

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
WONGA PARK DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
HELD ON FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1980

The meeting opened at 8.15 p.m..

1. PRESENT: M. Blunn (Chairman), Secretary and 23 members. Also Crs. A. Lee-Archer and A. Smith, and the Hon. N. Lacy, M.P., the guest of the evening.
APOLOGIES: Cr. Barker, also Cr. A. Lee-Archer for need to leave at 9.15 p.m..
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated, confirmed as written (J. Upton/T. Van Wegberg - carried)
3. INITIAL REMARKS - CHAIRMAN:
 - (i) Welcome to Hon. N. Lacy.
 - (ii) Albert Aird - Meeting informed that Albert is in Maroondah Hospital recovering from injury. Goodwill for Albert's recovery was expressed - flowers sent earlier in the week.
 - (iii) Natural Gas Petition - being circulated in the District for signing at present.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards - 10 letters.

- (i) 2 from Shire of Lillydale - (a) re invitation to discussion on Scout Hall problems.
(b) re street numbering, Wonga Park.
- (ii) 1 from N. Lacy, M.P., acceptance of invitation to this meeting.
- (iii) 2 from U.Y.V. and D.R.A. - (a) notice of Exhibition, Regional Strategy Plan.
(b) acceptance invitation to address W.P.D.R.A. - to attend December 12th meeting.
- (iv) 1 from E.P.A., Draft State Environment Protection Policy, Waters of the Yarra River and Tributaries.
- (v) 2 from 1st Wonga Park Scout Group -
 - (a) joining fee, Community Duplicator Services.
 - (b) re terms for acceptance of the Hall re-siting.
- (vi) Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of the Joint West Riding Association (1st October, 1980).
- (vii) Note from Albert Aird thanks W.P.D.R.A. for flowers/get well wishes.

Outwards - 4 letters.

- (i) To West Riding Councillors re Scout Hall site and problems, and re invitation to attend deputation to City of Doncaster/Templestowe re Jumping Creek Bridge.

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Outwards (Cont'd)

- (ii) To Police (Lilydale) re local spotlighting nuisance.
- (iii) To R. Brindle, thanks for help in printing of News and Notes.
- (iv) To N. Lacy, M.P., acknowledging his acceptance of our invitation (see above).

Moved - That the inwards correspondence be received, and the outwards be confirmed (T. Van Wegberg/J. Penwill - Carried)

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Re Scout Hall - M. Blunn approached the Scout Leader (Mr. Frost) seeking organisation of a meeting to discuss the Scout Hall problems, and solutions, in the near future. Approved.
Outcome to be informed when meeting has taken place.
M. Blunn again detailed the problems of the present site to the meeting, and expressed hope that the matter will be favourably resolved.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Credit	Previous Balance	\$167.90
	Subscriptions	<u>8.00</u>
		175.90
	Payments	<u>25.10</u>
	Balance	<u>\$150.80</u>
	Petty Cash	\$5.49

Moved - T. Van Wegberg/C. Lloyd - Carried

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (i) The Chairman called on Cr. A. Lee-Archer, as the relevant Chairman, to comment on the inaugural meeting of the Joint West Riding Association, held 1st October, 1980 (see Correspondence, Minutes of that Meeting). Cr. Lee-Archer did so, and expressed the feeling that the Association will be a useful and effective aid for the West Riding.
- (ii) Cr. A. Lee-Archer also briefly outlined discussions at the meeting of youth of the Shire of Lillydale re felt recreation needs (24th September, 1980) - Minutes tabled by Chairman.
- (iii) The Chairman commented on the West Riding Committee Meeting of Monday, 6th October, re
 - (a) the request of the W.P.D.R.A. for right to set up a Committee of Management for local Recreational land. (A committee will be set up with representatives from all interested local groups).
 - (b) the Scout Hall, and our letter detailing its problems requesting Council take steps to have these rectified. Cr. Lee-Archer outlined discussions which occurred re the possibility of re-alignment of Yarra Road at the Dawes Road corner. This would require acquisition of some

7. GENERAL BUSINESS (Cont'd)

- (b) adjacent land, most cheaply if acquired on the Eastern side of Yarra Road. Mr. Le-Francke expressed concern that the relevant proposed route could put his house in danger from traffic skidding off the road nearby.
- (c) The Nicolau proposition for Reserve Road - foreshadowed that the whole Council will consider it this coming Monday, 13th September.
- (iv) Yarra Brae Development. Mr. Bissett-Johnson has extended preparatory roadwork in a way which may be beyond the terms of the relevant permit. Cr. A. Smith commented on this; the infringement may only be in terms of excess tree clearance.
- (v) Extension of the Warrandyte State Park along the Southern Boundary of the Yarra. The roadworks above could severely affect sensitive environments in the area. N. Lacy commented on initial moves to retain the land for the purpose of Park extension - pursuit of the original subdivision by, and success of, the subdividers at the Supreme Court level, coupled with lack of State Government finances, has not helped. However, the general opinion of many in the State Government is the land should be compulsorily acquired for public ownership. (A total scheme has been presented to Cabinet, allowing some high density subdivision to reduce purchase costs, but still involving hundreds of thousands of dollars.)
J. Upton queried when would the U.Y.V. and D.R.A. have power to prevent such as the Yarra Brae subdivision. N. Lacy replied he didn't feel it should ever have overriding authority.
M. Blunn pointed out both the State Government, and Lillydale Council considered the river side land should be preserved for public use for posterity.
- (vi) Jumping Creek Road - traffic on this has more than trebled in the last decade. Doncaster/Templestowe is reluctant to carry costs of reconstruction of the bridge - however, a deputation including W.P.D.R.A. and West Riding Councillors will meet with that Council to discuss the matter.
- (vii) Another question for Mr. Lacy - What is the position of Wonga Park regarding natural gas? Not possible to comment at this stage.
- (viii) Council Estimates - (Cr. A. Smith)
To meet expected costs, rates will need to be overall increased by 8%. New valuations to be used this year vary from place to place - but generally the spread of these (though using higher total valuations) is similar to last year's.
Roads (unmade); usually are to be graded twice a year - but the frequency is varied according to need. Works to be carried out include re-blocking of the Wonga Park Hall, painting of the Community Cottage internally, and rectification of level variations in Jumping Creek Road.
- (ix) Brushy Creek Drainage Scheme; Cr. Smith outlined the situation at present - refer to Joint West Riding Association - Minutes of Inaugural Meeting.

Meeting finished 10.17 p.m..