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The Clerk  
Haverhill County Council  
Ranfurly

Dear Sir,

I would be pleased if your Council would give consideration to the construction of a small bridge over the Burnston brook at a point about 3 miles above Mr J. J. Pauling's house, on the boundary between the runs of Mr John Reather & Mr J. G. Morgan.

Each year when I must shear my sheep off my Run for shearing, the only way they can be brought in is through Mr Morgan's Run and across the Burnston brook. To avoid getting the sheep wet, I have, in the past, transported planks & timbers for temporary bridging by tractor & trailer, from my home, a distance of about 10 to 12 miles up the Burnston brook, laid down the bridges to get the sheep across & then brought the material back. This has involved a good deal of waste time & if a permanent bridge could be established, this waste of time would of course be obviated.

The spot selected as being the one most

suitable, in my opinion, for the bridge is at a point where the Sunston Creek flows between two high banks of rock & the span would be not more than 22 feet. It would be necessary to construct a concrete block on each side of the creek, based in the rock, on one side to a height of 5 to 6 feet, & on the other to a height of about 2 feet which would appear to bring the level well above flood level, and a bridge of not more than six feet wide should be sufficient, with light hand rails on each side to prevent the sheep falling into the creek. There is quite a good road up to this particular point & there would be no difficulty in carting material for the bridge.

The establishment of a bridge as suggested would be of considerable assistance to me in the management of my Run, & I trust your Council will give favourable consideration to my application.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Beattie

