

COLMWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Colmworth Parish Council on Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall at Colmworth.

Present: Cllr. D. Michell (Chairman), Cllr R. Jones, Cllr L. Knight, L. Crawford (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr. P. Ball, Cllr. B. Brightman, Cllr. T. Frew, and Cllr. E. Pegler.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Open Forum

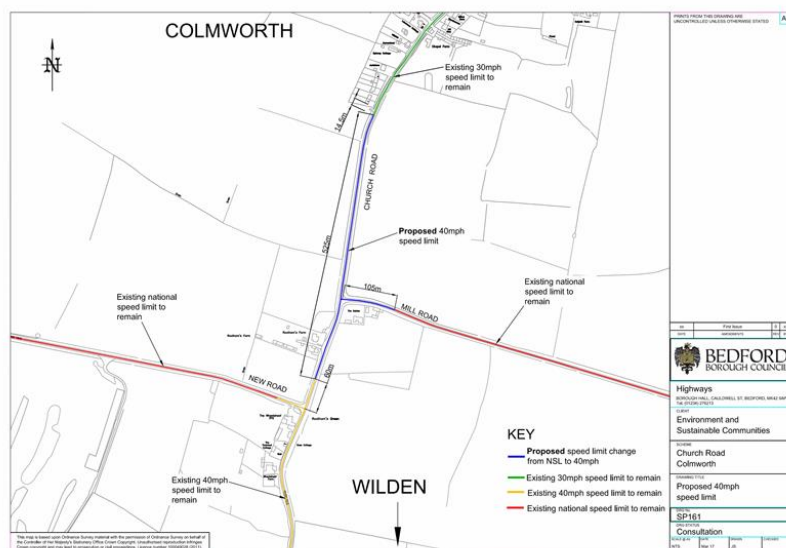
There was considerable positive discussion with the parishioner and between Councillors about the extension. The initial request from a resident and subsequent letters of support were also discussed.

The parishioner was concerned that speed limits are not always the best solution for road safety or to control speeding where there is a problem. He felt that drivers should drive appropriately for the conditions and take account of horses, pedestrians, cyclists and other hazards and drive accordingly. He also pointed out that it would be unlikely to be enforced and that average speed cameras in the 30mph zone of the village are likely to be more effective in controlling speeds than extending the 40mph zone.

The Clerk explained that letters of support had raised issues of safety for horses, cyclists, and reported a number of near misses on this stretch of road and had also pointed out that cars often accelerated hard as they came out of one speed limit only to have to brake again when reaching the next limit 300m further on.

Cllr Knight explained that the village is on the list to get average speed cameras however, it is important that we take steps to show how we can look at all options to reduce speed and this 40mph extension is part of a longer-term project to manage speeding in the village. She welcomed the discussion on how we might support residents.

4. Determine how to respond to an objection and letters / expressions of support for the reduction of the speed limit along the length of Church Road, Colmworth to 40mph



The Chairman proposed a motion to extend the 40mph limit. Two Councillors voted in favour of the 40mph extension and one abstained. The motion to extend the 40mph limit was passed.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th July