

# SHERSTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Pinkney Right of Way 11/05/99

### Letters received from:

*(list may not be complete)*

- 10.05.99 Joyce Glead sixth generation of residents in parish, refers to assumed public access throughout living memory. Must not lose access to such recreational natural assets.
- 19.01.4.99 Mrs E Hinton Former resident. Refers back to 1940s and 50s when her father in law owned Scotts Farm. Then a dairy farm, no mains water, livestock watered from river by horse drawn barrel. Refers to hard standing in river where barrel filled and crossing river here for horses, carriages and cattle.
- 10.04.99 W Pritchard Knowledge of area since 1937, resident for 38 years. Used in 1960s as ford during bridge repairs. PC planted trees on north side approx. 1980, partly to indicate that this was public space. Used for horse washing throughout his memory. Nature of south bank has changed over recent years, now softer and less stable than previously. Children always had access to river banks here. Remembers stepping stones at this point.
- 18.03.99 J Hillier 71 years resident at Lower Farm, in family for 320 years. Always right of way across river. Working horses regularly watered in river. Right of way to Smallpox Hospital. Remembers stepping stones there as young boy
- 21.03.99 R Hill Re parish magazine article
- 28.02.99 A&M Watson Concerned over proposal to create bye way. Enjoy watching wildlife with children, feeding ducks. Have never been denied access.
- 09.02.99 M A Brownlow Surprised to hear PC apparently proposing permanent access for horses through Hill's drive, into and across sensitive part of river. Enjoyed by many families for birds, animals and butterflies - would like to see it as undisturbed as possible. Horses and "attendant dogs" will ruin area. Object to this proposal
- 06.02.99 P Hayles, D North (Marine Geophysicist/Hydrographic surveyor respectively) Want area to remain unchanged to benefit both wildlife and Pinkney residents. Concerned that right of access could allow damage to delicate environment to occur - access needs to be limited, should not be allowed through river.
- 31.01.99 A Spencer Comments on horse riders trying to claim right of way, disturbance to wildlife from horses and dogs.
- 11.01.99 R Hill
- 07.04.98 J Butler, Sherston Senior Club. Concern if right of way to be created, will affect important natural habitat preserved over 15 years by present owners. Every effort should be made to preserve it for children to see wildlife. Wide variety of wildlife, extension to Hills garden shared with SSC and other organisations.
- 21.03.97 D North Objects to bye way
- 21.03.97 P Darby, Wilts. Wildlife Trust Concern over impact on wildlife if declared public access. Refers to county importance of wildlife here, detrimental effect of trampling on banks
- 04.03.97 Mrs H Martin Comments on how Mr & Mrs Hill have created wildlife haven in their garden and on river bank. Suggests it is quite exceptional and urges council to also support campaign to protect it from disturbance by other residents, outsiders or landowners.
- 04.03.97 Mr & Mrs Webb (Norton) Object to proposal for bye way to cross river. Beautiful spot, to be protected.
- 02.03.97 Mr & Mrs Hill Complaint to council various disturbances etc.
- 27.02.97 C M Pattie Object to bye way. Natural haven for wildlife, cared for and managed by the Hills. Long letter but mainly concerned over vehicles and horses vis a vis impact of byeway
- 24.02.97 Mr & Mrs Cutcher Eleven years in Pinkney; objecting to creation of bye way. Often enjoyed river bank with children, watching wildlife from open ground on north bank. Have not been aware of horses entering river until very recently. Urge council to grant some degree of statutory protection to this environment.

21.02.97 R Thomson

Lived around here for over thirty years. Recently obstructions and objections from resident (Hills) to crossing river with horses - right of way for many years. Used to cross river from bank to bank but since Mr Jones started mowing grass on north side all riders uses only south side bank. Horse riders very concerned at threat to historic use of river; all accept Env. Agency instruction on limiting use in certain periods to protect trout spawning. Concern over animosity now generated in small hamlet.

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