

## **MINUTES of the Public Meeting on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 7.00pm Held at Stanton Community Village Hall to discuss the Quiet Lanes Designations.**

**Present:** There were 11 people present, these included County Councillor Spicer, District Councillor Thorndyke, Cllr Barbara Smithson, Cllr John Frizzell, Cllr Phil Smith and Cllr Francis Hart (Chair) and 4 members of the public.

**Parish Council Chairman Mr. Francis Hart chaired the meeting.**

Those present were advised that Stanton Parish Council is exploring opportunities to designate certain rural lanes in the villages of Stanton and Bardwell as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county wide project.

The support of residents in both villages was required to enable the project to progress. Road Safety is a top priority for both villages.

Quiet Lanes are a nationally recognised designation for narrow, rural single-track lanes (i.e no line markings), typically with less than 1,000 vehicle movements per day. Quiet Lanes are shared by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users. They encourage drivers to ‘Expect and Respect’ more vulnerable road users and so allow non-motorised users to enjoy rural lanes in greater safety. These types of lanes do not impose traffic restrictions and are not enforced. Advisory signs are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.

We have identified, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council (Highways), the following proposed sites (which meet the necessary criteria of less than 1,000 vehicle movements per day) as being suitable for designation.

- Duke Street (North), Stanton
- Wyken Road (from T Junction with Wyken Road) Stanton to A143
- Wyken Road (from A143 to Daveys Lane X roads ) Bardwell
- Knox Lane Bardwell
- Daveys Lane Bardwell
- Glassfield Road Stanton (to Daveys Lane X roads)
- Bury Lane Stanton from j/w Sturgeons Way towards Wyken Road

This project is being funded by the Suffolk County Council Suffolk 2020 Fund and the East Suffolk Community Partnerships and Greenprint Forum.

One of the requirements of the project is to hold a Public Meeting to gauge response from the electorate.

To date the Initial Public Consultation has been published (on 6 May 2021) to the Stanton Parish Council website, Stanton ‘Next Door’ – 839 members (46% of 1360 householders) and the Facebook Page (post has reached 326 people with 10 ‘likes, comments or shares’)

Posters have been displayed on the three Village notice boards in The Street, Recreation Ground and George Hill.

Residents living on the proposed routes have received a notice advising them individually of the project.

No comments have been posted on the Social Media sites

Bardwell Parish Council had received a number of very positive responses in favour of the project.

Stanton PC has received 3 responses by email –

DB – Would welcome the proposal. (Email 16/5/21 at 14.06)

LC – present at the meeting

BB – at a loss to understand why funds would be spent on a scheme with little or no demonstrable use.

Belief that scheme would be detrimental to residents and do not support. (Email 18/5/21 at 18.15)

### **Public present at the meeting – summary of comments**

MJ – Can't see any point in the project as signs not going to make a difference – object.

AJ – Use the roads frequently and never found anyone to be rude – against the idea.

LC – Signs are not enforced and do not impose traffic restrictions so little point. Project doesn't go far enough in tackling speeding issues – not in favour.

CCLr Spicer confirmed that this was a County Council scheme picking up on a National scheme and it was heavily funded so the Council would only need to contribute £50 per lane, the first being free so the cost to Stanton PC would be £200.

There had been some concerns from other Parishes about the proliferation of signs but these were in the main sympathetic to their surroundings with existing road sign posts being utilised where possible.

There being no further comments the Chair advised the public present that the matter would be taken to the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10 June 2021 for a decision as to whether the Parish Council would move to designate the proposed lanes and thanked the public for their attendance and comments.

There being no further comment the meeting closed at 7.25pm

Francis Hart

Chair – Stanton Parish Council