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4th May 2017

Dear Mr Millward,

RE: Footpath diversion to avoid mill yard and 'argae'

Many thanks for your letter of the 29th April. This is dictated on the 3rd of May, the date of receipt of your letter.

I found the copy letter of the 29th April to Sian Barnes most interesting.

For my part I would endorse the views expressed by Mark Chapman and Sian Barnes. Quite apart from anything else and I do acknowledge that you put forward good reason for an alternative route, it further means that people walking would avoid your yard and be on the track leading to it for a lesser period of time than they are at present.

I feel the absence of Mr. Bryan Owen when the officers were present results from him attending at Market on a Monday.

I certainly would accept unreservedly that the Health & Safety issue must be the right approach.

In relation to my suggestion of a neighbourly letter I clearly bow to your judgment when it comes to your neighbour.

My further thought purely for your consideration and not to be the subject of any discussion other than between you and your wife at present, is that if the slow process of securing the permissive route can be achieved then perhaps in the Spring of next year, if the permissive route has proved to be the success that I am sure it will be, you might consider applying for a footpath diversion order.

In relation to preventing me skidding down the footpath you are absolutely right and your assistance on it was greatly appreciated.

It does just cross my mind that the permissive route is also a good thing from the point of view of your Insurers.

Thank you very much for keeping me up to date and I look forward to the next installment.

Yours sincerely,



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19th April 2017.

Dear Mr. Millward,

RE: **Your Neighbour.**

I refer to my attendance upon you at Henllan Mill on Saturday morning. It was very helpful to walk down the remainder of the path and see the stile. Also of course the steps with the corrugated iron over them.

The CCTV has certainly proved its worth!

On the way out I stopped by the new gate and noted that you had mown a walkway through the far end where it abuts the field.

May I suggest, if you have not already done it, that you speak to the Footpaths Officer on the basis of getting a permissive footpath along the edge of the field, subject of course to the formal consent of the land owner.

Once this has been done might I suggest a further sign on your drive saying words to the effect "Diverted Footpath" pointing towards the new gate.

The purpose of the above being to legitimate everything and also in order that the Footpaths Officer's records can be up-dated so that anyone checking on the line of the footpath through the office of Powys County Council will be aware of this.

I appreciate this will take a little bit of time but I think it is worth it.

Once all formalities of that nature are concluded then a short letter to your neighbour appraising him of the situation and requesting that he take that route in future seems to me to be the most appropriate course of action to take.

Yours sincerely,

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29/04/2017

Re: Proposed diversion of footpath to circumvent 'argae'/flood prevention scheme
Henllan Mill.

Dear Sian Barnes,

Further to your visit to see the slippery path over the 'argae' with Mr Chapman, Pathways Officer, we have put in a solid gate on the lane before the slope over the 'argae'. It has a spring self-shutting mechanism but currently it is inadequate and will be changed. Mr Bryan Roberts, the contractor, is currently having a hip replacement, but assures me that he will get the gate shutting when he's better.

Our solicitor, Mr B.W.Thistlethwaite of Emrys Jones & Co., Welshpool, has looked at the situation and seen the good sense of a diversion, regarding safety. *

I remember you asking why the diversion had not been done when the 'argae' was built in 1985. The truth is that we didn't think of it.

Do please arrange a visit, if you want to see what has been done.

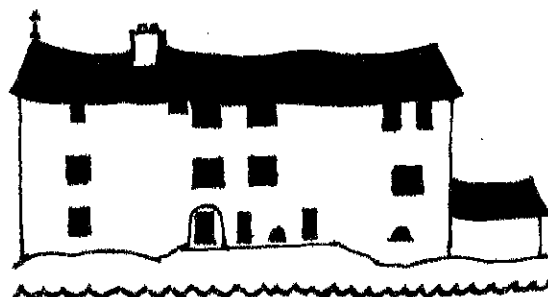
Best wishes - Yours sincerely,

David Wynn Millward

* Mr Thistlethwaite
suggested that permissive route
signs be put up as soon as possible.

—————David Wynn Millward—————

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Re: Footpath diversion to avoid mill yard and 'argae'.

Dear Mr Thistlethwaite,

Thank you for your supportive visit to the mill and subsequent letter of 19th April suggesting the next move.

To recap, both the Footpaths Officer, Mr Mark Chapman, and the Health & Safety Officer, Ms Sian Barnes, to whom my wife wrote regarding the dangers of the steep and slippery path, after rain, have seen the proposed route and made the suggestion that it become the preferred or permissive route. After the incident in our yard with the police in attendance, Mr Bryan Roberts and his team put in the substantial gate which allows walkers to remain on one level and circumvent the 'argae' and thus the mill yard.

There have been many instances in the past when men and their 'out-of-control dogs have run amok in the yard, sheep and cattle too, and I am sure that a few directional signs will help. Messrs. Bryan and David Owen know of our wish to divert the pathway. Mr Bryan Owen could not come to the meeting with the two Officers from Powys CC because it was a Monday morning and is reluctant to discuss it when I've met him since.

I think that the Health & Safety issue is the right approach.

Your suggestion of a neighbourly letter may have the effect of a red rag to a bull. I think that the Pathways Officer should talk him through it. I have spoken to the neighbour about the proposed change saying that it would be to his advantage to walk on the level, though, of course, he would have less opportunity to set his dogs on our car.

Clearly in these volatile times the portrait will have to wait. I had hoped for the opportunity of a quick sketch when you visited, but the main concern was to keep you from skidding down the footpath.

Best wishes - Yours sincerely, David Wynn Millward

—David Wynn Millward—