

STOKE BY NAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 22 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM (by Skype)

- Present:** Stevie Bezencenet – Chairman (SB)
Sean Fry (SF) – Vice-chairman
Martin Nielsen (MN)
Vivienne Klimowicz (VK)
- Apologies:** Rosemary Emeny (RE), Adam Sedgwick (AS)
- In attendance:** James Dark (JD) - Parish Clerk, Janine Roffey (JR) - parishioner assisting with Quiet Lanes project, 10 members of the public (7.30-8.30 for Quiet Lanes item), Jeremy Bloomfield - Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Group (8.30-8.50)

21.4.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See above

21.4.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

None declared.

21.4.3 PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public spoke against the Quiet Lanes proposals. They considered that the scheme would:

- Attract more walkers from outside the area, and hence cars, to lanes with insufficient parking;
- Involve fitting additional and unwarranted traffic signs in a rural environment;
- Be implemented without evidence from a comparable area of positive impacts, effectively making the proposed scheme a pilot project;
- Attract more cyclists, presenting hazards to walkers.

Comments mirrored a number of points made in responses to the parish council's consultation on the proposals.

21.4.4 QUIET LANES

MN, the lead councillor for the Quiet Lanes project, thanked parishioners for their responses to the consultation and JR and JD for assisting with the consultation.

MN acknowledged the points made by objectors, and also outlined views on potential benefits including that Quiet Lanes could have a positive 'nudge impact' on driver behaviour. MN's personal view was that the design of SCC's proposed signage for Quiet Lanes was the most significant point against designation. He reported that he had been in contact with SCC on the possibility of installing less intrusive signs, and that potentially he could seek to broaden these discussions onto removing existing inappropriate road signage in the parish.

MN explained his view that a decision should be made at the current meeting on whether to proceed with the Quiet Lanes proposals with or without caveats. This was partly related to the availability of SCC funding.

Councillors discussed the intent of the proposals, their potential impact, the maturity of evidence available and views expressed during the consultation and at the meeting.

A motion was proposed that the parish council should continue to investigate whether to proceed with the scheme. Councillors voted against the motion.

SB thanked the Quiet Lanes team for their work on behalf of the parish and considered that the information gained during the consultation would have an ongoing value to the parish council.

21.4.5 DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Group had raised concerns over BDC's approach to housing designation in its Local Plan and potential conflicts with the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that a letter drafted by AS should be sent to BDC requesting a response to concerns raised.

Action: Clerk to send letter drafted by AS to BDC, with the Leader of the District Council copied in.

21.4.6 ANGEL APPLICATION TO EXTEND HOURS

It was noted that The Angel had applied for a licence extending opening times, hours for serving food and drink and hours for recorded music. Councillors considered that the proposal would cause significant nuisance to residents from noise, light and cars continuing later into the evening.

Action: Clerk to write to the BDC licensing team requesting that service should end at 10pm outside, 11pm inside and that lights on Church St and Polstead St should be switched off by 11.30pm. On New Year's Eve service should not continue into New Year's Day beyond 2am.

21.4.7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 7.30pm by Skype

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.