

Settle Rural District Council

C. E. BYGRAVE,  
CLERK.

Settle, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1894

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst last to Mr David Wood, the Rural District Councillor for Lancashire, I have written to Mr W Slinger the owner of the Kettlebeck farms as to his liability to repair the bridge referred to in the Copy Minute which you sent to Mr Wood.

I have received two or three letters from Mr Slinger on the subject, & I have also had an interview with him.

Mr Wood was informed that the bridge was last built when William Carr was Tenant of Kettlebeck (probably about 20 years ago), that Mr Mansergh of Nathwell did the work, that Mr Robert Slinger (brother

to Mr W Slinger) superintended the work, but Mr W Slinger denies all this & states that the bridge which was washed away was there to his knowledge for 50 years.

If you can give any information establishing the liability of Mr Slinger to build the bridge I shall be obliged.

Yours truly  
Chas E Bygrave

John Howson Esq.  
Clerk here.  
Ainsturley  
Lancaster



SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT, G.P.O.  
NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT,  
HEAD-QUARTERS: SOUTH BRIDGE.

27 September 1901.

Sir,

It is reported to me that the Bridge on  
property at Kettlebeck in the Lawkland Township  
was washed away some considerable time since and  
that in consequence the Postman has to walk  
a mile round in order to deliver letters at Mr  
Sanderson's Mid-Kettlebeck.

If you  
can do anything in order to have the Bridge

restored.

Kettlebeck Bridge

HEAD-QUARTERS SOUTH-DISTRICT  
NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT  
SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT, P.O.



at an early date I shall be obliged as otherwise  
it may be necessary to limit Mr Sanderson's  
accommodation as regards ~~the privilege~~ of the  
delivery of his letters.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

*W. H. Main*  
Surveyor G.P.O.

Rev. A. Ingilby J.P.

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20th Oct. 1955

To Mr F. Woodland.  
Leighley.

Dear Sir,

re Bridge at Kettlebeck.

I thank you for your letter of the 15th Oct. and give below replies to your queries.

1. When the bridge was repaired provisionally, in 1928, the Parish Vestry made a grant towards part of the cost.

2. According to what I have been told (I am not a native of the Parish, so have to rely on other people for this information) when the bridge was originally erected it was put up by the owner of Hoop Kettlebeck, and is therefore your responsibility, but perhaps you can come to some arrangement privately with the owner of the land on the other side, to share the repairs of the bridge.

3. The Rev. David Nutting (Canon

not a Parish Council) is not responsible  
for the upkeep of bridges & streets,  
and in fact, during the last 12  
months several bridges in the  
Parish on Public Footpaths have been  
repaired by the owners of the various  
properties.

If the reason why the previous  
owner was not asked to repair  
the bridge was because it is  
only during the last 12 months  
that the Postal Authorities have  
started pressing for it to be  
done.

In conclusion I would  
add that at our meeting on  
Wed. it was again agreed that  
if you would make a suitable  
gift of the bridge the S.M.  
would make a great towards  
part of the cost.

I hope you will now be  
able to do something in the  
matter.

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15th October 1955

Clerk to the Council,  
Lawkland.

Dear Madam,                    Re Bridge at Kettlebeck.

I am in receipt of your letter, and there are one or two points I should like to raise regarding the above.

1. Why is a grant being suggested for the Kettlebeck Bridge but not for the High Grain?
2. I am the owner of one end of the bridge, what about the other side?
3. This is a footpath bridge and in my opinion repairable by your authority.
4. Why was the previous owner not asked to repair the same, as I understand this bridge has been down for seven years.

Your reply to these queries will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*F. Woollard*



HEAD POST OFFICE  
LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE  
MARKET STREET, LANCASTER  
HEAD POSTMASTER: S. McCOWAN  
Telephone: LANCASTER 5234 Extension 4402

In any reply please quote:

Your Ref:

5th October, 1955.

Dear Madam,

Damaged and Dangerous Bridges at  
Austwick

With reference to previous correspondence, I have to inform you that no attempt has been made to repair the Bridges at East and High Kettlebeck.

It will be appreciated, therefore, if further representations can be made to the owners to have the necessary repairs put in hand.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Thompson*

(A. THOMPSON),  
Assistant Postmaster,  
LANCASTER & MORECAMBE.

Mrs. N. Parkin,  
Clerk to the Lawkland Parish Meeting,  
Park House,  
Eldroth,  
Austwick,  
LANCASTER.

*Ref. 12/10/55.  
Note to Woodland*

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18th December 1954.

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The postman then passes the door Side (Horners) and can use Smithy of my farm.

if your Council would grant £4000 for a new Grain Bridge, which will be put

faithfully,

*F. Woodland*



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In any reply please quote:

Your Ref:

1st July, 1955.

Dear Madam,

Damaged and dangerous Bridges at  
Austwick

I thank you for your letter of 4th April and am pleased to inform you that the Bridge leading to High Grain Farm has been put in order.

The Bridge between East and High Kettlesbeck is still in an unsatisfactory condition, and it will be appreciated, therefore, if further representations can be made to the owners for the early repair of the Bridge, please.

Yours faithfully,

*J. B. Armitstead*

(J. B. ARMITSTEAD),  
for Head Postmaster,  
LANCASTER & MORECAMBE.

Miss N. Parkin,  
Clerk to the Lawkland Parish Council,  
Park House,  
Eldroth,  
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*Letter sent to  
Woolley 30/7/55*

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faithfully,

*H. Woollard*



HEAD POST OFFICE  
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MARKET STREET, LANCASTER  
HEAD POSTMASTER: A. J. KNIGHT  
Telephone: LANCASTER 5234 Extension 4610  
P.O. Ref.: Your Ref.:

30th March, 1955.

Dear Madam,

Damaged and Dangerous Bridges at Austwick

With reference to previous correspondence I have to inform you that although some attempt has been made to repair the Bridges they are still in an unsatisfactory condition.

It will be appreciated, therefore, if further representations can be made to the owners to have the necessary repairs put in hand at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

*T. Fenton*  
(T. FENTON),  
for Head Postmaster,  
LANCASTER & MORECAMBE.

Mrs. N. Parkin,  
Clerk to Lawkland Parish Meeting,  
Park House,  
Eldroth,  
Austwick,  
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*Rep. 4th April  
Letter to Woodland.*

Eldroth,  
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*F. Woodland*

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Woolard.

27th Dec.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your letter of the 18th Dec. regarding the foot bridges at High Grain, and High Kettlebeck. I am sorry the P.M. cannot accept any responsibility for the bridge at High Grain, as I pointed out in my letter of the 22nd Nov. The P.M. are willing to make a grant towards the cost of repairing the bridge at High Kettlebeck, if you will <sup>first of all</sup> ~~first of all~~ have it put in order, and let us know the cost. I can then be called to discuss the

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T. KEIGHLEY

18th December 1954.

and apologise for my delay in reply. I shall make inquiries with regard to your

request, and will be glad to take any responsibility, and to provide aid on the side of the stream for at

least to make a bridge from local timber for a short time, and as this is the normal route for

The postman then passes the door on the side (Horners) and can use Smithy of my farm.

If your Council would grant £400 for a High Grain Bridge, which will be put

Yours faithfully,

J. Woolard



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113 BRADFORD STREET, KEIGHLEY

18th December 1954.

The Clerk,  
Lawkland Parish Meeting,  
Park House,  
Eldroth,  
Austwick.

Dear Madam,

I thank you for your letter and apologise for my delay in replying, this being due to my having to make inquiries with regard to your councils gift to me of 2 bridges.

In our opinion this is definitely not my responsibility, and in the case of Kettlebeck this has laid on the side of the stream for at least 7 years (I purchased July last.)

I am, however, prepared to make a bridge from local timber for use at High Grain from Walbank Farm, and as this is the normal route for the postman, this should ease matters. The postman then passes the door of Kettlebeck on his return from Brow Side (Horners) and can use Smithy Bridge in the normal way at the bottom of my farm.

I should be pleased to hear if your Council would grant £4 towards the cost of repairs for the High Grain Bridge, which will be put in hand forthwith.

Yours faithfully,

F. Woollard

Woodward  
Underwood  
32 Airelaine  
Steeton  
W<sup>r</sup> Keighley  
Yorks

matter was discussed at our  
last Parish Meeting, and it was  
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the same in order the Parish  
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This matter seems to be of  
some urgency, and I am writing

Eldroth,  
Austwick,  
LANCASTER.

ally,

Master,  
DRECAMBE.

Second letter 11th Dec.  
Stenton, Leighton.

OFFICE  
MORECAMBE  
LANCASTER

A. J. KNIGHT

Extension 4610

Mr Ref:

Number, 1954.

I have received a communication from the Ass. Postmaster, Lancaster reporting that the two footpaths, bridges, 1 that leading to High Brain, Bant, and 2 that leading to High Kettlewell, are in a damaged and dangerous condition to the Austwick Postman, who is called upon to cross them in the course of his duties. As I understood that you are responsible for the maintenance of these bridges, I have been asked to communicate with you with a view to having them put in order as early as possible.

In the case of the bridge leading to High Kettlewell, this matter was discussed at our last Parish Meeting, and it was agreed that if you would put the same in order the Parish Meeting would consider making a grant towards the cost of the same.

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ally,

Master,  
MORECAMBE.

Eldroth,  
Austwick,  
LANCASTER.



to you in the hope  
that you will be able to  
have the repairs effected  
with as little delay  
as possible.

I shall be pleased  
to hear from you on the  
matter.

Yours faithfully,

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P.O. Ref.:

Your Ref.:

*Reply 11/12/54.*

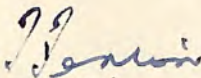
9th December, 1954.

Dear Madam,

Damaged and Dangerous Bridges at  
Austwick

I shall be pleased if I may have a reply to my letter of the 17th November in respect of the above bridges.

Yours faithfully,



(T. FENTON),

for Head Postmaster,  
LANCASTER & MORECAMBE.

Mrs. N. Parkin,  
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