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Former Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge
County Primary School.
Disposal of Premises.

The Education
Officer.

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the
above.

As you are aware it is now some 12 months since
the Settle District Education Sub-Committee stated that so
far as they were concerned, the premises were no longer
required for educational purposes and recommended that
the premises be sold following public advertisement.
I am aware of course of the subsequent interest shown by
certain Bodies in the premises.

At a recent meeting of the Settle District Education
Sub-Committee, however, a member referred to the seemingly
interminable delay by the Authority in the disposal of the
premises and spoke very strongly at their now apparent
neglected and dilapidated condition.

Would you please let me know how the matter of the
disposal of the premises now stands.

9th August, 1968.

To:- Mr. J.D. Riddiough

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The Clerk of the
County Council

Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Helwith Bridge (Closed)
Disposal of Premises.

Primary School. 2335/3

I refer to my minute of the 12th December, 1967. Mr. Riddiough has reported that at a recent meeting of the Settle District Education Sub-Committee a member referred to the seemingly interminable delay by the Authority in disposing of these old school premises and spoke very strongly about their now apparent neglected and dilapidated condition.

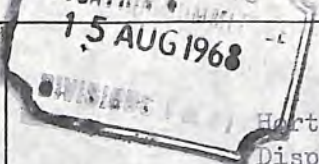
Mr. Riddiough asked to be informed of how the disposal of the premises now stands.

I attach a copy of a minute I have addressed to Mr. Riddiough today.

May I please be informed of the present stage of your consultations with regard to the disposal of this property. Are you yet able to ask me to seek the instructions of the School Management Sub-Committee with regard to the disposal of the property?

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N.O.

14th August, 1968.



Mr. Riddiough

Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Helwith Bridge (Closed)
Disposal of Premises. Primary School. 2335/3

I refer to your minute of the 9th August, 1968.

You reported on the 18th July, 1967, that so far as the District Education Sub-Committee was concerned the premises were no longer required for educational purposes and in the circumstances the District Sub-Committee recommended that the premises be sold following public advertisement.

Consideration was then given to the possibility of using the premises as a Headquarters for field study purposes and for climbing or pot-holing. This did not mature and the property was offered to Leeds University but they were unable to proceed with the acquisition because of financial problems.

I accordingly wrote to the Clerk of the County Council on the 12th December, 1967, asking him to ascertain (a) if the property was required by any other department of the County Service and, if not, (b) the Local Authority and, if not, (c) any Government Department and, if not (d) any nationalised industry.

As you may know this is now the normal procedure on Government instructions so far as surplus land and buildings are concerned.

I have had a number of enquiries about this property:-

- (a) Kenneth Wardle Ltd., Selside, Nr. Settle. They are trying to develop a rural crafts industry and need more workshop space and therefore wish to rent or purchase the old school building.
- (b) Bruntcliffe School, Morley. The Headmaster wished to establish courses under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and required a base. The financial implications were pointed out to the Headmaster since when nothing more has been heard from him.
- (c) Sandback School, Cheshire. The Headmaster wished to use the old school as a country base for use by cadets, geographers and others and wished to buy or lease.
- (d) Horton and District Young Farmers' Club. The premises were required for holding meetings in. The secretary was informed of the position and her attention drawn to the financial burden if they were to get the premises. I suggested she discussed her problem with you.
- (e) Mr. G.O. Wildman, 2 Helwith Bridge. He wanted the premises for use as a workshop because he was having to give up the shed he leased at that time.

I have not yet heard from the Clerk of the County Council that no-one he has consulted is interested in the property which is necessary before I can seek the instructions of the Education Committee with regard to the disposal of the property.

I attach for your information a copy of a minute I have addressed to the Clerk of the County Council today.

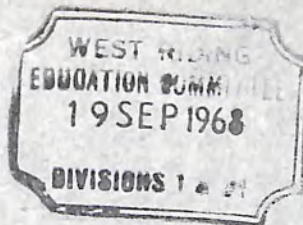
14th August, 1968.

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To:- Mr. Riddiough



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S.P.S.601/110

17th September, 1968.

Redundant Premises

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 24th August, 1968, and I apologise for the delay in replying to it.

I very much regret that I am unable to be of any help to you.

When County schools cease to be used for day school purposes and they are unsuitable for youth, further education, or any other educational use, they must be offered to other departments of the County Council. If none of these require the property, they must be offered to District Council and Government departments and if not required by these, to Nationalised Industries. If they are then still not required the instructions of the Education Committee are sought with regard to their disposal and usually they decide to sell by public auction. The Education Committee do not hold on to disused premises and let them with the exception of disused schools which are required for community centre purposes in which case they are sometimes let to the local Parish Council.

The only small village school property which is at present empty and not yet disposed of is the old Horton-in-Ribblesdale Melwith Bridge (Closed) Primary School and its site of 0.134 of an acre. Horton-in-Ribblesdale is about half way between Settle and Sedburgh in the Yorkshire Dales.

At the present time the Clerk of the County Council is ascertaining whether any other department of the County Council, etc. is interested in the property, prior to seeking the instructions of the Education Committee to its disposal. Five persons or Bodies have expressed an interest in this property and details of their interest will be reported to the Education Committee at the appropriate time if no other department of the County Council or Government department or Nationalised Industry is interested in the property, and their instructions sought with regard to its disposal.

If you would be interested in purchasing the property your name could be added to the list for consideration.

Most of the small old primary schools being closed are Voluntary schools and when they cease to be used for day school purposes this Authority ceases to have any responsibility for them, the property not being owned by the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature: A.S. Clegg
A.S. Clegg, N.O.
Education Officer.

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Mr. Leader, Dept.
5 North Villas,
LONDON, N.W.1.

D.O.

3rd June, 1969.

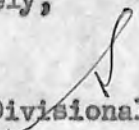
Helwith Bridge Former School Premises

Dear Mr. Clayton,

Further to our conversation yesterday, I have arranged with the Craven Water Board to have accounts sent direct to you. Settle R.D. Council are going to look at the premises, presumably to decide whether any re-assessment is necessary, and they too will forward the rate accounts direct to you.

I hope this will sort matters out for you. If there is any further help I can give, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,


Divisional Education Officer.

Mr. W. Clayton, O.B.E.,
Headmaster,
Knottingley High School,
Middle Lane,
Knottingley.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Tel. Knottingley 2859



Headmaster

Mr. W. CLAYTON, M.B.E.



KNOTTINGLEY HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLE LANE
KNOTTINGLEY
YORKSHIRE

6th June 1969.

Dear Mr. Riddiough,

Helwith Bridge Former School Premises

Thank you very much for your letter concerning the Water and Rateable Value of the property.

It is very good of you to help in this way, and I do appreciate it.

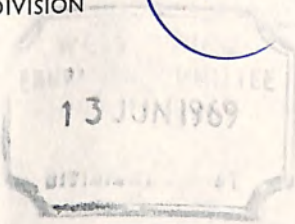
Yours sincerely,

Walter Clayton

J.D. Riddiough Esq., B.A.,
Divisional Education Officer,
Water Street,
Skipton.

County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
CLARO DIVISIONAL EXECUTIVE
RIPON COUNTY DIVISION

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WITH THE
DIVISIONAL OFFICER'S
COMPLIMENTS

To:-
J. E. O.,
Skipton.

EDUCATION OFFICE
59 GROVE ROAD
HARROGATE

Copy for information of:-

S.F.S. 602/110

Mr. Rawcliffe

WEST RIDING
DELEGATION DEPT.
10 JUN 1969
CLARE E. SCOTT
DIV'S. 2 & 32

R
The Clerk of
the County
Council.

Horton-in-Ribblesdale Helwith Bridge (Closed)
Primary School. 2335/3
Knottingley High School. 4261/1
Proposed Outdoor Pursuits/Field Studies Centre

With reference to my minute of the 16th May, 1969, (final paragraph thereof) Mr. Clayton has now submitted the following information:-

1. The Secretary of the School Council is Mr. Gerald R. Wilde, 62, Hunningley Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley.
2. The School Council has raised a special fund for the purposes of rehabilitation and future maintenance of the property and this stands at present at £1,600.

Mr. Clayton hopes that this will give you the assurance you require so far as the property is concerned.

9th June, 1969.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Tel. Knottingley 2859



Headmaster
Mr. W. CLAYTON, M.B.E.

KNOTTINGLEY HIGH SCHOOL
MIDDLE LANE
KNOTTINGLEY
YORKSHIRE



18th July, 1969.

J.D. Riddiough Esq., B.A.,
Divisional Education Officer,
County Council Offices,
Water Street,
Skipton.

Dear Mr. Riddiough,

I should find it extremely interesting to study the Log Book for the Helwith Bridge School. I wonder if you have this in your possession and, if so, whether you would let me have the loan of it for a period please. If you do not hold it there, perhaps you could let me know where it is lodged now that the school has officially closed.

I hope to call in and see you on my way up to Helwith Bridge.

Thank you for all the assistance you have given us so far.

Yours sincerely,

W. Clayton

Mr. Riley

I presume this was sent to

Wakefield
W.O. of 21/7

No. in Store Room
Upstairs

R.

22nd July, 1969.

former Helwith Bridge County School


Dear Mr. Clayton,

With reference to your letter of the 18th July, 1969, I enclose the Log Book for the former Helwith Bridge School.

I shall be pleased if you will kindly return it to this office, in due course, and at your convenience.

I shall be pleased to see you on your way to Helwith Bridge.

Yours sincerely,


Divisional Education Officer.

W. Clayton, Esq., M.B.E.,
Headmaster,
Knottingley High School,
Middle Lane,
Knottingley,
Yorks.

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Kelworth Bridge

Who is now responsible for
maintenance - presumably Knottingley
H.S. **YES.** - (School Council of).

At Settle J.S.C. it was stated that
some of drainage was overflowing
& freezing. I was asked to draw
it to attention of appropriate
body - School? J. Arch? or
who?

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8th January, 1971.

Helwith Bridge Premises

Dear Mr. Clayton,

I understand from a member of one of my Committees at Settle that some of the drainage from the above-mentioned premises is overflowing and freezing.

No doubt you will arrange to deal with this when the opportunity arises.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



Divisional Education Officer.

W. Clayton, Esq., M.B.E.
Knottingley High School,
Middle Lane,
Knottingley,
Yorks.

Helwith Bidge

Mr Johnson (CEO Eastford) asks
of Stanogate D. Arch. can give
estimate for renovation: internal &
external of Helwith Bidge.

CEO. has asked him to meet this
from his estimates, so that details
should go to him.

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The Divisional
Architect.

FORMER HEWORTH BRIDGE COUNTY J. & I. SCHOOL

The above premises are leased to Knottingley High School by the Authority and require internal and external renovation.

Would you kindly arrange for an estimate to be prepared and for details to be forwarded to the Divisional Education Officer, Mr. E. Johnson, at the Castleford Office, who will authorise the work from his maintenance estimates.

F. D. Riddiough

22nd May, 1973.

Divisional Education Officer.