

PWR/JS.

9th December, 1957.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.  
Piano.  
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Dear Miss Worthington,

Thank you for your letter of the 26th November, 1957. I agree that the above-named School would benefit by a good piano if indeed the existing one is unsatisfactory.

Is this the case at your school?

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Education Officer.

Miss M. Worthington,  
County School,  
Helwith Bridge,  
Nr. Settle.



COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Helwith Bridge CP

26-11-57

Dear Sir

I have been asked by  
friends of the school, to let you  
know that there is a good piano  
for sale at 7, Prospect Terrace, Settle.  
The owner Mr Graham wishes  
this school to benefit.

Yours faithfully

M. Worthington.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

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MINUTE SHEET

YOUR REF.

OUR REF. H/HO/St.

ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Mr. D. Matthew.  
Divisional Education  
Officer.

Safety in Schools wired before 1937.  
Helwith Bridge County School.

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An inspection of the electrical installation has been carried out and this was found to be in a "Fair" condition. The estimated cost of carrying out essential repairs is £15-0-0 and I would welcome your approval to issue an Order on a local Contractor to carry out this work.

A copy of the Electrical Report is enclosed.

Encl:-

20th November, 1958.

*R. Mitchell*  
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Divisional Architect.



COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ARCHITECT  
HARROGATE DIVISIONAL OFFICE  
SALISBURY BUILDINGS, ALBERT STREET, HARROGATE

A. W. GLOVER, F.R.I.B.A.  
COUNTY ARCHITECT  
A. M. MITCHELL, A.R.I.B.A.  
DIVISIONAL ARCHITECT

Telephone 6054

Your Reference

Our Reference H/HO/St.

20th November, 1958.

SAFETY IN SCHOOLS WIRED BEFORE - 1937

HELWITH BRIDGE COUNTY SCHOOL.

SYSTEM OF WIRING.

Carried out in screwed conduit with semi-recessed switches and plain pendants.

GENERAL CONDITION. Fair.

LIGHTING. Approximately 75% of the required standard.

DEFECTS. It is recommended that the following essential repairs should be attended to :-

1. Flexes above lampholders are frayed and hard, these should be shortened approx: 3" to remove bad pieces.
2. Well glass to outside fitting is broken and a new one should be fitted.
3. The conduit to Boiler House light is rusted and has come away from ceiling, no fitting is fixed and it is recommended that this light is retubed and a bulkhead fitting fixed.
4. The 5 amp plug in the classroom is looped to a lighting fuse-bridge, a new 3 way distribution board should be fixed and circuits reconnected separately.

The cost of rectifying the above will be £15-0-0.

*A. Mitchell*

Divisional Architect.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

MINUTE SHEET

YOUR REF.

OUR REF. H/HO/St.

ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

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*We shd not allow*  
*re-wiring in view*  
*of developments*

4 NOV 1958

Mr. D. Matthew.  
Divisional Education  
Officer.

Safety in Schools wired before 1937.  
Austwick C.E. School.

An inspection of the electrical installation has been carried out, and it is recommended that this School should be noted for inclusion in a future re-wiring Programme. The estimated cost of carrying out essential repairs is £45-0-0 and I would welcome your approval to have this work carried out.

A copy of the Electrical Report is attached.

*A. Mitchell*  
Divisional Architect.

20th November, 1958.



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20th November, 1958.

SAFETY IN SCHOOLS WIRED BEFORE - 1937  
AUSTWICK C.E. SCHOOL.

SYSTEM OF WIRING Plug points to School Meals equipment carried out in screwed conduit, lighting circuits are wired in lead covered cables.

GENERAL CONDITION

- (a) Wiring to S.M. plugs is good.
- (b) Wiring to lighting is fair, but cable insulation is deteriorating.

LIGHTING

Approximately 30% of the required standard, this is partly due to incorrect positioning of lights.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

It is recommended that this School is included in a future re-wiring programme, to be carried out before the next re-decoration. Since this may be some time before it is done, it is recommended that the following repairs should be attended to both in the interests of safety and to improve lighting.

DEFECTS.

1. Faulty insulation  
Cir. No.2. - 200,000 ohms to earth
2. Faulty earthing.  
All lead covered cables and plug points in classrooms are un-earthed. A new main earth should be fitted and cables bonded where necessary.
3. The 5 amp plug point in the J.M. classroom is looped to the lighting circuit, this should be re-wired separately.
4. The plug point in the Infants room is a non-standard pattern and is broken and insecurely fixed. A 5 amp switch-plug should be fitted.
5. Recommend that the lights in two rooms are re-positioned and that No. 4 additional lights are wired, in order to improve the lighting.
6. Some flexes are perished, No.5. existing fittings should be removed and plain pendants substituted.
7. Obsolete pattern glass fronted distribution board should be replaced using a modern consumer unit.
8. Outside fitting is rusted and broken and a new 100 watt fitting is required.

The estimated cost of rectifying these defects is £45-0-0

*A. Mitchell*  
Divisional Architect.

File.

Helwith Budge Census

25<sup>th</sup> November 1958

Ages as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 1958.

0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	TOTAL
HEATH WITH BRIDGE				Position as at								
2	2	1	1	2		2			2	3		7
				Sept 58		2			2	3		8
				Jan 59	1	2			2	3		8
				East 59	1	2			2	3		8
				Sept 59		2	2		2	2	3	9
				Jan 60		2	2		2	2	3	9
				East 60	1	2	2		2	2	3	10
				Sept 60		1	2	2	2	1	2	7
				Jan 61		1	2	2	2	1	2	7
				East 61		1	2	2	2	1	2	7
				Sept 61		1	1	2	2	1	1	6
				Jan 62	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	6
				East 62	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	6
				Sept 62		2*	1	1	2	2	1	8*
				Jan 63	2	2*	1	1	2	2	1	10*
				East 63	2	2*	1	1	2	2	1	10*
				Sept 63		2	2*	1	1	2	2	10*

Probable No allowing for removal

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\* Includes one probable removal, to Langcliff.

Practically all the families who intend leaving the district have either left or will be leaving this week. The tendency will be for the numbers to decline each year after 1963/4. There are only two families <sup>talking of children</sup> ~~with children~~ of Primary School age and below <sup>at Fossdale</sup> and it is unlikely that there will be many more children in the other areas; i.e. Heath with Bridge Inn Yard (6 at present) Sherwood House (3 at present) and Studfold (2 at present). With the exception of Inn Yard at Fossdale (3 children) all the parents have chosen Hoston in Ribblesdale as the choice of school should Heath with Bridge close.



Copy sent to Miss Imrie.

D.O.

Halwith Bridge County Primary School  
Census

The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

I have got your minute dated 29th April. A census has now been completed of the Halwith Bridge area (see enclosure with minute of today's date headed "Stainforth C.E. School : Head Teacher"). The census shows a very different situation from what had been expected. Considerable changes have taken place in the Halwith Bridge district during recent months which have resulted in a fairly big increase in the population. There is, however, no guarantee that four young married couples with a total of seven children all under school age will remain in the area. There is sufficient justification, however, for this school to remain in being for some time to come since you will see that in the next five years, if the present families remain, the numbers on roll will have risen to 24 from the present total of 6. Perhaps in view of the uncertainty in this area it might be better to appoint someone to the school in a temporary capacity, so that next year when, and if, Miss Newhouse of Stainforth C.E. resigns, the whole position can be again gone into.

12th May, 1958.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

We.

My Reference

M.73/S.

*File*

Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge Primary School.  
Proposed Closure.

Mr. D. Matthew.

With reference to your minute of 16th April, it is agreed that the headship of the above-named school should not be advertised but ~~that~~ the question of the transfer of the children to the Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School should be deferred until the possibility of an amalgamation of the Helwith Bridge and Stainforth C.E. Schools has been investigated. You will remember that Mr. Perraudin discussed this with you recently by telephone and asked you for future numbers at the three schools concerned. Mr. Perraudin also asked that you should discuss with the Vicar of Stainforth as soon as possible the possibility of the amalgamation.

Please let me have a report on your discussion with the Vicar as soon as possible.

*A. B. Clegg*

29th April, 1958.

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PWR/JS.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge  
County Primary School.  
Headship.

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The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

I enclose herewith Form S.4. notifying the resignation of Miss Mary Worthington, as Head Teacher of the above-named School, to take effect at the end of the Summer Term, 1958.

I have had a word with County Council Inspector, Miss J.P. Imrie, about the future of this school having regard to the decline in the number of children on roll.

I would suggest that the vacancy be not advertised and that the children be temporarily transferred in the first instance to the Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School as from the 1st September, 1958.

Subject to your approval I will submit the question of the proposed closure to the Settle District Education Sub Committee.

I shall be glad to hear from you on this matter at an early date.

16th April, 1958.

M.73/S.

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Horton-in-Ribblesdale Halwith Bridge Primary School  
Proposed Closure

The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

Thank you for your minute dated 29th April.

I have discussed the matter of the proposed closure of the Stainforth School with the Vicar of Stainforth and I am to have another conversation with him when the future numbers likely to attend the school are known.

In the meantime I can say that the Vicar was not surprised at what I had to say and has promised to call an early meeting of the Managers to discuss it and at which he has asked me to be present.

I should be pleased to know whether it is the practice of the Authority to be lenient in their observance of the transport regulations when the closure of a school is being considered.

30th April 1958.

Mrs. Grimsdaly.

I refer to the closure of the  
Foredale Quarry. -

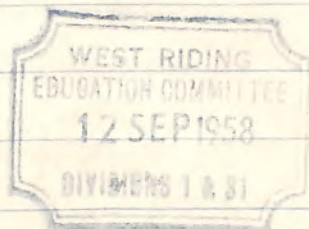
Would you please make enquiries  
locally and let me know the effect this  
will or may have on the future attendance  
of children at (a) Helwith Bridge School and  
possibly (b) Harrogate CE School.

Dr. Matthews  
20/8/58

M<sup>r</sup> Matthews

Report attached

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Mr. Matthew

Helwiths Bridge CP School - Census.

Below is a list of the children who were living in the Foradale and Inn Yard districts at Helwiths Bridge and who have been or may be affected by the closure of the Lime Quarry.

The granite section is still in operation

Dyfnan Reilly  
11/9/58.

No 2.	Cloughton	Paul	Out when I visited
3.	3.	Peter	" "
3	Hummingbird	Lesley	Already left
	" "	Pauline	" "
5	Smiths	Colin	" "
	" "	Kevin	" "
7	Ward.	Tina	Staying so far as they know
	" "	Sylvia	" "
	" "	Kelt	" "
7A.	Lewis	Stevie	" "
8.	Firth.	Jennifer	Looking for a house elsewhere
		David	
9	Ward.	John (Ingletts)	Hope to move before Christmas
		Dorothy	" "
		Charles	" "
		Jacqueline	" "
14	Tyson.	Brian	Hope to move
		Ronald	" "
Inn Yard.	Taylor	Paula (Ingletts)	Out when I called.
		Raymond	Underwood unlikely to move
		Elizabeth	
		Peter.	
	Lynn.	John (Settle High)	} Staying
		David	
		Christine	
		Valerie	
P.T.O.	Lambert V.	Janice	Staying

There will be a reduction of at least eleven pupils at Helms Bridge, with possibly a greater reduction.

Of the 16 houses at Feredale

- 5 are empty
- 5 ~~are~~ have no children
- 3 Families hoping to move
- 2 Families expect to stay
- 1. Intentions not known.

M.73/S.

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Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge County  
Primary School.  
Temporary Closure.  
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The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

I am in receipt of your minute of the 2nd  
instant the contents of which have been noted.

At this stage it would seem that this  
temporary closure is likely to last indefinitely.  
The transfer of the Helwith Bridge children to  
Horton will have no effect on the proposal for the  
amalgamation of the Helwith Bridge and Stainforth  
Schools. This seems now less likely.

6th January, 1959.



1959  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge Primary School  
Temporary Closure

Mr D. Matthews

I have received your minute of 24<sup>th</sup> December and note that this school is temporarily closed. I should be glad if you would

- a) ensure that the children concerned are separately registered at the Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School.
- b) let me know how long this temporary closure is likely to last and what  
indefinite

effect it will have on our proposal for the  
amalgamation of the Helwith Bridge and  
Stainforth C.E. Schools. ~~in one building or  
the other.~~

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amalgamation is there  
too now less likely.

2nd  
January, 1959

A.B. Clegg  
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M.73.

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Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge County  
Primary School.  
Temporary Closure.  
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The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

I refer to my minute of the 24th December, 1958, addressed to Room 78, a copy of which was forwarded to you regarding the temporary closure of the above-named School.

Tenders for the special conveyance of the Helwith Bridge children to the Horton School have been received as follows:-

Messrs.F.H.Ellis, Settle.	27/6d per day.
Mr.D.Whaites, Settle.	22/-d per day.
Mr.W.Pollard, Billy Garth Garage, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.	16/-d per day.

The lowest tender submitted by Mr.W.Pollard in the sum of 16/-d per school day is recommended for acceptance.

I enclose a Form of Tender duly completed by Mr.W.Pollard for the period 5th January, 1959 to 31st March, 1959.

5th January, 1959.

R.

30th December, 1958.

Conveyance of Children.  
Helwith Bridge to Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School.  
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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your tender in connection with the above, which has been recommended for acceptance. Would you kindly complete and return to me the enclosed Form of Tender ensuring that all details are inserted and the General Conditions of Contract are signed.

Kindly note that the transfer of the children from Helwith Bridge to Horton C.E. School is at this stage a temporary arrangement and your contract will cover the Spring Term, 1959, only, pending a final decision as to the future of the Helwith Bridge School.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Education Officer.

Mr. W. Pollard,  
Billy Garth Garage,  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,  
Nr. Settle.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Education Office,  
Water Street,  
Skipton.

29th December, 1958.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.  
Temporary Closure.  
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Dear Sir (or Madam),

It has been decided to close the above-named School temporarily and, having regard to the parents' wishes, it has been decided to transfer the children to Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School.

Transport to and from Horton will be provided by the Authority and will leave Helwith Bridge School at 8.45.a.m. when the schools re-open on 5th January, 1959.

Yours faithfully,

D. MATTHEW.

To the Parent or Guardian of:- Divisional Education Officer.

Trevor Ward, 7, Foredale Cottages, Helwith Bridge.  
David Huddleston, Studfold, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.  
Raymond Taylor, )  
Elizabeth Taylor, ) Inn Yard, Helwith Bridge.  
Christine Lynn, Inn Yard, Helwith Bridge.  
Brian Metcalfe, Sherwood Farm, Stainforth.  
Babrie Wildman, Sherwood Farm, Stainforth.

Copies for information of:- Mr.W.Pollard, Walter Garth, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.  
Mr.D.Wardell, C .E. School, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

Sent to:- F.H.Ellis & Co., Settle. 27/6  
Mr.D.Whaites, Settle. 22/-  
Mr.W.Pollard, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. 16/-

Opened by blairman Mr.W.W. Thomas, in the presence  
of the D.E.O., Mr.D. Mathew on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec/58.

Prof. 29  
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24th December, 1958.

**Conveyance of Children.**  
**Helwith Bridge to Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School.**  
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Dear Sir(s),

With reference to the recent conversation with my Education Welfare Officer, I shall be pleased if you will let me have a quotation for the conveyance of the Helwith Bridge children to and from Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School. Your tender should reach this office by 10.a.m. on Monday, 29th December, 1958.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Education Officer.

Billy Gauth Garage,  
Boston-in-R'dale,  
Settle, Yorks.  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1958.

D. Matthew Esq.,  
Divisional Education Officer.

Dear Sir,

Conveyance of Helwith Bridge School Children  
to and from Boston-in-R'dale C.E. School.

My tender for the above is: - 16/- per day.

Yours faithfully,  
W. Gauth.

1 Bowshells yard.  
Seville

27. Dec 1958.

Dear Sir.

Conveyance of children  
from Helwith Bridge to Horlair in R.  
School. Quotation £1.2.0 Per Day

Yours faithfully,  
J. Shaw



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F. H. ELLIS

TELEGRAMS: "ELLIS, GARAGE SETTLE"

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MOTOR ENGINEER

THE WEST YORKSHIRE GARAGE

SETTLE, YORKS. 27th December 1958



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The Div. Education Officer,  
Education Office,  
Water Street,  
Skipton.

Dear Sir,

We should like to quote for the conveyance of schoolchildren from Helwith Bridge to Horton.

Our price is 27/6d (twenty seven shillings & sixpence) per day for the two trips.

Yours faithfully,

*F. H. Ellis*

Billy Yarth Garage,  
Horton-in-R'dale,

Settle, Yorks.

24<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 1958.

D. Matthew Esq.,  
Divisional Education Officer.

Dear Sir,

Conveyance of Children to and from  
Helwith Bridge School

In reply to the telephone message of  
yesterday, I will convey the Helwith Bridge  
School Children to and from Horton School  
for 16/- per day. If my tender is acceptable  
to you, I would suggest 8-25 A.M. Settle  
and 8-40 A.M. Helwith Bridge.

Yours faithfully,  
W. Poulard.

Not in tender envelope - opened with ordinary  
mail. Tender is likely to be in one of the  
3 tender envelopes attached. Only 3 sent. Prof.

Copies Sent to Room 73.  
Miss Imrie.

9.78/93.

R.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale Holwich Bridge  
County Primary School.

The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

I have to inform you that the Settle District Education Sub-Committee at their meeting held yesterday recommended that the above-named School be closed temporarily and the children transferred to the Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.S. School pending a final decision as to the future of the school.

In confirmation of Mr. Riley's telephone message of yesterday, I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange for Miss D.E. Woods, County Supply Teacher to be transferred from the above-named School to the Stainforth C.S. School as from the beginning of next term, i.e. 5th January, 1959, where the Headship is now vacant due to the resignation of Miss M. Newhouse.

24th December, 1958.

G.

29th December, 1958.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.  
Temporary Closure.  
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Dear Mr. Wardell,

At a Meeting of the Settle District Sub-Committee held on 25rd December, 1958, it was decided to close the above-named School temporarily and, in view of the parents' wishes, transfer the children to your school.

I shall be pleased if you will kindly make the necessary arrangements for the children to be accommodated. Please continue to keep the names on the Helwith Bridge Register.

Arrangements will be made for documents, books, etc., to be transferred and I shall be pleased if you will let me know whether you will require any furniture or equipment from Helwith Bridge.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Education Officer.

D. Wardell, Esq.,  
School House,  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,  
Nr. Settle.

Copy Sent to Mr. D. Wardell for Information.

G.

1st January, 1959.

School Meals Service.  
Helwith Bridge County Primary School.  
Temporary Closure.

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the recent telephone conversation I have to confirm that the above-named School has been closed temporarily and the children will attend Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.R. School. As from Monday, 5th January, 1959, the conveyance of meals will not be required until further notice. I will let you know when the school is due to re-open.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Education Officer.

Mr. J. Heseltine,  
Garth Lea,  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,  
Nr. Settle.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

H.

My Reference

G.79/P

Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge  
County Primary School - Closure.

Mr. D. Matthew.

Thank you for your minute of the 3rd February. I note that the District Sub-Committee has deferred decision as to permanent closure until 9th June, 1959. Meanwhile the children are attending Horton-in-Ribblesdale C. E. School. In view of previous discussions you have had with Mr. Perraudin I think you will agree that these decisions are unfortunate in that they are likely to lead to the closure of two schools i.e. Stainforth as well as Helwith Bridge and the closure of Stainforth could have been avoided if the Helwith children ~~could~~ have been transferred there. Stainforth serves a very pleasant village and its closure can only further cause the gradual de-population of the area.

I presume that the local people have been aware of these factors but if there is a further meeting to discuss this matter and it would be helpful for Mr. Perraudin to attend with you, he would be glad to do so.

Would you please let me have your observations.

Ab. Clegg!

11th February, 1959.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale - Helwith Bridge County Primary School  
Closure

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The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

Thank you for your minute of 11th February.

I am afraid that there must be some misunderstanding of the position in this Dale. I have been aware for two years that the Helwith Bridge community - such as it is - looks towards Horton and it is in fact in Horton Parish. I have also been aware that when the Helwith Bridge people were approached a year before I came here, with a view to directing the children elsewhere, they were 100% in favour of Horton. I have never believed that any other arrangement was likely to be successful - at least in the first instance. Incidentally my Welfare Officer saw all the parents concerned before the transfer and they were still of the same mind as 3 years ago. I am sorry if I have not made this entirely clear.

I am afraid that I cannot agree with the conclusions in your minute. So far as I was aware, Mr. Perradin and I agreed as follows:-

1. that the present situation was bad from an educational and economical point of view.
2. that there was a case for closing both, Helwith Bridge and Stainforth with 8 pupils each.
3. that we should recommend closure of only one of these schools, however, in order not to antagonise local opinion nor to introduce a situation that might be considered as leading to depopulation.
4. that for a variety of reasons the school to be closed should be Helwith Bridge.

I admit that it would have appeared to be a better solution if the Hebden Bridge children had gone to Stainforth and boosted the numbers there but the present situation is precisely the same economically and to my mind no worse educationally than if they had gone to Stainforth.

With regard to the risk of depopulation I have only the following to say:-

1. Stainforth is, in any case, due to close under the Development Plan.

2. When Stainforth did close the two remaining schools, Horton and Langcliffe, are  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles apart and the furthest that any child would have to travel would be a little over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Dales people think little of such a distance and the distance factor would be unlikely to influence them.

We have only closed Helwith Bridge temporarily at the moment because I think it advisable always to give time for unexpected issues to arise before coming to a final decision. There is, therefore, an opportunity for reconsideration of the whole question if my argument is wrong in any way and if there is a risk of Stainforth School closing. But I must say that I am very much against upsetting the present arrangement which is working very well - as it would do, being, to my mind, the natural arrangement.

17th February 1959.



D. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

My Reference M. 73/J.

*no reply  
D.S.C.  
Pl. see last  
minute.*

7 SEP 1959

Horton-in-Ribblesdale <sup>X</sup> Melwith Bridge County <sup>X</sup>  
Primary School - Closure.

Mr. D. Matthew.

With reference to your minute of the 30th June, the Committee have approved of the Settle District Sub-Committee's recommendation that the above-named school should be permanently closed. The proposal will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education for formal approval. At the same time the Committee asked that the District Sub-Committee submit proposals for the disposal of the school premises.

*A.B. Clegg*  
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4th September, 1959.

*write to clerk to Hon. Parish Cl.*

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desires of the people - was the  
of the d. of.*

R.

28th September, 1959.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.

Dear Sir,

I refer to the closure of the above-named School and the transfer of the children to the Horton-in-Ribblesdale C.E. School.

The Settle District Education Sub-Committee have now been asked by the County Authority to submit proposals for the disposal of the school premises. It is thought that good use could be made of these premises as a Village Hall or for some other purpose. Before any decision as to the disposal of the premises is taken, the District Education Sub-Committee would be pleased to learn the wishes of the people in the area and they suggest that you call a public meeting to discuss this matter.

Perhaps you will kindly let me know whether you are in agreement with the suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Education Officer.

The Clerk to the Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council,  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,  
Nr. Settle.

# HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE, Yorks.

E. SARGINSON  
Clerk and Treasurer

Oct 5/59

D. Matthew Esq.  
Education Office  
Water Street  
Shepton.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1959.

I will place your letter before my  
Council at the earliest possible moment & will  
write you again. I have been away on  
holiday hence the delay in reply.

Yours faithfully  
E. Sarginson Clerk

Mr. Matthew

Helwith Bridge Cdy School. - Premises

A public mtg. is to be held on Monday  
9<sup>th</sup> November 1959 at 7<sup>30</sup> pm. to discuss the  
above.

The clerk to the P. Cl. has asked for the use  
of the premises. - I said we would agree -  
Would you confirm and also ask the  
caretaker to put some heat on for that  
night.

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R.

29th October, 1959.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.

Dear Sir,

In confirmation of the recent telephone conversation with a member of my staff, approval is given to the holding of a Public Meeting at the above-named school on Monday, 9th November, 1959 at 7.30 p.m.

I have arranged with the Caretaker for the school to be opened and heated for this occasion.

Yours faithfully,

E. Sarginson, Esq.,  
Clerk to the Horton-in-Ribblesdale  
Parish Council,  
HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE,  
Settle.

Divisional Education Officer.

R.

29th October, 1959.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.

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Dear Madam,

A Public Meeting will be held at the above-named school on Monday, 9th November, 1959 at 7.30 p.m.

Would you please ensure that lights are put on and the school is heated for this occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Doris Middleton,  
Hotel Cottage,  
HELWITH BRIDGE,  
Horton-in-Ribblesdale,  
Settle.

Divisional Education Officer.

# HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE, Yorks.

E. SARGINSON  
Clerk and Treasurer

Nov 14/59

Helwith Bridge County Primary School

Dear Sir. Further to my letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> October I have to report that a public meeting was held at the Helwith Bridge School on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at which 17 people of the Helwith Bridge District were present, and a very full discussion took place as a result I have to forward you their conclusions as follows:-

Consequent upon the closing of the Helwith Bridge school, you were good enough to suggest that the local residents be consulted as to the future of the building. There was a feeling that as a recreation or Community Centre, the building would be invaluable, and that, for its maintenance, support would be forthcoming. The Methodists have no other building for their Sunday School; there is no hall within 2 miles in any direction, for social events of any kind; the teenagers of the immediate district will have no legitimate meeting place of any description if it is not acquired.

The cost of acquiring and maintaining the building as a Recreation Room or Community Centre was naturally a matter of concern, and on which the Parish Council could not enlighten ~~them~~ the

# HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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ratepayers who were present.

A motion, unanimously supported, was that further information be sought as to what the position would be if the building were retained for the purposes detailed.

Would it be sold or given to them. -

Would it be denuded of furniture or left reasonably furnished - would the rates on the building be heavy?

I should be glad if you would give an answer to the various matters raised, after which it would be easier to come to a decision, and I would then convene another meeting.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully  
E. Sarginson

Clerk

The County Council of Wilt.

Education Dept

Education Office

Water Street

Shepton



M.73/J.

D.O.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School  
Closure

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The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

I refer to your minute dated 4th September 1959, concerning the above-named School in which you asked for the observations of the District Sub-Committee on the future of the building. This matter has now been referred to the Parish Council of Horton-in-Ribblesdale in which parish Helwith Bridge School is situated and the Clerk of the Parish Council has asked for an answer to certain questions. He states that as a Recreation or Community Centre the building would be valuable and that for its maintenance support would be forthcoming. There is no hall within two miles in any direction for social events of any kind and the young people of the district have no place where they can meet. Before the Parish Council could take any other step, however, they asked whether the building could be sold or given to them. If it could be given for community purposes, would there be any possibility of furniture being supplied and would the rates of the building be heavy.

The building is very good structurally and it would seem that there is no other use for it in the area. There are stone quarries nearby, but one of them has been recently closed and I cannot think of any use to which the quarrying Company could put it. I should be glad if you could tell me whether the Committee could provide the Parish with the School for use as a Community Centre and if so, on what terms. Any further information you could give me in this connection would be most gratefully received.

19th November 1959.

M.73/J.

R.

The Chief  
Education  
Officer.

Helwith Bridge County Primary School.  
Closure.

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I refer to my minute of the 19th November, 1959.

Further consideration has been given to this question by the Settle District Education Sub-Committee.

They have resolved that the Authority be asked to consider favourably the wishes of the residents of Helwith Bridge with which they are in sympathy.

I shall be glad to hear from you at an early date.

1st December, 1959.

Copy for Mr. D. Matthew.

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F.E./Hu.

*Mr. Riley*  
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Helwith Bridge County Primary School.  
Closure.  
Acquisition for Further Education Purposes.

Mr. R. Eyles.

I have visited the Helwith Bridge County Primary School, now closed, and have discussed the possibilities of its use as a Village Hall with D.E.O. Mr. Matthew and with Mr. Sarginson, the Clerk to the Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council. The school could very easily be adapted to serve as an excellent Village Hall but the question of purchase and maintenance is a difficult one. The Parish of Horton in Ribblesdale of which Helwith Bridge is a part, is about to bring to fruition a £5,000 scheme for the erection of a Village Hall in the village of Horton in Ribblesdale and the Clerk is quite definitely of the opinion that the Parish Council and the 700 inhabitants of the village would not be prepared to embark upon any additional project that would mean either expenditure or the raising of money through voluntary effort.

He informs me that the hamlet of Helwith Bridge which is detached from the main centre of population in Horton in Ribblesdale by two miles of minor road, consists of 35 houses with about 60 to 70 people. These people are anxious to obtain the school as a Village Hall both to serve as a social and recreational centre - they will not be able to take full advantage of the Hall to be erected in Horton - and also to deny purchase to the local Inn who, it is suggested, might well turn it into a supper room for coach parties!

He states that the Helwith Bridge people would make every effort to maintain the school as a Village Hall if it was rented by the Local Education Authority to a Village Hall at a purely nominal rate of, say £1 per annum but that there is no chance whatever of any money being raised for purchase either in Helwith Bridge or by the Parish Council.

*R. Sarginson*

22nd December, 1959.

*D.H. visited Mr. Sarginson  
- saw him  
I wrote above*