

Justices Order and plan for the stopping up and diversion of part of a bridle way from Hopton to Stafford dated 1801, Earl of Talbots dedication of new bridleway and bridle bridge dated 1801 and certificate of completion dated 1802. (Transcript)

*We John Sparrow Esq and Sambroke Higgins Esq two of his majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County at a special sessions held at Bishton in the Hundred of Pirehill South in the said County the first day of November in the year of our Lord 1801- having upon view found that a certain part of a Bridleway from Hopton to Stafford lying within the Parish of Ingestre in the said Hundred between a place called the Dog Kennel Gate and Tixall Park Gate of the length of seven hundred and thirty nine yards or thereabouts and particularly described in the plan hereunto annexed may be diverted and turned so as to make the same more commodious to the public and having viewed the Course proposed for the new Bridleway in lieu thereof through the Lands and Grounds of The right Honourable Charles Chetwynd Earl Talbot, of the length of two thousand six hundred and twenty six yards and of the breadth of 8 feet and having viewed evidence of the consent of the said Earl to the said new Bridleway being made through his Lands by writing under his hand and seal We do order that the said Bridleway be diverted and turned through his said lands accordingly.*

*I Charles Chetwynd Earl Talbot being owner of the Lands described in the Plan hereunto annexed through which part of a certain Bridleway lying between a place called the Trent Walk at the entrance thereof into Ingestre Park and the Stafford and Uttoxeter Turnpike Road in the Parish of Ingestre in the County of Stafford is intended to be diverted and turned in consideration of the said old Bridleway and the soil thereof being sold to and vested in me Do hereby consent to the making such new bridleway through my said lands – And I do agree to keep the said new Bridleway at all times hereafter in good and sufficient repair and also to allow the bridge by me erected over the River Trent at the other end of the said Trent Walk to be used hereafter as a publick Bridle Bridge and to keep the said Bridge in proper repair and order. Given under my Hand and seal the first day of November 1801*

*We whose names are hereunto subscribed being the Justices of the Peace who have viewed the several bridleways described in the plan hereunto annexed and made an order for diverting the old Bridleway and being satisfied that the new Bridleway therein described is properly made and fit for the reception of travellers. Do hereby order that this part of the said old Bridleway being of a length of 739 yards or thereabouts be stopped up and the land and soil thereof given to the Right Honourable Charles Chetwynd Earl of Talbot for his own private use as a recompense and satisfaction of the land taken from him for the purpose of making such new bridleway. Dated this first day of January in the year of our Lord 1802.*

*Signed J Sparrow*

*Sambroke Higgins*