

**Appendix 31. Coombe St. Nicholas Parish Council Minutes.  
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reference D/PC/com.n/1/2/2, D/PC/com.n/1/2/3 and D/PC/com.n/1/2/5**

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Council for the purposes of the survey of public rights of way. The Clerk further reported that she had received draft maps and cards from the Chard Rural District Council for the purposes of the survey.

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(2) that the Clerk be authorised to order 7 copies of the booklet "Surveys and Maps of Public Rights of Way" prepared by the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society.

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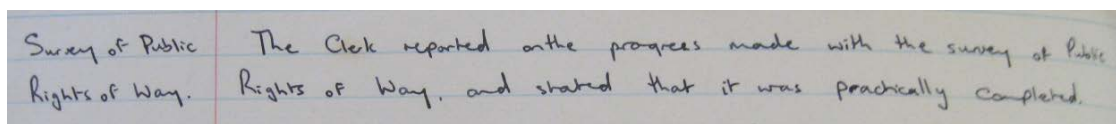
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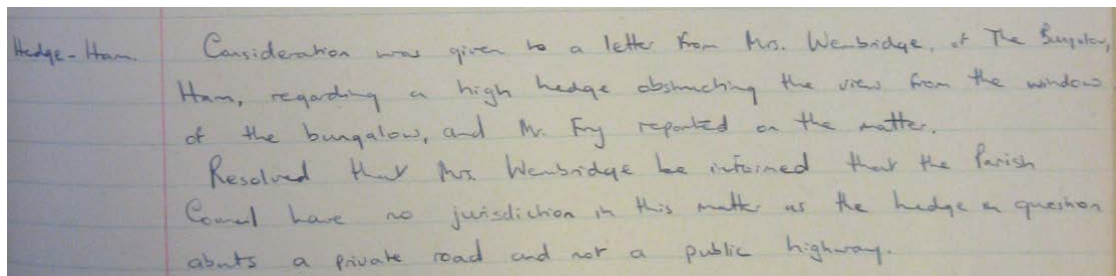
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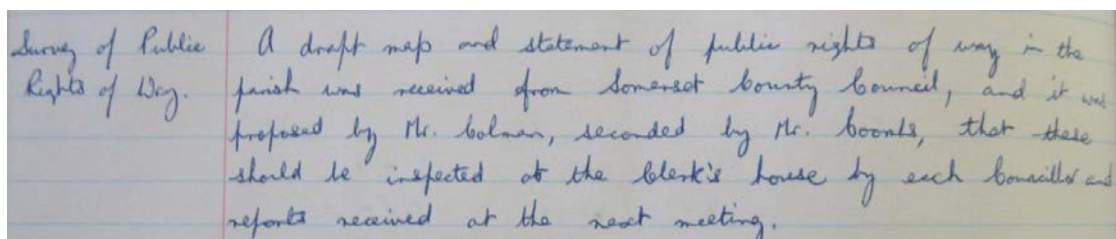


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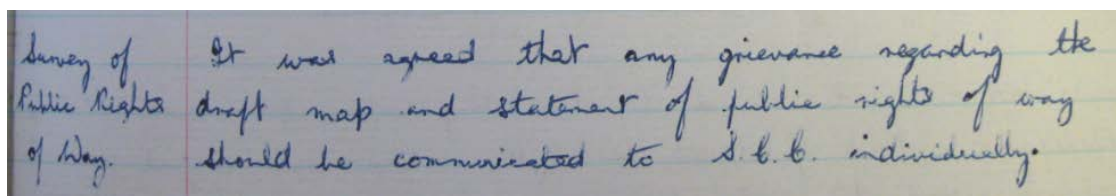


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1) <sup>Inclusion</sup> ~~Discussion~~ of path 7/43, objection by boats Bruelee Ltd, from the county road near boat Mill, Lower Wadeford, in a general easterly direction along S side of Mill Race to Puddleigh Lane nr. Puddleigh Mill:-  
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4 June 1956

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*None of the objections which are then detailed in the minutes are relevant to this investigation.*

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**D/PC/com.n/1/2/5:**

14 January 1981

Definitive Footpath Map - Following the discussion on the above items, Freby. Taylor proposed that the Parish Council should take steps to ensure that all those bridlepaths not included in the Definitive Footpath Map, owing to an oversight on the part of previous Parish Councils, should now be included, in view of new legislation shortly to be introduced into Parliament, which would then preclude such paths from being included.

13 May 1981

Minute 43 - Definitive Footpath Map : Reply had now been received from County Council, explaining that public paths can only be added to the Definitive Map at the time of a full review of such paths, but that the matter should be referred to Yeovil District Council. It was suggested that there was a possibility that such paths could be added under new procedure proposed in the new Wildlife and Countryside Bill.