

Appendix 10. Newspaper Cuttings

<p style="text-align: center;">14-3-75</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Action on scrapyard blocking path</h3> <p>Action is to be taken over a scrapyard which is blocking a bridle path, the Parish Council at Combe St. Nicholas was told.</p> <p>It was reported that Yeovil District Council would be making an enforcement order to clear the scrapyard which is blocking Sixteen Acre Lane, near Ham Hill.</p> <p>Preb. W. T. Taylor said the Council should make it very clear it was prepared to give evidence that the lane had been a recognized bridle path 'since time immemorial.'</p> <p>The Parish Council felt that all bridle paths should be shown on the definitive map of footpaths.</p> <p>'The fact that bridle paths are not shown on the map is an error dating back to 1949-50,' said Mr. Taylor.</p> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Not made clear</h4> <p>The County Council, drawing up the map at the time, did not make it clear that bridle paths should be put down as footpaths. He pointed out that even such obvious paths as Hollandswash Drove were not shown as bridle paths.</p> <p>Mr. Stanley Hopkins wanted to know how long they would have to wait before something was actually done to remove the scrapyard.</p> <p>He appreciated that the Planning Committee had acted fairly quickly, but he hoped the enforcement order would be brought into effect shortly.</p> <p>Said Mr. Hopkins: 'The order has got to be pushed on as fast as possible. It has been very much worse during the last month or six weeks.'</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Bridle paths should be clearly shown says Combe Council</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">A CALL for all bridle paths to be shown on the definitive footpaths map was made at Combe St Nicholas Parish Council last week following the blocking of one bridle path by a scrap yard.</p> <p>"The fact that bridle paths are not shown on the map is an error dating back to 1949-50," said Preb. W. T. Taylor. "The county council which drew up the map at the time did not make it clear that bridle paths should be put down as footpaths."</p> <p>The discussion arose as a result of the news that the Yeovil District Council would be making an enforcement order to clear a scrapyard which was blocking Sixteen Acre Lane near Ham Hill.</p> <p>Mr. Taylor said that the council should make it very clear that they are prepared to give evidence that Sixteen Acre Lane has been a recognized bridle path "since time immemorial".</p> <p>He felt that all other bridle paths should also be put on the map, pointing out that such obvious paths as Hollandswash Drove were not even shown.</p> <p>Mr. Stanley Hopkins wanted to know how long they would have to wait before something was actually done to remove the scrapyard. He appreciated that the planning committee had acted fairly quickly but he hoped the enforcement order would be brought into effect shortly, and added that he had recently heard that livestock was being taken in there.</p> <p>"The order has to be pushed on as fast as possible," said Mr Hopkins. "It has become much worse during the last month or six weeks."</p> <p>"Couldn't the authorities find a suitable place for these people to go and operate within certain restrictions?" suggested Mr Brian Fry. "If nothing is done they will only pop up somewhere else when we move them. We are never going to stop them working, and they've been moved from Bews Lane, Chard, and Fair Close already."</p> <p>Mr Taylor pointed out that the former Chard Borough Council once set aside a place for scrap dealers but nobody would use it.</p> <p>He said he would find out about the enforcement order but added that it could not really be speeded up.</p> <p>"Whether or not they will take any notice of the order is another matter," concluded chairman, Mr R. T. Graham.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CHARD and ILMINSTER NEWS 13-3-75</p>
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