

BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Quiet Lanes Consultation Meeting For Bucklesham Parish

Held on Thursday 8th April 2021 ~ 6.00pm

Via Zoom Video/Audio Conferencing

Present

Mrs Judi Hallett (Clerk to Bucklesham PC and Host)

Bucklesham Parish Councillors

Members of the public (names not recorded for data protection reasons)

Apologies had been received from Cllr. D Brinkley, Cllr G Burgess and Cllr E Bloomfield

Mrs Hallett welcomed everyone to the meeting and ran through the presentation (copy available on the Bucklesham Parish Council website)

General Comments

The following comments had been received *prior* to the meeting:

- Mr P (Levington Lane) - I think it is a great idea to make the lanes around Bucklesham safer for all road users.
- Mr M P (Levington Lane) - My wife and I are very much in favour of Quiet Lanes and thank you for pursuing it. If we can help with anything please just ask us.
- Mr and Mrs R (Church Lane) - we would be delighted to see both lanes designated officially as "Quiet Lanes". My wife and I cycle or walk with the children every day to the Primary School and anything that would by any measure improve the behaviour of drivers on our rural Lanes would be more than welcome.
- SP (Levington Lane) We have had several "near miss" events when cycling through Levington Lane. Making the suggested roads "Quiet Lanes" will only enhance the already high quality of life that those fortunate enough to live in Bucklesham.
- Mrs A (Main Road) A great idea on every level – what's not to like?
- Mr M S (Levington Lane) - we believe that the volume of unnecessary traffic through Levington Lane and then down Tenth Lane (caused by people using it as a 'rat run'), the speed at which they travel and the sheer size of some vehicles is a nuisance to pedestrians, to residents attempting to drive from their properties, to walkers and cyclists. We would welcome any method/solution that might reduce or slow general traffic.
- M H (Green Crescent) - We would like to support this proposal, seems a very sensible way forward
- Mrs S B (St Mary's Park) - My comment would be to welcome it and anything that encourages motorists to have regard for other road users and that we live in a very special area to be enjoyed properly and safely by all.
- Mr R A (Church Lane) - Following the letter on "Quite Lanes" I fully support this action to protect our lanes. Living on Church Lane which does seem to get quite a bit of traffic it is quite noticeable the speeds that some of the cars travel down the Lane introducing the "Quite Lanes" would reduce the speeds which can only be good for the Lanes.

Please be aware that recording of the meeting is probable

- Mrs B and Mr D (Field View) - We would like to express our support for the proposed Quiet Lanes in Bucklesham. We regularly walk the Lanes and believe that designation as a Quiet Lane should encourage more local people to leave their cars at home and help to preserve the rural tranquillity of our village.
- Mr H (Church Lane) - Very Happy, I am very concerned about speed of traffic on Church Lane. Have CCTV cameras pointing to road which PC can use if necessary.

Questions/Comments after the Presentation

The following comments and questions were asked/answered after the presentation:

- Great idea - Can we help with the project? – If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist the project team please get in touch. There are a number of lanes in Suffolk where the parishes require additional help and they have had more interest than expected; they may even have to organise a Wave 4!
- Who will be monitoring the lanes that are designated? There has been an attempt at monitoring in the past but the data has been unreliable. Quiet Lanes are about protecting the rural nature of the lane, not about providing data on it.
- We are in favour in principle but can we keep signage to a minimum please? Yes, it is our aim to use existing posts and smaller signs, whenever possible.
- How much will this cost the village? Probably nothing as there are grants available to cover cost of all signage.
- Why Levington Lane after number 92? Why not all of it? The main part of Levington Lane does not fit the criteria. It is only suitable after number 92.
- Mr T (Field View) Whilst the idea is admirable I am concerned that without widening Levington Lane from the junction with main road to the start of the Quiet Lane section the residents will see an increase in traffic and an increased accident risk. The section of Levington Lane in the village already sees a substantial traffic flow with a goodly number of drivers 'pushing' past parked cars and at other narrow spots.

The meeting was closed at 6.30pm

Signed:

Date:

Judi Hallett

Interim Clerk to Bucklesham Parish Council, May 2021