

FOOTPATHS

Extracts from Halsbury's Second
Edition. Volume 16

549. As regards the extent of repairs, it may be that the duty to repair is not so extensive as in the case of a carriage road. Apart from this, extensive repairs to a path running across agricultural land, such as metalling, or replacing stepping-stones by a bridge, may be unlawful, as tending to enlarge the public right and throw a greater burden on the landowner.

550. The occupier of land over which a footpath passes is not liable for the repair of gates, stiles, and footbridges along its course unless he is liable for the repair of the path as a whole *; for when a path is dedicated subject to the existence of fences and ditches the public must accept it subject to the liability of gates, stiles, and bridges to wear and decay. But a person or body liable for the repair of a public footpath is apparently liable in law for the maintenance of the stiles and footbridges in a condition to admit of reasonable convenient passage by the public.

551. The erection of a gate or stile across a public path, where none has ever existed before, is a nuisance and illegal.

Although a landowner or occupier cannot justify the substitution of a high locked gate for a low stile in a public footpath, he may substitute such a gate as a jury would find to be ^{no} prejudice to the public, but it is doubtful whether he might replace an existing gate by a stile, or whether the highway authority might substitute the one for the other without his consent.

552. Where a public footpath crosses a stream by means of

stepping-stones, or where the public using it have to jump across a narrow stream or ditch, the highway authority may not substitute a bridge without the owner's consent.

553. The parish council of a rural parish may (subject to the general restrictions on its expenditure) undertake the repair and maintenance of all or any of the public footpaths within its parish, not being footpaths at the side of a public road; but neither the existence nor the exercise of this power is to relieve any other authority or person from any liability in respect of such repair or maintenance.

554. Where the width of a public footpath is not prescribed by the statute or document to which it owes its origin, the width must be ascertained by the extent of the public user. Where a made or formed footway exists by the side of a carriage or cart way repairable by the highway authority, it is the duty of the authority to maintain it 3 feet in width, if the ground between the fences admits thereof.

555. An obstruction, nuisance, or encroachment upon a public footway is punishable by indictment as in the case of any other highway; and certain obstructions and methods of user are specially forbidden by statute.

*. But, of course, an occupier, although under no liability to the public, in order to have an effective fence, generally repairs gates and stiles before they become a nuisance to passengers, who would probably remove them,

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPT.

SANDY LANE, LITTLE BEALINGS.

Regrading where required, 3" Binder
Asphalt foundation with 2" Sand Asphalt
running surface. (Average width 9 feet).

As per Drawing No. 6346.

Length 977 feet.

Item.	Quantity.	Unit.	Description.	Rate.	£	s.	d.
1.	205	C.Yds.	Excavation and re-shape to new levels, average depth 6", and dispose.	5/-	51.	5.	0.
2.	11	"	Excavation to bank C.S.3.	8/-	4.	8.	0.
3.	6	No.	Construct concrete gullies complete.	26.10.	39.	0.	0.
4.	3	"	Construct brick soakaway complete.	10.	30.	0.	0.
5.	31	Lin. Yds.	Provide and lay 6" dia. pipes (average depth 2'6") from gullies to soakaways.	7/6.	11.	12.	6.
6.	14	"	Provide and place 6" concrete surround to pipes under carriage-way.	6/-	4.	4.	0.
7.	1,062	Sq. Yds.	Provide and lay 3" Asphalt Binder course as foundation (including entrances).	4/6.	238.	19.	0.
8.	1,062	"	Provide and lay 2" Sand Asphalt as running surface (including entrances).	4/-	212.	8.	0.
Total.					591.	16.	6.
Add 5% (for tools, holiday fund, sickness, etc.).					29.	11.	10.
					621.	8.	4.
Add 10% for supervision and establishment charges, say					62.	11.	8.
					684.	0.	0.

The total length is 977ft., which
gives a rate of 14/- per foot run.

County Hall,
Ipswich.
6th February, 1948.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.
ROADS AND BUILDINGS DEPT.

SANDY LANE, LITTLE BEALINGS.
ESTIMATED COST £554 - SEE DRAWING NO. 6346.

APPORTIONMENT ON FRONTAGE AS SHOWN ON DRAWING NO. 6346.

Plot No. as shown on Drg. 6346/1.	Description.	Name and Address of Owner or Reputed Owner.	Frontage.	Total Frontage.	Apportionment of Cost, £ s. d.
1.	'Corner Patch' Bungalow & Garden.	Mrs. Dickinson, Sun Hunt, Sandy Lane, Lt. Bealings.	53'0"		
2.	No. 4 Grove Farm, Cottages.	do.	33'6"	86'6"	30. 5. 4.
3.	No. 3 Grove Farm Cottages.	Mrs. H.M. Pain, Grove Farm, Little Bealings.	21'0"		
4.	Arable Field.	do.	15'6"		
5.	No. 2 Grove Farm Cottages.	do.	22'0"		
6.	No. 1 Grove Farm Cottages.	do.	59'6"		
7.	Arable Field.	do.	58'0"		
8.	Arable Field.	do.	546'6"		
9.	Allotments.	do.	103'9"		
10.	Site of Village Hall,	do.	55'0"	275'3"	342. 6. 1.
11.	Lt. Bealings School, and Garden.	East Suffolk County Council. Education Dept.	301'0"	301'0"	105. 8. 6.
12.	Cottages and Gardens.	Mr. A. Sporie, Highfields, Capel St. Mary.	102'6"	102'6"	56. 17. 4.
13.	Cottages and Gardens.	Mr. Ward, Oaktree Cottage, Little Bealings.	50'0"	50'0"	17. 9. 11.
14.	Veg. Gardens.	Messrs. Gobbeld & Co. Ltd. Brewers, Clift Brewery, Ipswich.	143'0"		
15.	'Admirals Head' P.H. Vand and Blacksmith's Shop.	do.	143'6"		
16.	Cottages.	do.	32'0"		
17.	Garden and Garage.	do.	112'6"	1260'6"	152. 14. 10.
TOTAL.				1254'9"	2652. 0. 0.

County Hall,
Ipswich.
25th May, 1948.



W. JERVIS,
M. INST. M. & CY. E.
CONSULTING SURVEYOR.

TELEPHONE Nos. 1
OFFICE 3131-5.
HOUSE 7362.

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TELEGRAMS: "JERVIS 3131-5 IPSWICH."

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

~~Office of the County Surveyor~~

COUNTY HALL, IPSWICH.

25th March, 1949.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Little Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway. Sandy Lane.

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of letter from Capt. E.G. Goldsmith.

When this matter was considered by the appropriate Committee the whole of the evidence disclosed an ancient authentic map was considered. The Committee also referred to the official report of 12th June, 1899, by Mr. J.R. Davison, late Surveyor to the Woodbridge R.D.C., who reported on the whole of the highways which he enumerated in each Parish, but Sandy Lane is not mentioned.

You will appreciate that even if the road was shown on ancient maps, it is not conclusive evidence that the road is a publicly repairable highway, as it would have to be proved beyond reasonable doubt, that it had been dedicated to the public, used by the public and accepted by the public.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Consulting Surveyor.

WJ/3



Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

22nd March, 1949.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane

Thank you for your letters of
February 2nd and 15th.

Since our previous correspondence
on this matter, Capt. E.T. Goldsmith of
Playford, has, on behalf of this Council,
obtained some further information which
should assist towards establishing that
Sandy Lane is an ancient highway.

I enclose a copy of his recent letter
on this subject, and should be glad to
receive your observations on the points
he makes regarding the status of this
right of way.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. 26

Clerk to Council.

W. Jarvis, Esq.,
Consulting Surveyor,
Ipswich.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

22nd March, 1949.

Dear Capt. Goldsmith,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane

Thank you for your letter of the 12th instant, which has been considered by the Council. I have been especially asked to thank you for all the trouble you have taken, and to tell you that a copy of your letter is being forwarded to the Highway Authority.

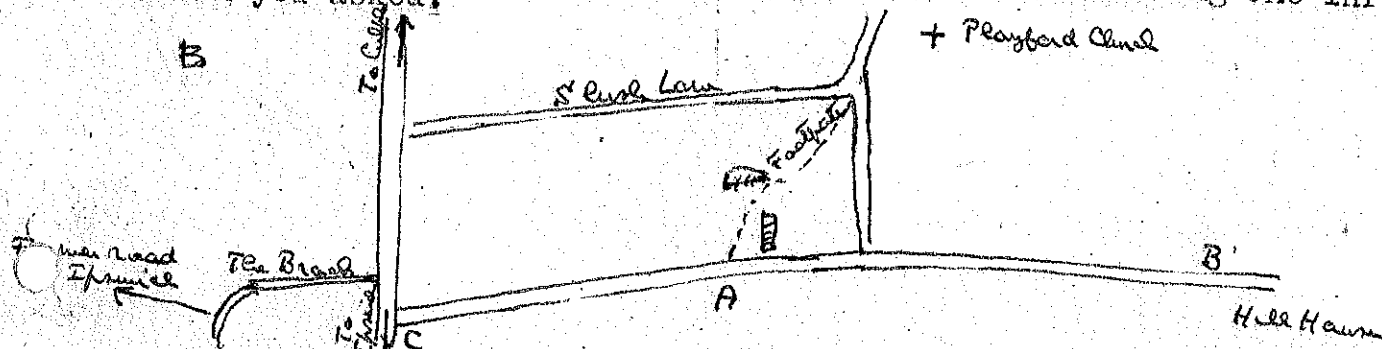
Yours sincerely,

W. A. O.E.

Capt. E.T. Goldsmith,
Playford,
Ipswich.

From. Capt. E. J. Goldsmith, Playford.
 To. The Clerk, Little Bealings Parish Council
 Date. 12th. March 1949
 Subject. Repair of Sandy Lane.

Please forgive my apparent discourtesy in not replying to your letter before; I had not had the opportunity of obtaining the information you asked.



1. The road to Hill House, Playford from C - A has always been repaired by the Road Authority; at A a footpath to the Church joins it.

The part from A - B was first repaired by the Road Authority, the Woodbridge R.D.C., from 20 to 30 years ago; not long after the large bye roads were first carried.

2. By the courtesy of the Curator I have been shown the old maps at the Ipswich Museum. The 17th and early 18th century maps show no roads. About the middle of the 18th century main roads only begin to be shown, e.g. the Ipswich - Woodbridge road. Later some bye roads are shown. In one of the earliest of these no road is shown to Little Bealings; Great Bealings was more fortunate, the present road from Tuddenham to Boot Street is shown. The earliest road shown to Little Bealings is that leading from the Turnpike, straight over the present Crossways, through Little Bealings, ~~past~~ lower Great Bealings and on to Seckford Hall; Holly Lane is not shown. Of course there was not any Crossways then; the upper road from Martlesham Lion, through Little Bealings and on to Rushmere is a comparatively new road. As regards Playford the present road to Ipswich did not exist; the old road lead from Rushmere Smithy across the New London fields to the Brook; then it turned East. I am convinced that on crossing Playford Green, which was much larger than it is now, going straight across the present Rushmere Culford road, it went straight on past Hill House, through the ~~old~~ stackyard, across the meadows, across the Pigs Valley, and on to Little Bealings Smithy. (Smithies like garages were on the roads.. An argument of this sort was no doubt used when the Woodbridge R.D.C. first repaired the portion AB; there was a tradition in Playford to this effect. The avenue of ~~trees~~ in the meadows was intact at the time of Sir George Airey's recollections just before 1812. The road ceased to be used, (it must have been very bad where it crossed the Pigs Valley in wet weather,) when the road from the road

If this is so, Sandy Lane is part of an ancient Public Highway, entitled to be repaired, as far as necessary for present uses, by the Road Authority, and without charge to the verge owners.

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Employee: WALTER O. BRYAN FRUG
 Date: 1960, MARCH 1960
 To: THE CHIEF, FIELD BUREAU, BOSTON CONDUCT
 From: CHIEF, BOSTON FIELD OFFICE



TELEPHONE Nos.:
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HOUSE 7362.

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EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

W. JERVIS,
M. INST. M. & C. E.
CONSULTING SURVEYOR.

~~Office of the County Surveyor~~

COUNTY HALL, IPSWICH.

14th February, 1949.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Little Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,

Alleged highway - Sandy Lane.

The Deben Rural District Council have forwarded me a copy of your letter of the 26th January, 1949, and in reply I have to inform you that the former Woodbridge Rural District Council have apparently always repaired the section of road from Culpho Road to Church Road, and this road merges into a public footpath via Hill House, which continues to Little Bealings.

The County Council have continued to repair this short section of road which was transferred from the former highway authority, but this does not convert the public footpath continuing on to Sandy Lane, Little Bealings, into a publicly repairable highway.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Consulting Surveyor.

WJ/2



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF DEBEN

T. DYMOND HOCKINGS,
SOLICITOR,
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
CLERK TO THE RATING AUTHORITY.

TELEPHONE NOS.: 322, 323 & 324

Your Ref.

Our Ref. AJ/PA PC/4

Council Offices,

Melton Hill,

Woodbridge,

Suffolk.

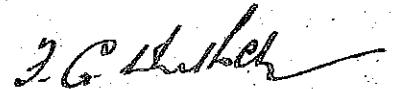
31st January, 1949.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane.

I thank you for your letter of the 26th January in connection with the above, which has been passed to the County Surveyor for his attention.

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Clerk of the Council.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Lt. Bealings Parish Council
Little Bealings,
Nr. Woodbridge.



W. JERVIS,
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CONSULTING SURVEYOR.

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EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

~~Office of the County Surveyor~~

COUNTY HALL, IPSWICH.

2nd February, 1949.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Little Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,

Parish of Little Bealings.
Sandy Lane - Alleged highway.

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 29th ultimo, and presume you refer to the letter from Sir G.B. Airys to Mr.M.Biddell in 1882 which states that the road was considered to be private.

The road is not shown on old authentic maps of the County as far back as 1824, and there is no reason to suppose the County Council will reverse their decision in this matter.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Consulting Surveyor.

WJ/2



Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

29th January, 1949.

Dear Sir,

For some time past this Council has been trying to persuade the County Council to take over Sandy Lane as a publicly repairable highway. So far they have refused to do this, unless it is made up to a certain standard at the expense of the adjoining landowners.

There is some evidence to show that this road is an ancient highway from Little Bealings to Playford. I should be glad if you would let me know if you have any old maps or documents which could be used as evidence to support this view.

If it would be helpful, I can let you have my file on this subject, or alternatively, one of the members of this Council could call and discuss the matter with you in your office.

Any assistance which you can give will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. H.

Clerk to Council.

W. Jervis, Esq.,
Consulting Surveyor,
Roads & Bridges Dept.,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

26th January, 1949.

Dear Sir,

Further to your memo. of the 11th November, 1948, I should be glad if you could let me know the year when the road to Hill House was made up by the District Council at the expense of public funds.

It would also be appreciated if you could provide any further evidence regarding the status of this road, as the County Council still maintain that Sandy Lane is not a publicly repairable highway.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to Council.

Capt. E.T. Goldsmith,
Playford,
Ipswich.

No reply so far

14/2/49

Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

26th January, 1949.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane

I understand that some years ago the District Council repaired and made up the road from Hill House, Playford, to the Bridge. I should be glad if from your records you could let me know when this work was carried out, and also whether any charge was made to the adjoining landowners. It would also help if you could give any reason why this piece of road, which is a continuation of Sandy Lane, should have been made up by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. V. G.

Clerk to Council.

Clerk to Council,
Deben R.D.C.,
Woodbridge.

Re and C.O.D.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK

G. C. LIGHTFOOT,
Clerk of the Peace
and of the County Council
Telephone : Ipswich 3131 Ext.13.



CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY HALL
IPSWICH

RB.01/4A.

10th January, 1949.

Dear Sir,

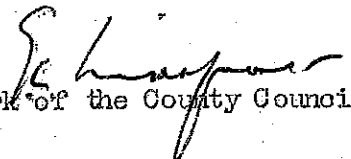
Parish of Little Bealings - Sandy Lane.

I am very much obliged to you for so kindly sending me a copy of Capt. Goldsmith's letter with further information as to the status of Sandy Lane.

While this additional evidence no doubt has some bearing on the case, I do not think that it is sufficiently strong to justify the County Council in altering their previous decision that the road is not a publicly repairable highway.

There can of course be no dispute to it being a public right of way for pedestrians.

Yours faithfully,


Clerk of the County Council.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Little Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK

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and of the County Council
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CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY HALL
IPSWICH

RB. 01/4a.

30th December, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane,
Little Bealings.

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 23rd December enclosing a copy of Captain Goldsmith's letter with the interesting additional evidence as to the status of this highway.

I am causing further enquiries to be made into the matter and will write to you again in due course.

Yours faithfully,

G. C. Lightfoot
Clerk of the County Council.

W. A. Hayles Esq.,
Clerk of the Little Bealings
Parish Council,
LITTLE BEALINGS,
Woodbridge.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

23rd December, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Naming of Schools - Alleged Highway Sandy Lane

Thank you for your letter of the 8th instant. After full consideration it was unanimously agreed by the Council that the school in the parish should be named Bealings Primary School.

I have also been asked to convey to you the thanks of this Council for information provided in your letter of 14th November. It was agreed to pass this evidence on to the County Council in the hope that it may influence them when reconsidering their decision regarding Sandy Lane.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. G.

Clerk to Council.

Capt. E.T. Goldsmith,
Playford,
Nr. Ipswich.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Your Ref: RB.01/4a

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

23rd December, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway- Sandy Lane

You will no doubt remember that earlier in the year the Council asked if it would be possible for Sandy Lane to be made up at the expense of County funds. In your letter dated, 27th August, 1947, Ref. GP.07/19, you mentioned that the County Council would take over the road provided it was first made up to a particular standard at the adjoining landowners' expense. Enquiries made by yourself during June of this year, showed that the majority of the adjoining landowners were unwilling to contribute towards this expense.

Capt. E.T. Goldsmith has kindly provided the Council with some information which may prove that Sandy Lane was an ancient highway. I enclose a copy of his letter, and I should be glad if you would regard the information as sufficient proof to enable you to make up this road from County funds. If you require, and I can provide, any further evidence, which would assist towards establishing that the road is a publicly repairable highway, perhaps you would be good enough to let me know.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. Goldsmith
Clerk to Council.

Clerk to County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

From. Instructor Captain E.T. Goldsmith, R.N., Playford.
To The Clerk, Little Bealings Parish Council.
Date. 11th. Nov. 1948.
Subject. The making up of Sandy Lane to the School.

Dear Sir,

In a letter written by Sir George Biddell Airey, Astronomer Royal to Mr Manfred Biddell relating to the memories of the former concerning Playford before the Moscow expedition of Napoleon in 1812-1813, there occurs a paragraph which may be of assistance to your Council in getting Sandy Lane made up at any rate as far as the School. The wording of the paragraph will be given at the end of this letter.

I have in the past found the County Council to welcome evidence given them as to ancient Highways. In the case of two ancient Highways in Playford they have recognised them in consequence of evidence of a similar kind to what I am now giving though of a more positive kind. Whether the Road Authority puts these roads into repair or not depends on the need at the time; in the case of one of these roads they did.

In the case of one of the Highways mentioned there was no evidence from persons then living that the track had been a public highway; it seems like the evidence relating to Sandy Lane have been only a conjecture based on certain landmarks then existing. But the road, unlike Sandy Lane was marked on Bryants Map (published 1825). A road marked on Bryants Map is generally considered good evidence that this was a public highway previous to the Highway Act 1835, provided of course it leads from somewhere to somewhere and not merely to an isolated farm or house. Such a highway may be repaired by the Road Authority without more ado and without charge to the owners bounding the road.

You may or may not consider the evidence I am giving sufficiently cogent to transmit to the Road Authority, or it may put you on the track of obtaining confirmatory evidence. Such a course might seem to you the most practicable way of getting the road to the School put into repair at the present time.

The following is a copy of the paragraph in Sir George Aireys letter relating to Sandy Lane:-

" The road to the Hill House is considered as private, but I have no doubt whatever that it was a public road; passing through the place which the second barn now occupies; and traceable through the meadows by the row of trees; and finally entering Little Bealings by the gate near the Blacksmiths shop. "

It may be remarked that the road to Hill House was within living memory first repaired by the Road Authority, and I believe at no charge to the verge owners.

The following is a paragraph relating to one of the Highways previously mentioned now recognised again as a Public Highway.

" The direct way to Ipswich, (by the village houses, through the rookery as it was called, and straight to Rushmere Street,) was the same as at present. This evidently was the public carriageway to Ipswich, only interrupted now by the Rookery and the fields at New London, a better ascent than the present road and leading through Rushmere, instead of the desolate heath road. It is a birthright of Playford, which has been stolen and ought to be restored."

On the whole there would seem to be a certain amount of evidence, strengthened in the case of Sandy Lane by the fact that the Road Authority repaired the extension in Playford from Hill House to the Bridge. I think this was repaired when District and not County Councils were the Road Authority. It would seem obvious that the District Council must have had some valid reason for the repair of the road to Hill House.

*the fact that it was an accommodation road
to a farm and a cottage would not be sufficient.*

Yours faithfully,
E.T. Galdon

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL:
G. C. LIGHTFOOT.
TELEPHONE NO. 8131 (5 LINES).



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

Extn. 42.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.....RB. 01/48.

19th July, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings.

With reference to previous correspondence, a further report on the question of making up Sandy Lane, Little Bealings has now been considered by the appropriate Committee of the County Council. Of the six adjoining landowners concerned who were informed of the estimated cost of making up the road together with their respective apportionments, only the Education Committee were prepared to contribute their apportionment of £105.6.6., and I set out below a summary of the replies received from the remaining landowners:-

Mr. H. Sporle would contribute £10 (Apportionment £35.17.4.)
Mrs. D. K. Dickinson - not prepared to make any contribution,
Mrs. E. M. Payne - not prepared to make any contribution,
Mr. F. H. Ward - not prepared to make any contribution,
Cobbold & Co. Ltd., - not prepared to make any contribution.

The Committee resolved that having regard to all the circumstances, the County Council should take no further action in this matter at the present time.

If you would like to borrow the correspondence which has taken place with the respective landowners concerned, I will forward it to you upon request.

Yours faithfully,

G. C. Lightfoot
Clerk of the County Council.

W. A. Hayles Esq.,
Clerk of the Little Bealings Parish Council,
LITTLE BEALINGS,
Woodbridge.

MANAGERS, LITTLE BEALINGS PRIMARY-INFANT SCHOOL

Hon. Correspondent,
Capt E.T.Goldsmith, R.N.
Playford, near Ipswich.

14th. July 1948

The Clerk,
Little Bealings Parish Council.

Dear Sir,

I understand from a letter to the Managers from the Education Office that you have been in communication with the County Council about the making up of Sandy Lane as a highway.

Unlike an Urban Area the frontage holders in a Rural Area cannot be compelled to contribute their shares towards the making up of a roadway. Before a County Council will take over a roadway it has in addition to efficient surfacing to have very good foundations. The contribution of the Education Authority for making up half the road in front of the school would be £105.6.6. This the Authority is prepared to pay. From the above mentioned letter I also understand that the County Surveyor has forwarded the apportionments to your Council asking you to approach the adjacent landowners. The Authority further informs me that it will write to me again as soon as a reply has been received from your Council. Under these circumstances the Managers feel that it would be quite useless to proceed further with the matter at present.

The Managers have also considered the road in relation to the Meals Canteen which it is proposed to construct. It may be that a road will be ever more essential when the Canteen is built, and that the Education Authority would then construct a road as far as the canteen which they would keep in repair as long as the School is in its present position.

Yours faithfully,
E.T. Goldsmith,
Hon. Correspondent.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

G. C. LIGHTFOOT.
TELEPHONE NO. 8181 (6 LINES).

Ex. 42.



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.....RB.01/4A.

10th June, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings.

I have received your letter dated the 4th June, and, as requested, I will approach the owners of land adjoining Sandy Lane, Little Bealings, informing them of the estimated cost of making up the above road to a standard at which it could be taken over by the County Council as a County Road, and of their apportionment of the cost based on frontages to the road, ~~and~~ enquiring whether they are in agreement with the proposed scheme.

The Parish Council have no compulsory powers enabling them to make up the road at the expense of adjoining landowners, as the Private Street Works Act, 1892 is administered by the County Council so far as the areas of rural districts in the County are concerned. At the present time authorisation is ^{only} likely to be given for the making up of private streets ^{under the Act} the condition of which is such as to be a danger to life and limb.

I should be grateful if you would amend three typing errors which occurred in the preparation of the apportionment of cost based on frontage, namely:-

Item 3. No. 3 Grove Farm Cottages - frontages to read 91 feet not 21 feet.

The total frontage owned by Mrs. E.M. Pain should read 978 feet 3 inches not 278 feet 3 inches.

The total frontage should read 1,954 feet 9 inches not 1,254 feet 9 inches.

Yours faithfully,

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk of the Little
Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

G. C. Lightfoot
Clerk of the County Council.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

TELEPHONE: IPSWICH 3131.

*With the Compliments of the
Clerk of the County Council
W. A. Hayles, Esq.
Clerk of the Parish Council,
Little Bealings
Woodbridge.
County Hall,
Ipswich*

Copy for information

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

RB.01/12.

County Hall,
Ipswich.

11th June, 1948.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings.

The County Council have recently investigated the status of the above road, and they are of the opinion that there is no evidence that it is a publicly repairable highway. They have recommended, however, that a section of the road (approximately 337 yards in length running from the Little Bealings-Culpho Road past the School) should be taken over as a County Road if it is made up to the required standard at the expense of the owners of the adjoining land.

At the request of the Parish Council the County Council have prepared an estimate of the cost of making up the road to the standard at which it can be taken over as a County Road, together with the apportionments of the cost of each adjoining landowner based on frontages, the total cost of the Scheme being £684.

I set out below particulars of that part of your land which fronts on Sandy Lane in respect of which you would be required to make a contribution if the road were made up:-

<u>Description</u>	<u>Frontage</u>	<u>Apportionment of Cost.</u>
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I should be glad if you would kindly let me know whether you are in agreement with the road being made up to the standard proposed, and if so, whether you are prepared to accept responsibility for the apportionment of cost shown above.

The detailed estimates and apportionments are available for inspection at this office, or at the address of the Clerk of the Little Bealings Parish Council.

Yours faithfully,

G. C. Lightfoot.

Clerk of the County Council.

To - adjoining landowners set out in Apportionment List

Little Bealings Parish Council

Ref. EB.01/4a

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

4th June, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd instant, from which I note that you would be willing to make an initial approach to the owners of land adjoining Sandy Lane. I am sure this would be a great help, and the Council would be glad if you would ascertain the views of those people concerned.

You mention that as the County Council are only acting as agents for the Parish Council they have no compulsory powers. I should be glad if you could advise me whether the Parish Council have any compulsory powers in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. 26

Clerk of Parish Council.

Clerk of the County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL:
G. C. LIGHTFOOT.
TELEPHONE NO. 8181 (5 LINES).



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

Extn. 42.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.....RB.01/4a.

2nd June, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings.

Thank you for your letter dated 31st of May the contents of which I have noted. I have not informed the owners of adjoining land of their apportionment of the cost if the work of making up the above road is carried out, but if you would like me to make the initial approach to ascertain their views, I will certainly do so. Perhaps you will kindly let me know whether you would like me to do this, and then as you suggest the Parish Council could follow up the matter by personal contact where necessary.

As you know the County Council have been recommended to take over the road as a county road if it is made up to the required standard at the expense of the adjoining landowners, and the scheme which has been prepared by the County Council will bring the road up to the required standard.

As the County Council are only acting as agents for the Parish Council they have no compulsory powers to make up the road, and I am afraid that if some owners are not prepared to pay their share of the cost, there will be little further that can be done in the matter under the existing scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk of the County Council.

W.A. Hales Esq.,
Clerk of the Little Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
WOODBIDGE,
Suffolk.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

31st May, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings

Thank you for your letter of the 28th instant, together with enclosures.

I should be glad if you would let me know whether you have informed the respective adjoining owners of the cost of their liability if the suggested work is carried out. I assume from the third paragraph of your letter that you wish this Council to make an initial approach to the adjoining owners in order to ascertain whether they are prepared to pay their share of the total cost, although I am of the opinion that there would be some advantage if an approach in the first instance was made by the County Council. The Parish Council could then follow up where necessary by contacting individual owners personally.

Would you also please let me know what the position would be if a situation arises where some owners are prepared to pay their share of the cost while others refuse. Can the County Council use compulsory powers if there is a majority in favour of making up the road?

Thank you for your assistance, and the trouble you have taken to help the Council in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to Council.

G.C. Lightfoot, Esq.,
Clerk of the County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

G. C. LIGHTFOOT
TELEPHONE NO. 2121 (5 LINES)



COUNTY HALL,

IPSWICH.

Extn. 42.

RB.01/4a.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE

28th May, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Sandy Lane, Little Bealings.

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding the above highway, the South-East Area Joint Highways Committee have now approved estimates and apportionments of the cost for making up the road, amounting to £684, and I enclose herewith -

- ...
- (i) A list showing the detailed cost of the work proposed,
 - (ii) The apportionment of cost based on respective frontages,
 - (iii) Drawing No. 6346 showing the frontage and length of road to be made up.

You will remember that the County Council have been recommended to take over the road as a county road if it is made up to the required standard at the expense of the adjoining landowners, and the scheme proposed (if it is carried out) will bring the road up to the required standard.

As I informed you in my letter dated 19th November, 1947, the County Council have agreed that they should bear an appropriate proportion of the cost based on the frontage of the school and school garden to Sandy Lane, providing that the remainder of the frontagers concerned are prepared to pay their share. I shall be glad if you will let me know in due course whether the adjoining owners are prepared to pay the cost as shown on the apportionment.

In addition to the scheme for making up the road, work estimated to cost £47 will be required to deal with the drainage from the school playground and the Education

over.....

COUNTY OF EAST SURREY

Committee are being asked to bear the cost of this special work in addition to their apportionment in respect of the school and school garden.

Yours faithfully,

W.A. Hayles
Clerk of the County Council.

W.A. Hayles Esq.,

Clerk of the Parish Council,

Little Bealings,

Woodbridge,

Suffolk.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,
G. C. LIGHTFOOT.
TELEPHONE NO. 3131 (8 LINES.)



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

Ex. 42.

RB.01/4A.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.....

20th April, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane, Little
Bealings.

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding the above highway, will you kindly note that the matter will be considered by the South East Area Joint Highways Committee at a meeting to be held on Monday, the 10th May.

The County Surveyor has drawn up estimate of the cost of making up the road, and I will write to you again as soon as possible after the 10th May.

Yours faithfully,

G.C. Lightfoot

Clerk of the County Council.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk of the Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Your Ref.
RB.01/4A

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

12th April, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane

In your letter dated the 19th November, 1947, you mentioned that an estimate of the cost of making up the above road was being prepared, and particulars would be forwarded as soon as possible.

I should be glad to know if this information is now available, and if not could you let me know when the Council may expect to receive it.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. 26

Clerk to Council.

Clerk to County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

G. C. LIGHTFOOT.

TELEPHONE NO. 3131 (5 LINES).

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COUNTY HALL,

IPSWICH.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE... RB.01/4A.

19th November, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane.

With further reference to your letter of the 17th September, the County Council have considered the suggestion that they should bear the whole cost of making up the lower part of this road, but they are unable to agree to this in view of the fact that it is extensively used by traffic other than vehicles calling at the school. They have, however, agreed that they should bear an appropriate proportion of the cost based on the frontage of the school and the teacher's house to the Sandy Lane, providing the remainder of the property-owners concerned are prepared to pay their share.

They also propose to arrange for the construction of a concrete channel and soakaway to prevent surface water from the playground discharging on to Sandy Lane.

The County Surveyor is preparing an estimate of the cost of the work, and particulars will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk of the County Council.

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,

Clerk of the Little Bealings Parish Council,

Little Bealings,

Woodbridge.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
S.
G. O. LIGHTFOOT.
TELEPHONE NO. 8181 (5 LINES.)
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COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.....RB.01/4A.

20th September, 1947.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 17th September, I will ask the County Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost of making up Sandy Lane, and I will arrange for your suggestion that the County Council should bear the whole cost of making up the lower part of the road to be considered. I will write you again as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk of the County Council.

W. A. Hayles Esq.,
Clerk of the Little Bealings Parish Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

Little Bealings Parish Council

G.C. Lightfoot, Esq.,
Clerk to the County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

17th September, 1947

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane

Thank you for your letter of the 29th ultimo which has now been considered by my council.

I have been instructed to ask if you would be good enough to arrange for an estimate of the cost per lineal foot to be prepared in order that the full facts may be placed before the adjoining owners.

As the serious damage to the part of the roadway below the school has been caused solely by water running off County Council property, i.e. drainage from the asphalted School playground, I am to ask if the County Council will bear the whole cost of making this lower part of the road up.

With each rain, water running off the School playground and down the lane carries with it on to the Bealings Culpho road at a point near the river bridge some of the loose material which it washes away. This loose material on the road is a danger to cyclists, and until such time as some improvement is effected it would be appreciated if the roadman could keep the Bealings Culpho road swept clear of this loose matter.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. 66

Clerk to Council.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

~~SIR GEORGE DAKES~~ G.C.LIGHTFOOT

TELEPHONE NO. 5181 (5 LINES).

Extn. 42



COUNTY HALL,

IPSWICH.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE.....GR.07/19

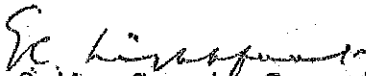
27th August, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane.

In reply to your letter of the 22nd August, the County Council have given very careful consideration to the report of the Sub-Committee which inspected Sandy Lane. They have come to the conclusion that while it is undoubtedly a public right of way for pedestrians for its entire length there is no evidence that it is a publicly repairable highway. In these circumstances it is necessary for the road to be brought up to a proper state of repair and for the County Council to be satisfied that it serves a public need before they can accept responsibility for its future maintenance. The County Council are satisfied that the section of Sandy Lane from the west side of the Little Bealings-Gulpho Road to a point 327 lineal yards distant therefrom is a road which it would be proper for them to accept as a publicly repairable highway provided it is brought up to an adequate standard of repair for this type of road. In the circumstances, if at any time the adjacent owners are prepared to pay the cost of repair the County Council would be prepared to accept responsibility for the future maintenance of this section of the road after the work has been carried out to their satisfaction. I should be happy to arrange for an estimate of the cost of its repair to be prepared if the adjoining owners so desire.

Yours faithfully,


Clerk of the County Council.

W. A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk of the Little Bealings Parish
Council,

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

Little Bealings Parish Council

Your Ref. GP.07/19

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge,
Suffolk.

22nd August, 1947

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane

The status of this road has now been under consideration for some considerable time and in a letter dated 26th November 1946 the County Surveyor informed me that the matter was being investigated, and a further communication would be sent as soon as possible.

The road was inspected by the appointed sub-committee on March 26th of this year, and as the surface is rapidly getting worse I should be glad if you would let me know if a decision to improve the road surface has yet been made.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. B.

Clerk to Council.

The Clerk,
East Suffolk County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich.

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

GP.07/1a

Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

March 20th. 1947

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway- Sandy Lane

Thank you for your letter of 19th. inst
from which I note that the Sub-Committee will
inspect the above mentioned highway on Wed. next
March 26th.

Cmdr. H. J. White will represent this
Council and I am asking him to meet your party
outside the Angela Cobbold Hall at 11am.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. Oakes

Clerk to Council

Sir Cecil Oakes,
Clerk to Council
County Hall,
IPSWICH

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
AND OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
SIR CECIL OAKES.
TELEPHONE NO. 3181 (5 LINES.)



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

Ext. 42.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE GP. 07/1a.

19th March, 1947

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway - Sandy Lane,
Little Bealings

Further to my letter of the 6th March, I have to inform you that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the status of the above-mentioned highway will meet outside the "Angela Cobbold" Hall, Little Bealings, on Wednesday next, the 26th March at 11 a.m.

As mentioned in my previous letter, a representative of the Parish Council is invited to be present to meet the Sub-Committee and accompany them during their inspection.

Yours faithfully,

Cecil Oakes

Clerk of the County Council

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Little Bealings Parish
Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

COUNTY OF EAST SUFFOLK.

CLERK OF THE PEACE
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SIR CECIL OAKES.
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Ext. 42.



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

PLEASE QUOTE REFERENCE...GP..07/1a.

6th March, 1947

Dear Sir,

Alleged Highway
Sandy Lane, Little Bealings

With reference to your letter of the 8th November, 1946, addressed to the County Surveyor regarding the repair of this road, I have to inform you that the County Council are considering the status of the road and a Sub-Committee has been appointed to inspect and to report thereon.

When a date has been fixed for the inspection, a notification will be sent to you in order that a representative of the Parish Council may be present.

Yours faithfully,

Cecil Oakes

Clerk of the County Council

W.A. Hayles, Esq.,
Clerk to the Little Bealings Parish
Council,
Little Bealings,
Woodbridge.

East Suffolk County Council

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J. B. LUND,

M. INST. C.E., M.I. STRUCT. E.,
A.M.T.P.I.

CHARTERED CIVIL ENGINEER,
COUNTY SURVEYOR.



COUNTY HALL,
IPSWICH.

26th November, 1946

W.A. Hayles Esq.,
Clerk to the Parish Council,
LITTLE BEALINGS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to refer to your letter of
the 8th instant respecting the condition
of Sandy Lane. The matter is being
investigated and a further communication
will be sent you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

County Surveyor.

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LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Little Bealings,

Woodbridge.

Nov. 8th. 1946

The County Surveyor,
County Hall,
IPSWICH

Dear Sir,

The state of the surface of Sandy Lane in this Parish has recently deteriorated to such an extent that it is now almost impassable to vehicular traffic.

I have been asked to find out if it would be possible for the Council to make this road up as there are now 14 houses, The School, Village Inn and Parish Hall served by this road.

As you are no doubt aware much of the damage to this road has been, and still is caused by the volume of water which drains off the asphalt playground of The School.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. J.

Clerk to Council

