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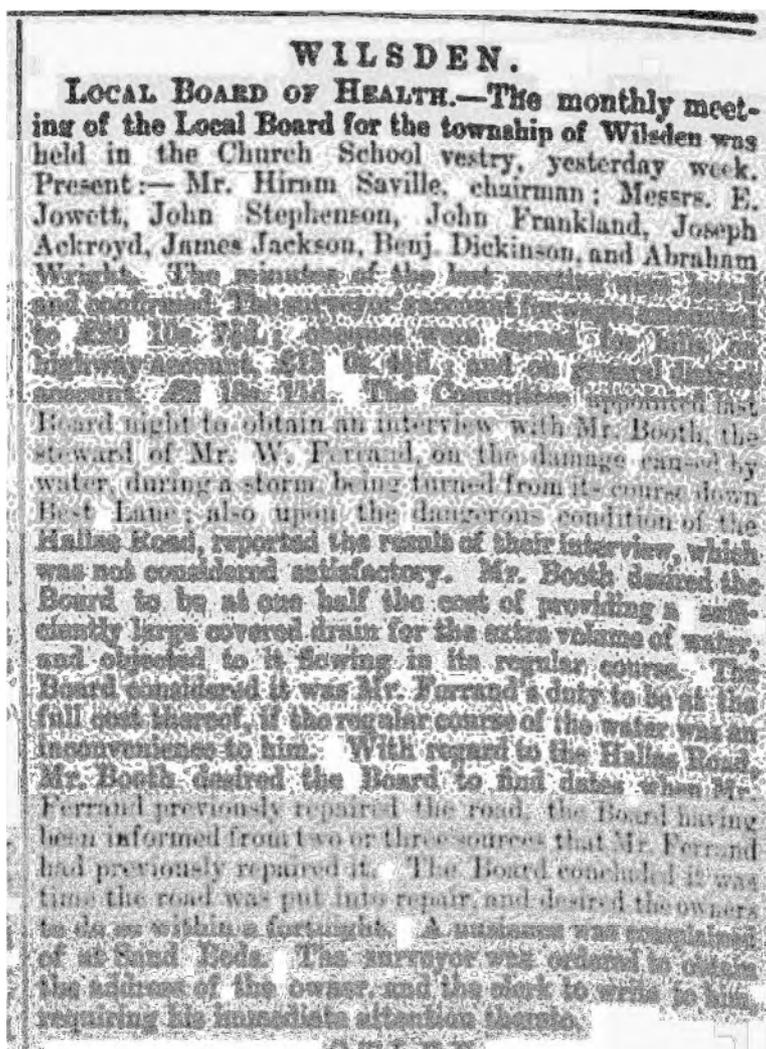
Repair of Occupation Roads in Wilsden

A law suit of 1252¹ records that the land in Wilsden between the road called Hewendengate and Denholme, over which Bingley 219 travels, was in possession of the monks of Byland Abbey. The monks had the right to make "*assart and cultivate or of it make meadow and enclose it at will*". Therefore it is likely that the fields, roads and ways through it were set out at an early date.

Most of the land capable of cultivation in Wilsden had been inclosed by agreement before the beginning of the 19th century, with the liability for the maintenance of roads usually falling upon the occupants of the land over which they ran (*Ratione Clausurae*). The most significant of these agreements occurred in 1584 and 1670.

Bradford Observer 7th November 1867

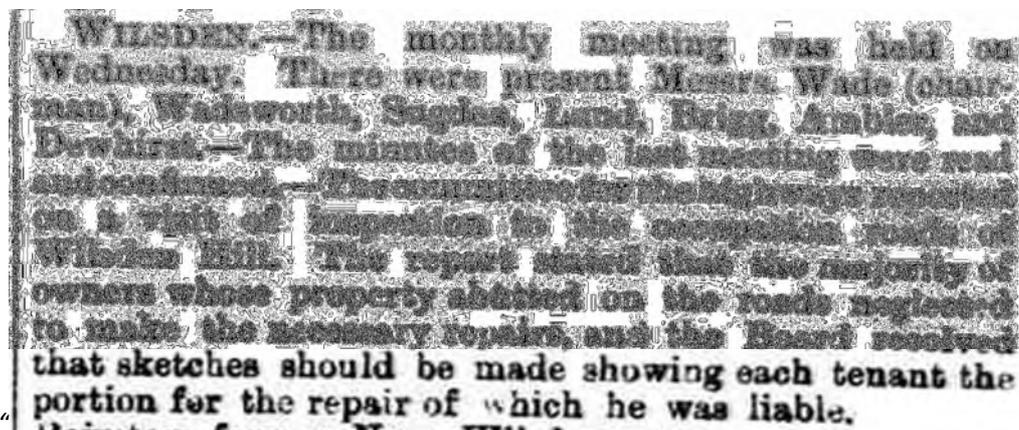
In 1867, this report of a meeting of Wilsden Local Board of Health provides evidence that Mr Ferrand, the Lord of the Manor, was liable for the repair of Hallas Lane (now bridleway Bingley 204).



¹ Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Record Series "Yorkshire Fines" 1246-72. MCCLIX.

Bradford Observer 1875 – A report of a meeting of Wilsden Local Board

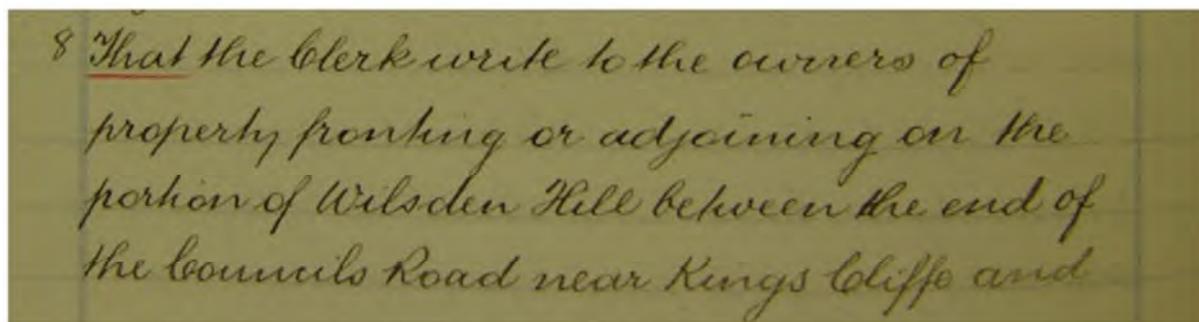
In 1875, it was reported that the occupation roads at Wilsden Hill were neglected and a sketch should be made showing which tenants were liable for their repair (Footpaths 189,190 & 245).



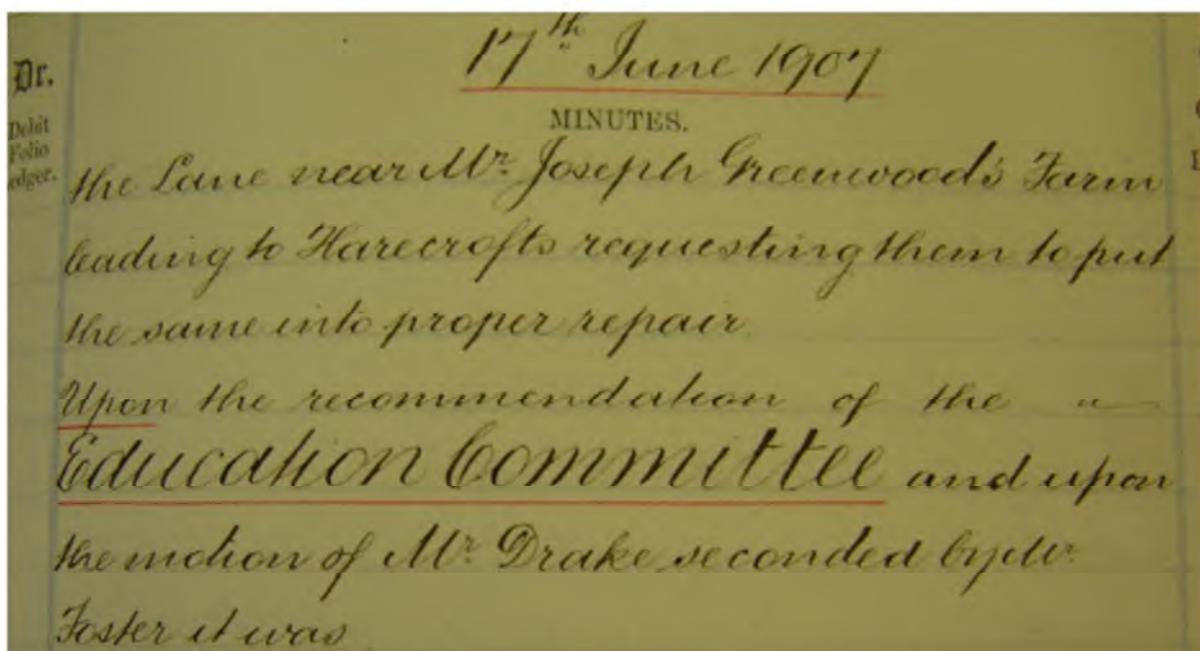
WILSDEN.—The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday. There were present Messrs. Wade (chairman), Wadsworth, Suggs, Lund, Brigg, Ambley, and Dewhurst.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.—The committee presented a report on a list of suggestions to the occupation roads of Wilsden Hill. The report stated that the majority of owners whose property abutted on the roads neglected to make the necessary repairs, and the Board resolved that sketches should be made showing each tenant the portion for the repair of which he was liable.

Minutes of Bingley Local Board – 17th June 1907

In 1907, it was reported that another road at Wilsden Hill was out of repair.



8 That the Clerk write to the owners of property fronting or adjoining on the portion of Wilsden Hill between the end of the Councils Road near Kingscliffe and



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17th June 1907

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the Lane near Mr. Joseph Greenwood's Farm leading to Harcrofts requesting them to put the same into proper repair.

Upon the recommendation of the Education Committee and upon the motion of Mr. Drake seconded by Mr. Foster it was

Minutes of Bingley Local Board - 20th December 1909

In the period between 1909 and 1912 the owners fronting New Laithe Lane were repeatedly asked to repair their road, (now footpath Bingley 245).

8. Also to write to certain owners of property at New Laithe Lane, Wilsden Hill, requesting them to put the Roadway there into good repair.
Upon the recommendation of the Education Committee and Upon the motion of Mr. Foster seconded by Mr. Laycock it was

20th June 1910

Resolved
1. That the Clerk write the Owners of property - adjoining New Laithe Lane, Wilsden Hill, requesting them to put the Roadway into proper repair.

18th March 1912

17. That Notice be given to the Owners of property - adjoining New Laithe Lane, Wilsden to put the Lane into proper repair.

Until finally in 1913 a Notice to metal was served on the owners, in which it is quite clearly referred to as a carriageway.

the Owners of certain premises fronting, adjoining or abutting on a certain street called *New Laithe Lane* within the District of the Bingley Urban District Council.

WHEREAS the said street is not ~~sewered~~, levelled, ~~paved~~, ~~flagged~~, and channelled to the satisfaction of the above-named Bingley Urban District Council; AND WHEREAS your said premises front, adjoin, or abut on certain parts of the said street which require to be ~~sewered~~, levelled, ~~paved~~, ~~flagged~~, and channelled; NOW, THEREFORE, the said Bingley Urban District Council hereby give you notice (in pursuance of the Public Health Act, 1875,) to ~~sewer~~, level, ~~pave~~, ~~flag~~, and channel the same within the space of one calendar month from the date hereof in manner following, (that is to say):—

A foundation for the carriageway and footway in the said street to be formed in the following manner:

The surface to be thoroughly cleared of all grass and weeds and to be excavated where required for pitching and broken stones to form channels. The ~~road~~ carriageway to be then pitched where and the said carriageway and footway to be paved necessary with 8-inch delphstone, closely packed by hand, and the portions of ~~road~~ ^{carriageway} where not of the proper contour to be filled up with rough delphstone and the whole length of the carriage way to be covered with a bed of delphstone 4 inches thick broken so as to pass a 2 1/2 inch ring.

~~The channel stones to be~~
The sides of the carriageway where required to be cut away form channels for the surface water.
~~The kerb or side stones to be~~