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Holiday Traffic

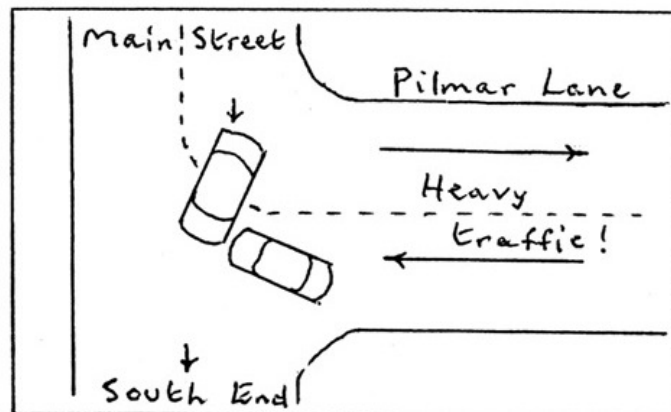
On 6th May, the Sunday of Spring Bank Holiday weekend, there was another traffic accident at the corner of Pilmar Lane and Main Street. Luckily no one was hurt.

The accident was virtually a re-run of that on 1st October last, reported in October's newsletter. Once again, the incident occurred on a Sunday; both drivers (from Hull) were leisure motorists, unfamiliar with the danger at this corner; and again the collision occurred when a motorist in Main Street tried to proceed to South End by crossing the traffic from Withernsea.

Points of View

A number of residents in Pilmar Lane allege that one of the drivers involved, coming from Withernsea, was travelling far too fast into the village. The squeal of his brakes was heard at some distance from the corner, though he still took the corner too fast. Later, he said that he had seen the other car aiming to cross to South End but had expected the other driver to wait.

The second driver, who had not positioned himself well to get a clear view of the Withernsea traffic, said that, as far as he was aware, the road was clear. The car from Withernsea had appeared from nowhere and collided with him when he was already half-way across the road.



Though the police were called, it appeared that, because no one was hurt, there was to be no prosecution. One of these times there will be serious injury at this known black spot - probably on a busy weekend and especially if there is additional Bank Holiday traffic.

Mr Allan Robinson of 10 Pilmar Lane heard the squeal of brakes, witnessed the effect of the collision, and photographed the two cars while they were still locked together in the middle of the road. The following day - Spring Bank Holiday Monday - he was aware that there was likely to be heavy traffic. With the help of a neighbour, he and Mrs Robinson carried out their own count of vehicles using Pilmar Lane from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. There were 56 in the first half hour. Thereafter, the figures for each hour were as follows:

9.00 - 10.00	142
10.00 - 11.00	218
11.00 - 12.00	331
12.00 - 1.00	313
1.00 - 2.00	425
2.00 - 3.00	390
3.00 - 4.00	477
4.00 - 5.00	336

In the eight hours from 9.0 to 5.0 there were 2,632 vehicles using Pilmar Lane, an average of 329 per hour, or 5.5 per minute. In the peak period - the three hours from one o'clock to four - there were 1,292, 430.7 per hour, 7.2 per minute. Mr Robinson says that, over the holiday weekend 26 - 28 May, the traffic was denser still.

Once the main road is upgraded, we are to have new signs and road markings to reduce the risk of accidents. However, at weekends and especially at holiday times, the flood of cars will remain a hazard until a means is found of reducing the speed at which visiting drivers approach our village and its dangerous corners.

Roos Parish Council

Annual General Meeting

At the AGM on 14th May, all members were present except Councillor Grant, who had sent his apologies.

The Chairman, Councillor G.E. Winter, and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Quarby, were re-elected unopposed.

The Minutes of the 1989 AGM were approved. There were no matters arising.

Other Elections

Treasurer Councillor M. Cheeseman,
Governors of Roos School Councillor R. Clark,
Roos Charity Councillors A.G. Bowden, M. Cheeseman, K.G. Grant, and J. Quarby,
Snaith Charity Councillors K.G. Grant and J. Quarby,
Roos Memorial Institute Councillor J.C. Priest,
Roos Playing Field Committee Councillor A.G. Bowden,
Humberside Association of Parish & Town Councils (Holderness Branch) Councillors L. Helliwell and J.C. Priest.

Chairman's Report

During the year, 34 planning applications had been approved. Of these, 23 had been for new properties, 9 for minor extensions, and 2 for conversions. 7 applications had been rejected; one rejection had been confirmed on appeal. Mains gas had been brought to the village and early upgrading of the main road and footpaths had been promised. When these improvements were completed, there were to be better traffic signs and road markings to improve safety.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts £2074.16, outgoings £695.60.

On behalf of all members, the Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk, Mr C. Woodhouse, for his conscientious service.

There was no other business.

May Meeting

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Bus Shelter and Village Signs. There had been no replies to enquiries about the cost of a locally-made bus shelter and the cost of village signs for Owstwick and Hilston.

Road Improvement Scheme. Humberside Technical Services had been asked for details of the road improvement scheme before work began on it. The reply was felt to be unsatisfactory: it neither gave nor

promised such details but merely referred to signpost improvements at the old school corner. The Clerk was asked to make a more specific enquiry and in particular to seek assurances about the start date and the inclusion of the three connecting roads: Pinfold Lane, Hodgson Lane, Lamb Lane.

Correspondence

FWAG. A brochure had been received from The Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group. The contents were noted but no action was taken.

Annual Parish Audit. Messrs Robson Rhodes were to carry out the audit on 25th June.

Local Business Interests. On behalf of the Rural Development Commission, the Community Council of Humberside had sent a questionnaire for shopkeepers and proprietors of other local businesses. Individual details were to be strictly confidential but the information provided would enable both the Council and the Commission to promote local community interests more effectively. The Clerk undertook to supply and distribute photocopies of the questionnaire and an explanatory letter.

Association of Parish and Town Councils. It was agreed to pay the subscription in July.

Code of Conduct. The Humberside Association of Parish and Town Councils had drawn up guidelines for members of local councils.

Low-Cost Starter Homes. Mr R. Cromie, Financial Director of James Robert Development, who are building on the Pilmar Lane site, had written to Holderness Development Department offering to redesign dwellings on some plots so as to provide blocks of homes at prices local people could afford. A copy of the letter had been sent to the Parish Council. Councillor Helliwell said that one of the firm's directors had contacted him and had been advised to put the suggestion in writing to the Parish Clerk, as had now been done.

The scheme would provide sixteen two-bedroomed "cottage-type dwellings" in blocks of four, sited between the original plots 17 and 28, to be offered at £38,500. Each would have two private parking spaces to the rear.

Many councillors were suspicious of the firm's motives, which might not be as altruistic as they had been made to appear. Councillor Helliwell suggested that the

proposal should be looked at objectively. If there was a need for starter-homes in Roos, at least these would be within a site already allocated for housing and not outside the village limit.

Others felt that, at twelve dwellings to the acre, the density was already too high; to increase it further would be foolish. It would add to the traffic flow along the access road, Pilmar Garth, increasing congestion, nuisance to existing residents, and the risk of accidents. People already living on the site would be understandably aggrieved if neighbouring houses were be radically different in character from those envisaged when they bought their own homes.

It was agreed to postpone further discussion until the Development Department response was known.

Planning

Borough Council decisions were notified on the following previous applications :

North End Farm, The Furze, Roos (Mr C.Deer), Detached dwelling and garage. Refused : "contrary to the provisions of Policy S7 of the Humberside Structure Plan, as it is situated in open countryside, where new buildings are normally permitted only in the interests of agriculture or forestry."

Plot 9, Rosse Green (Mr D.McCallum), Refused : the design and siting of the development were, "likely to have an adverse effect on the neighbour's amenities."

The Parish Council discussed these new applications :

Glebe Farm, Hilston (Mr R.M.Dennis), Conservatory. Supported.

Melbourne House, Main Street (Melbourne Butchers - Mr & Mrs D.Archer), Conversion of outbuildings to form new butcher's shop with ancillary rooms to the rear (including store, cold store, meat preparation area, and bakery). The existing shop to be used as living accommodation. (The plans showed that the new shop would stand north of the yard entrance immediately adjacent to The Black Horse. It would have a frontage identical to that of the present shop.) Supported.

The Bungalow, Lamb Lane (Mr J.C.Pearl), Rear extension with additional accommodation. Supported.

Outstanding Items

Water Leak at Hilston. Councillor Clark said that land made available would enable the road corner to be straightened. By arrangement with the Water Authority, the leak would be cured at the same time.

Right of Way to Tunstall (north of the supermarket). It was stated that a right of way required a space of 1½ metres from the

centre of a hedge. However, it was reported that the matter was sub judice and there was no further discussion..

Any Other Business

Councillor Helliwell referred to the further traffic accident at Old School Corner, luckily without personal injury, on the Sunday of Spring Bank Holiday weekend..

Parish Meeting. The annual public meeting was arranged for 7.30 p.m. on Monday 27th June in the Memorial Institute.

PUBLIC SESSION

Missing "Give Way" Sign. There was no news of the whereabouts of the sign missing from the Hilston Road approach to North End.

Parking Nuisance. There was a complaint that parked vehicles regularly blocked the footpath along Rectory Road.

Roos Parish Council

Monday 11th June : 7.30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting in the Memorial Institute.

Parish Meeting

Wednesday 27th June

Memorial Institute at 7.30 p.m.

Items are invited for the Agenda. They are best submitted in advance to Mr Cyril Woodhouse, Parish Clerk, at 1 Pinfold Cottages. This an opportunity to ask questions, discuss issues, and make your views known.

Come and be heard!

Roos W. I.

For the May meeting Mrs W.Ogram came to talk about the resolutions (including one involving constitutional changes) on the Agenda of our National Federation's Annual General Meeting in the Royal Albert Hall on 7th June. We were joined by members of our link Institute, Hollym, one of whose members will represent both WIs at the AGM.

Mrs M.Godfrey, our delegate at the East Yorkshire Federation's Spring Council in Beverley, reported on what had been a full and entertaining day, a view endorsed by those who had attended as visitors. All had been impressed by the magnificent organisation of the day's events.

After a break for refreshments, we had a short play-reading by the Drama Group, whose members, dressed "in character", caused merriment by their costumes and gave a light-hearted ending to the evening. The performers - Mesdames V. Adams, P. Alexander, E. Conley, C. Farrington, I. Helliwell, and N. Hornby - had enjoyed happy rehearsals in the home of Mr & Mrs Adams.

At Bilton Village Hall on 16th May, the South Holderness Group Rally, with its challenging theme of "Green and Pleasant", had a wealth of varied talents on display. When all entries had been judged and all the points had been added up, Burstwick emerged with 1st place and Roos and Preston shared 2nd. "Well done!" to all who entered, and particularly our own members.

C.F.

Roos School Parent-Teacher Association

Summer Fair

23rd June : 11.00 - 4.00

Cake Stall * Pet Show * Book Stall * Tombola
Children's Competitions * Craft Stalls
Refreshments on sale throughout the day.

Displays

Water Safety * Road Safety * Fire Brigade

All welcome - Admission free

New Starts at Roos Church Christian Group for Youngsters

On Friday 11th May there was an encouraging response at the first meeting of a group for infants and young juniors. The occasion went very smoothly and happily.

We meet in Roos School on Fridays, starting promptly at 4.45 and ending promptly at 5.30. These times may well be revised once we are established. We can meet in school only in term time but other arrangements could be made for school holidays.

For further information, please phone 670362 or 671217.

Forms of Service

From Sunday 10th June, the 10.00 a.m. service will be the "Rite A" Eucharist in the 1980 Alternative Service Book. It will not be completely new to Roos - "Series 3", the experimental version, was used for a period or two up to 1980. Though basically the same as that in the 1662 Book of Common

Prayer, the new service has advantages. The language is more up-to-date, the order has improved, and people have scope to be more involved - no longer just a monologue by the Vicar! Having used it exclusively for ten years, Father John is no stranger to "Rite A" but he shares the excitement as we prepare for the change-over.

Beginning on 15th July (and thereafter alternating between the second and third Sundays), there will be an additional service at 11.15, following the Book of Common Prayer (which will also continue in use at Tunstall for the time being).

J.D.A.

The Rooster

Donations from Mr P.G. Mullett and Mrs B. Thacker are gratefully acknowledged.

The housing market is such that there seems to be no prospect of your Editor's early departure. Because of other commitments, however, I shall be unable to produce the July issue as early as usual. I apologise that it will probably not appear until the week beginning 9th July.

L.H.

Rooster Deadline

Monday 25th June

Please provide items for the July issue by or before the above date to :

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, (670291)

Further contributions invited to the cost of "The Rooster".

Christian Aid Week

The village collection in support of this annual mid-May appeal has so far raised a total of £130.40. Anyone who still has an envelope to return is asked to pass it to Mrs Marjorie Godfrey at 6 Coltman Row.

Cricket

The cricket square on the playing field is still not usable and the venue for "home" games remains the Princess Elizabeth ground, Beverley High Road, Roos are in Division 5 of the East Riding Amateur League and are also entered for several cup competitions.

At weekends, league games have a 46-over limit whereas in cup games the limit is 40 overs. In the league a team's performance is rewarded on a points system. For example, it is possible to score four points for a "winning draw" and two points for a "losing draw". In cup matches, of course, a team either wins or loses.

Roos have so far played six games without defeat.

May

- 6 North Hull Community Centre (H) Roos won by 13 runs.
Preliminary round of Seymour Cup.
Roos 170 for 8 P.Dearing 41, J.Dearing 36,
P.Wright 26, G.Jumps 19 n.o.,
R.Richardson 17 n.o.,
J.Cooke 6 for 44.
N.Hull 157 for 9 K.Gray 35 n.o., R.Graham 31,
J.Dearing 4 - 28, S.Cowell 3 - 55.
- 19 Walton (A) Roos won by 3 wickets.
Walton 89 all out, S.Cowell 6 - 25.
Roos 91 for 7 P.Wright 57 n.o., M.Margerson 5 - 44.
- 20 Walkington (A) Roos won by 15 runs.
Roos 125 for 9 P.Wright 35, G.Jumps 21,
J.Dearing 20, P.Dearing 17,
D.Huzzard 4 - 40, G.Jenny 4 - 61.
Walkington 110 all out W.Parvin 63, J.Dearing 3 - 21.
- 26 Hull Supporters (H) Roos : winning draw, 4 points.
Roos 206 all out A.Grant 69 n.o., J.Dearing 39,
P.Dearing 38, A.Baley 32,
F.Vickers 5 - 51.
Hull 168 for 5 S.Birch 71, A.Caley 57,
S.Cowell 3 - 38.
- 27 N.E.Goole Roos won by 58 runs.
1st round of Shepherd Cup.
Roos 139 all out J.Dearing 71 (7 sixes), A.Grant 25,
J.Exley 4 - 15.
Goole 81 all out J.Exley 17, D.Hulme 6 - 18.

June

- 2 B.P. Chemicals (A) Roos : losing draw, 2 points.
B.P. 156 for 8 M.Dean 37, M.Berridge 32,
B.Beasley 32, D.Hulme 4 - 41.
Roos 125 for 7 P.Dearing 22, P.Wright 21,
A.Bailey 19, R.Young 17 n.o.,
S.Crooks 5 - 39.

Coming Events

June

- 3 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
Cricket v BP Chemicals, Away, 2.00.
- 5 Cricket v Patrington, Away, 6.30.
1st round of Humbleton Cup.
- 6 Roos WI, Memorial Institute, 7.15.
Mrs Margaret Porter : Flowers are Fun.
- 9 Cricket v Coal Exporters, Away, 2.00.
- 10 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
Cricket v Riston at Patrington, 2.00.
2nd round of Shepherd Cup.
- 11 Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
- 16 Cricket v Middleton-on-the-Wolds, Home, 2.00.
- 17 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
Cricket v Cottingham at Humbleton, 2.00.
1st round of Seymour-King Cup.
- 23 Roos School PTA, Summer Fair, 11.00 - 4.00.
Cricket v Reckitts, Away, 2.00.
- 24 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
Methodist Family Service, Memorial Institute, 10.30.
- 27 Parish Meeting, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
- 30 Cricket v Bridgeport, Home, 2.00

July

- 1 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
- 4 Roos WI, Memorial Institute, 7.15.
Mrs Mary Scaife : Wot Sit 4.
- 7 Cricket v Hull Supporters, Away, 2.00.
- 8 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
Cricket v Cottingham, Friendly, Away, 2.00.
- 14 Roos Horticultural Society 48th Annual Show.
- 15 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
Additional service, 11.15, using
Book of Common Prayer.

A History of Roos (G.W.Wilbraham) - 13

Roads and Footpaths

Village roads were discussed in "The Rooster" of January 1990 when Mr Wilbraham was dealing with the enclosures and the Roos Parish Award 1784. The roads described, many of them new, had land allocated in the Award. Mr Wilbraham calls them "awarded roads" to distinguish them from ancient lanes.

What we know as Main Street used to be called Hilston Road and ran from Dent's Garth northwards. When he refers to "Patrington Road" - the name used in the Award - Mr Wilbraham means what is now Rectory Road, from the crossroads southwards towards the church and beyond. This main road is distinct from an ancient east-west track called Patrington Lane. See below.

Byways to Highways

Before the enclosures and the new roads there were no roads worth the name, just a few local lanes.

PATRINGTON LANE, south of Dent's Garth, joined the

two roads (i.e. Patrington Road and Hilston Road). Where it crossed the beck, parts of the holdstock are still visible. The only way to the church till later times, its eastern half lay between two ancient enclosures once belonging to Cornwall B.Wilson. It is still traceable by several old stumpy hawthorn bushes below Dent's Garth. It has not been used since the way to the church was diverted farther south.

North of Patrington Lane there were other east-west lanes, often named after someone living there.

DOVE LANE was named after a man who lived in a house at the east end belonging to the parson, Rev. C.Sykes., with whom he had come from Westow. Before that it was known as BARKER LANE.

LAMB LANE was named after a man who lived near the western end of it 100 years ago. Before that it was called FRANKY LANE, after Francis Clappison, who owned several enclosures bordering it.

POST OFFICE LANE was so called when the Post Office stood at its eastern end. Also called ELLARBY LANE, it is HODGSON LANE today, after John Hodgson, who lived in a house only recently demolished which stood near the beck. Some local wag named the cottage Cuckoo Nest. Before the Enclosures the lane existed only east of the beck.

MILL LANE was once called PINFOLD LANE. Both mill and pinfold were at the western end. Some of the brick pinfold is still there, two of its remaining sides forming part of a field boundary. The mill, however, is to be seen only on picture postcards.

BOOTH LANE is now part of the main road out of the village to Hull and Owtwick. *(The short stretch from Harcourt House to the Aldbrough crossroads.)*

These are still only narrow lanes, though wide enough in former times for people in adjoining crofts to get to work in the fields and down to Church.

One would have to cross Eastfield to get to Tunstall, Rimsell, or the seaside; across Westfield to Burton Pidsea and Hedon; and across the lord's demesne in the south to reach Halsham and Patrington. These routes were mere tracks, full of ruts, with no side ditches. They joined similar tracks across the fields of other parishes, as footpaths do today.

The new awarded roads were staked out to a uniform width of forty feet. Of course, the whole width was not surfaced. Verges of reasonable width were left for cottagers to graze their cows after the common pastures were enclosed. The area allotted for roads totalled 38 acres, 3 roods, 31 perches. The award did not specify that field acreages were reckoned up to the crown of the road, though this may have been the case where ancient roads crossed the lord's demesne.

Surfacing the Roads

The awarded roads had to be surfaced and before 1834 were maintained by ratepayers. Overseers bought gravel from the seaside and stones from the farmers' fields. Enterprising donkey owners led stones of all sizes from the beach at Sandlemere to the cliff top, where they were graded. For a shilling a day groups of children were organised by an adult worker to gather stones. Spread in line across a field, they collected stones in carriers which they emptied in heaps at the end of the line. The stones were then picked up by horse and cart and tipped near the gate. The Overseers organised men on poor relief to patch the roads. Later, a Surveyor was responsible for road-making and repairs, paid for by a separate rate.

When a modern trench is dug across a road, the stones can be seen in layers - large at the bottom, then medium, and lastly small. The top layer was loose gravel. The only rolling a road received was from the parish stone roller or more often the broad iron hoops on waggons. Understandably, people preferred to use footpaths to reach other villages, though modern roads have made many footpaths obsolete.

Footpaths

The paths below are marked on the Award Map.

Over East Field to the Tunstall Boundary. A straight path eastwards from roughly opposite the Roos Arms, over the fields to the Tunstall boundary, from which a Tunstall path goes over the West Field of Tunstall. At the Roos boundary a path no longer used turned southwards along it to Pilmar Road to a stile called Pilmar stile.

Connecting the Hilston and Patrington roads

Starting at the beck under the Hilston Road (*i.e.*, Main Street just north of the village centre), it crossed the grass field emerging at a point near the west gate of The Grange. Not now used.

To Hilston. From the Hilston Road near Boyntons', this path skirted the fields on the left and led north through the Glebe fields to a new stile at the end, then continued in a north-westerly direction to Hilston. The last part still shown on the O.S. map.

Hogsea Lane to Tunstall. A path led south-east from Hogsea Lane over Roos Furze Farm to Tunstall.

To Owtwick. A short path left Hull Road 100 yards from the Roos boundary directly north to Owtwick.

To the North-West. Another left Patrington Road between Pinfold Lane and Booth Lane and went west and north-west to the boundary. Now unused.

Ivy Row. Slightly diverted.

South of Chestnut Garth. Another path now obsolete left the Patrington Road close to Fred Billany's bungalow, then into and over Pearts' paddock (now built up), over Lamb Lane into the cottage gardens, over the beck, across the paddock and out on to the road at the gate to it next to where Black's house stands. *(Now called Moidart.)* It continued, as it still does, as a road down to the church. The last part was diverted about 80 years ago; it passed down what was called Patrington Lane and alongside the beck to the church, or across the beck to Patrington Road.

Preserving Footpaths

Because of renewed interest in footpaths, largely owing to the Ramblers' Association, County Councils have been instructed to prepare footpath maps. In their turn, Parish Councils have to prepare maps for their own parish and send a copy to Beverley.

The comment above, topical at the time of writing, is supplemented by a document inserted between the pages of the History proper. Dated 23rd April 1969, it is a copy of a letter from Mr Wilbraham to the East Riding County Council. In it, he voices concern about three particular footpaths felt to be at risk because of landowners' objections to their preservation, "although marked on official maps". The material below is based on the letter. Inverted commas show Mr Wilbraham's own words - sometimes parts are omitted.

Footpath across the Greens. As it was an ancient footpath across the lord's demesne, it is not marked on the Parish Award. On the south boundary of the parish (Keyingham Drain), it meets a footpath from Halsham to Rimsell and then proceeds to Withernsea. Used by walkers from Withernsea to Roos. "I understand from Mr Fred Foster, the Roos Parish Clerk, that both paths to and across the drain have been deleted by the respective owners, and, unless the several owners withdraw their objections, the through footpath would be useless... Such paths from one parish to another are more popular in these modern days - when motorists are so dangerous to walkers."

Roos Main Street to Tunstall. "Once a popular route to the seaside at Sandlemere and used at various times by my scholars and me in summer time. There are two owners in that part of the path in the Parish of Roos. John Kirkwood was agreeable at the time when your maps were issued for examination by the Parish Council in 1950. That part objected to by Charles Smales was diverted by order of the County Council so that the path ran along the hedge side instead of across the field in a straight line from stile to stile. This was in the time of the previous owner, Peter Smales, a brother of the said Charles."

"This is an ideal route. If the objection is not overruled, the rest through Tunstall is practically useless... There is just one public road to cross and that is in Tunstall - on a whole route of two miles."

Roos to Burton Pidsea. There is only one landowner, George Kirkwood, Chairman of the Roos Parish Council. Shwn on Ordnance Survey maps, this path meets one from Burton Pidsea at the parish boundary, "crossed by a bridge over a branch of the Keyingham Drain - the bridge now fallen into disuse. The Burton Pidsea section has been approved by their Parish Council - but what is its use without the other?" Believing it

to be a Public Footpath, as shown on the 25-inch Map, Mr Wilbraham had walked this path with pupils from time to time. "Once I was met by the owner, at that time John William Kirkwood, who informed me it was not a public footpath."

Later observation, undated ;) "These paths are still being considered? The County Council hope to retain them by persuasion rather than compulsory action, which was given by the 1944 Act. The East Riding County Council is the last of the County Councils of the country who have not sent in their final map."

Paying for the Roads

The 1834 Act took payments out of the hands of the Overseers. Each parish now appointed two surveyors or waywardens to be responsible for road maintenance. Their accounts were presented at the annual meeting of householders and the monies were obtained from the Headquarters of the Union at Patrington.

Highway Account Book 1857

The Surveyors were George Sergeant and John Eshelby. Over fifteen pages, the book records : the occupiers, owners, a description of each property, its rateable value, and rate at 8d in the pound. Occupied properties numbered 173, of which 42 were houses only, 54 house and garden, 21 farms and the rest plots of land, shops, etc. The total rateable value was £3181. 13. 9 and the rate collected £106. 0. 10½. The assessment was approved by two Justices of the Peace : John Hildyard and James R. Whyte.

Then follow the Surveyors' accounts, one page per week. Here are some typical entries.

William Nicholson	gathering stones	3 days @ 2/6.
do	scraping roads	6 days @ 2/6.
William Jackson	leading 10½ tons cobbles @ 1/- per ton.	
Christopher Suddaby	repairing roads	3 days @ 2/6.

Pavilion's Progress

After more than ten years, the playing field pavilion is at last rising into view. With any luck (and still more hard work) it should be finished in August.

Its long-awaited advent has been assisted in recent months by transfusions of grant aid : £5,300 from the Sports Council (and a further £5,000 as an interest-free loan); £5,000 from the County Council; 15% of actual costs (with a ceiling of £7,000) from the Borough Council; and, relatively speaking, the Parish Council's own widow's mite of £250 - without which, however, like seed corn, many of the other grants could not have been harvested.

The photograph overleaf shows the handing over of the latest of the grants, a £5,000 cheque from the County Council on 12th May.

The workers brandishing their shovels in jubilation were so equipped because they had that morning to person-handle 75 tons of ready-mix concrete for the footings. Now, three weeks later, there is at least a foot of brickwork all round the pavilion's perimeter and on one side the wall has reached six feet.

Apart from fund-raising, the Playing Field Committee have had their problems. There was, for example, the matter of cutting a 300-yard trench to bring a power cable and mains water pipe from junctions on the main road. Though volunteer labour can do much, a costly mechanical digger was needed for this particular task.

The Committee are buying materials themselves but employing local tradesmen to

do the technical work : Ivor Everson of Withernsea for the actual building, John Baker for the joinery, Kerry Richardson for the electrical wiring, and Andrew Walker from Burton Pidsea for the plumbing.

The pavilion will measure 105 feet by 25 feet. At one end there will be changing rooms, lavatories, and showers, flexible enough to permit simultaneous separate use by males and females. At the other, there will be a room for social gatherings and meetings. Between them will be a kitchen with facilities for serving refreshments for sporting and other occasions.

The cost is estimated at £40,000. Even with the grants and money raised over the years (a great deal of which has been spent on the field itself), there will still be a need for further substantial fund-raising. Events are planned for the late summer and autumn. Now, however, there will be a tangible property to point to. In the past the Committee have sometimes met a certain sales resistance because, over time, their efforts may have lost credibility. Once the pavilion is complete and increasingly in use, it will be easier to seek support to pay off loans and outstanding bills.



Back Row

Dudley Hulne, Oliver Wilson, Malcolm Moverley (obscured), Simon Wilson, Tony Grant (behind spade), Philip Wright, Jon Dearing, David Cowell, Stuart Blenkin, Sherie Bibby.

Front, kneeling

County Councillor Jim Wastling (Mid-Holderness);
Stewart Wilson (Chairman, Roos Playing Field Committee);
County Councillor John Considine (Chairman, Humberside Leisure Services).