

NEDGING WITH NAUGHTON QUIET LANES PUBLIC MEETING 13TH APRIL 2021 AT 7PM

The meeting is to discuss a proposal to nominate Nedging Road and Semer Road as Quiet Lanes

Present: Cllr Harding, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Witham, Lynn Allum (Parish Clerk), Marianne Munday (Chair of Bentley Parish Council) 10 Parishioners

1. Councillor Harding welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the meeting.
2. Councillor Goodman outlined the details of the proposal.
3. Marianne Munday (Chair of Bentley Parish Council) gave an account of how Quiet Lanes has worked in other Parishes.
 - Quiet Lanes team are volunteers working with SCC.
 - Quiet Lanes are nationally recognised designation of single track roads.
 - Trial Quiet Lanes commenced in 2007 have had positive responses and many counties are now interested in introducing them, including Suffolk.
 - Norfolk & Kent have noted a marginal decrease in speeds.
 - 440 proposed designated lanes have been agreed by SCC as being suitable and up to 300 could be authorised.
 - Signs are put at the entrance & exit of each lane to raise driver awareness.
 - Suffolk CC have committed funds for provision of signs.
 - 55 Parishes have applied.
 - It is hoped that speed limits will be put on Quiet Lanes in the future
4. Questions were invited from each person present and responses made by Marianne Munday and Councillor Goodman.
5. Councillor Goodman read out messages received from Parishioners. (12 received, 6 in favour, 6 opposed)
6. Each person present was invited to give their comments on the proposal and state whether they were in favour of the proposition or opposed to it.

7 people opposed, 4 in favour, 2 neutral

Concerns/Opposed	Positives/In Favour
Due to the number of properties and cars already on Nedging Rd it won't make any difference to the amount of traffic	Signs would make drivers more aware and that they should drive with caution
Costs involved to the Parish Council (none)	Should make the roads a bit safer
Concerns that signs would give a false sense of security for walkers, cyclists & riders	Signs would grab drivers attention
Money could be better spent in other places	Signs can't do any harm

Motorists do not take notice of the signs that are already there so it will make no difference	If it's free to the Parish Council then why not try it
It's not enforceable. Fine as it is	The money has already been allocated to Quiet Lanes and if signs are put up it might help slow drivers down
Concerns about more cars parking on the lanes	Signs have the potential to make an improvement
Already a quiet road and signs will not stop speeding motorists	
There will still be national speed limits and the two are not compatible	

7. Cllr Harding summarised the meeting and confirmed that the proposal for Nedging Road and Semer Road to be designated Quiet Lanes would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.