

Nettleham MATTERS

Your Independent Community Magazine

Proud home of the Bishop's Palace

Issue N° 061 | NOVEMBER 2022


TUCCANN
community publications

Nettleham Parish Council...



Green Lane

Following the article which appeared in a previous issue of Nettleham Matters on an initial proposal to make changes to Green Lane, the Parish Council discussed the matter at its September meeting. It was disappointing that only two members of the public attended as this was an opportunity for residents to voice their opinion on what some perceive to be a controversial proposal.

It was decided that a more phased approach should be taken over a longer time frame to allow a transition period for changes in Green Lane. It was also thought additional options could be explored before giving the residents of Nettleham an opportunity to let us know what action they would support.

In that respect, I would say the Parish Council has limited means of getting information out to residents (Nettleham Matters, Facebook sites and our noticeboards) and we cannot know how many people actually read our articles. Therefore the September item was not intended as a village-wide consultation but simply an opportunity for people to offer their opinions in writing to the Parish Council or by attending the meeting. When firm options are drawn up, then is the time for a leaflet drop to householders so there was absolutely no motive to deny residents the chance to object to Green Lane proposals. The decision to undertake improvements to Green Lane was certainly not driven by pressure from residents on All Saints Lane.

As already stated, this is a very subjective issue. Green Lane is an ancient byway and with its historical significance, the aim is to try and bring it back a little to its origins. Tree dominance has undoubtedly reduced biodiversity resulting in a rather sterile environment and trying to improve the habitat for wildlife can only be a good thing.

Whatever course of action is agreed, a strategy is necessary to manage the lane in the long term. If you have an interest or experience in creating a wildlife friendly environment and would like to be involved in the working group to help formulate how improvements to Green Lane can be achieved, then do please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Thank you. Cllr Mrs Janice Clayton