, Wedderburn—I have had 17 chains of metalling laid down by day work and the work is now practically complete.

10—Contractor J. Crisp has nearly finished his contract of forming in Greig street, Korong Vale.

11—Contractor J. Fahey has commenced his contract of metalling on the Korong Vale-Kinypaniel road near the R. C. Church, Korong Vale.

12—Contractor C. Ross has commenced his contract of forming and gravelling on the Wedderburn-Charlton road, near Burge and Smith.

13—Repairs to the Korong Vale-Woolshed [illegible] the necessary [illegible] day labor.

14—Clearing and grubbing on the N. S. road between Chamber and and Thompson—I have secured a man to do this work, piecework and grubbing is almost complete.

15—Repairs on the Wehla road from Thompson's weir to Trotman's corner have been carried out.

16—Korong Vale-Kinypaniel road requires repairs to crossings and filling of ruts, etc.

17—I recommend that tenders be called for the supply and delivery of maintenance material for the coming year—100 c yds of gravel to be stacked at various places along the Bendigo-Charlton road between Glenalbyn and Charlton boundary; 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel at various at various places on the Richmond Plains road; 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel at various places on the Nine Mile road; 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds gravel at various places on the Wedderburn-Logan road; 50 c yds of gravel at various places on the Wedderburn-Berrimal road; 50 c yds of gravel at various places on the Wehla road.

South Riding

18—Burke's Flat-Bealiba road—I have had a day work gang on this road during the month attending to check banks and side drains, and in places have had track widened by removing timber. Work is now complete.

19—Cochrane's Creek Bealiba road—Have commenced work on this road and effected repairs to crossings and side drains south from Cochrane's Creek school.

20—O. Shannessy has been employed day work on the old Inglewood-Kingower road repairing damage done by the recent rains.

21—Turpie's road—I have had general repairs carried out on this road, side drains extended and enlarged and check banks erected, also I have had the necessary work carried out near Bennett and J. Da[illegible].

22—Bridgewater-Serpentine road—Maintenance work has been continued on this road during the month and the work is practically finished.

23—I have inspected N. and S road near the Church of England at Powlett. The recent rains have caused damage to the crossing near Needs'. I recommend that crossing be repaired and check bank erected on north approach.

24—North and South road between Isaacs and Peterson, Powlett—Stone crossing on this road is in a very dangerous condition and requires repairs. I recommend that a concrete arch stop be erected and crossing repaired.

25—Inglewood-Tarnagulla road requires repairs, filling ruts, side drains and check banks attending to.

26—N and S road between Brownbill and Hayes, Arnold West, requires repairs to crossing, also E and W road near John Brown's requires scours filling, the erection of two check banks and enlarging the drain on the south side of road.

27—I recommend that tenders be called for maintenance material stacked at the undermentioned roads, viz., 100 c yds of metal and 100 c yds of gravel on the Bendigo-Charlton road between Glenalbyn and Bridgewater; 50 c yds of gravel on the Bridgewater-Newbridge road; 100 c yds of metal and 100 c yds of gravel on the Bridgewater-Serpentine road; 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel on the Inglewood-Kingower road; 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel on the Kingower-Dunolly road; 50 c yds of metal and 50 c yds of gravel on the Inglewood-Powlett road; 50 c yds of gravel on the Logan Emu road.

The above report was dealt with as under :-

Clause

1. Received . Engineer and Cr.Andrews to meet on the ground to decide as to futher work necessary .

2. Received .

3. " and on the motion of Crs Thomas and White the Engineers recommendation was adopted .

4. Engineer's recomendation adopted on the motion of Crs Thomas & Chalmers .

5. to 16 . :- Received .

17. Engineer's recommendation adopted on motion of Crs White & Hendry .

18 to 21 ;- Received .

23 . Resolved on the motion of Crs Kelly and O'Brien to have the work done .

24. Resolved on the motion of Crs Kelly and OBrien to call tenders returnable within on month for the work , same to be dealt with by the Engineer , Secretary and Cr.Kelly .

25. & 26 . Resolved on the motion of Crs O'Brien and Kelly to have the work done .

27. On the motion of Crs O'Brien & Kelly the Engineer's recommendation was adopted .

FINANCE .

On the motion of Crs White and Thomas accounts amounting to

£ 636 : 16 : 7 on the General a/c of the Shire

£48:12:8 on the C.R.B. a/c & £39:3: 0 on the Water a/c were passd for payment _

Pounding

Fences

Conference.

SHIRE OFFICE, WEDDERBURN

Mr

Dr. to The Shire of Wedderburn

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ORDINARY BUSINESS .

AMENDED VALUATION . On the motion of Crs. O'Brien and Chalmers it was resolved to adppt the amended valuation of £100,821 for the year ended 30th.Sept.192[illegible]

MARKET SQUARE , WEDDERBURN . Cr.Hendry gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the amended regulations be adopted . It was resolved onthe motionof Crs.White and Hendry to invite tenders for the right to graze sheep in the reserve for twelve months . Tenders returnable within 21 days.

ROAD EXCAHNGE , VANRENEN TO SHIRE OF KORONG . The metter was left in the Secretary's hands to comply .

WEIGHBRIDGES . The Secretary reported that the former lessees of the Boruna , Mysia and Korong Vale bridges had accepted the council offer of the futther lease of the bridges .
Wychitella Weighbridge was left in the hands of Cr.Thomas to obtain a suitable tenant.

ROAD LEASE TO W.WALKER - PARISH OF BERRINAL . It was resolved on the motion of Crs White and Hendry to inform the Public Works D[illegible] that there were objections to the road being leased .

MILL SITE , WEDDERBURN . Cr.White reported having had a conference on behalf of the Central Riding members/ representatives of the Soldiers Memorial Committee at which it was arranged that the Council would do the fencing and levelling of the site , and the representatives of the memorial committee agreed to take steps to bring into existence a committee to do the planting and take care of the same .

On the motionof Crs O'Brien and Kiniry the report was received and adopted .

It was resolved on the motionof Crs Kiniry and Hendry to call tenders for levelling the site - returnable within 21days , and the Engineer was instructed to obtain particulars and designs of fencing .

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL KORONG VALE . Cr.Kiniry intimated that it was proposed to ereect a memorial in Korong Vale and a tender had been let . He stated that the committee were also desirous of making alterations to the roadway with a view to planting trees . It was pointed that the committee had already been given permission to erect the memorial providing the site was approved of by the Shire Engineer and Cr.Kiniry , and it was agreed to leave the matter in their hands .

CR.ANDREWS (J.P.) It was resolved to make application to the Crown Law Department for the permanent appointment of Cr.Andrews as a Justicee of the Peace .(Motionof CrsO'Brien & Thomas)

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE -MELBOURNE . Cr%O'Brien reported having attended the Municipal Conference held in Melbourne and as to the business transacted there , especially in regard tothe mtions submitted by the Shire of Korong .
He also expressed some opinions regarding the "Drainage of Land Act " as gleaned from the discussion at the Conference

REMUNERATION TO SECRETARY FOR EXTRA WORK DONE IN CONNEXION WITH THE RE VALUATION OF THE SHIRE _(Held over from last meeting)

After discussion it was resolved on the motion to raise the salary of the secretary to £300--- per annum on the General A/c of the Shire . The increase to be retrospective to the ~~30th~~ 1st.Oct.1919- this increase to be in lieu of the bonus as proposed at last meeting .

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ROAD WORKS . On the motion of Crs Kiniry and Hendry it was resolved to call tenders for 200 c.yds of maintanance gravel to be stacked at Korong Vale .

RATE FOR 1920/21 . Cr.O'Brien moved in accordance with notice given that :- "The estimates as presented be adopted , that the valuat ionof £100,821 be adopted , and that a rate of FIFTEEN PENCE in the POUND on the annual value of property ass essable within the Shire be made for the period ending the 30th.Sept.1921 , the said rate to be due and pay- able on the 10th.Day of December 1920 , to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same .

PAN CHARGE 1920/21 --
It was also resolved on the motion of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ CrsOBrien and Thomas that a pan charge of twenty four shillings per pan per annum - with a reduction of 25% on additional pans in the same tenement - with in the boundariese of the township- be made for the period ending the 30th.Sept 1921 , the same to be due and payable in two moieties on the 10th.Dec.1920 and the 10th. June 1921 , to the person duly authorised to demand and collect the same .

Also that a pan charge of thirty shillins per pam per annum be made within the boundaries of the pan service area at Korong Vale , for the period ending the 30th.Sept.1921 , the same to be due and payable in advance in four quarterly instalments to he person duly authorised to collect the same .

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENGINEER .

Cr.HENDRY Report on the road between W.Round's and Woosang State School . Have scours on the Western side of Galloway's Hill attended to .

Cr.Thomas :- Attend to scours on the B'Banyule road from the Charl- ton and Korong boundary along the Charlton rD. running East .
Inspect and report on the condition of the N.&.S. road between Grose and McFarlanes - Parish of B'banyule from Charlton -Boort Rd. south to the Rly.Line .

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

CONFIRMED :-

John O'Brien

CHAIRMAN .
11/2/21