

Lyneham Parish implementation of 20mph

Sirs

I make the following points:

Lyneham is a small originally agricultural hamlet of miscellaneous dwellings some listed dating back to the 1850's, only three properties are adjacent to the through road and none have direct access.

3 side roads make junctions with it.

We are in an area of dark skies without any street lighting.

The remaining properties are mostly alongside the High street, Priory lane and Priory Lane.

There is no debate with regard to these residential roads where we can appreciate the safety gains.

So my remarks only relate to the through road used by ourselves, commuters, schools and commercial traffic.

Chronology

- The parish meeting of 2022 directed me to apply to the scheme which at the time we assumed would be an opportunity to tackle the deficiencies of the present layout as an "improvement" with transitions to regulate and enable the speed reduction from 60 to 20.
- The original 30 was installed years ago following a fatality where weather conditions I understand were most relevant.
- Until then based on habitation it did not qualify up to then and the road would have remained at national speed limit, the remaining incorrect warning signage is testament to its poor implementation.
- Speed checks have since confirmed very poor compliance with 85% percentile speeds nearer to 40

The desktop plan does not do justice to the topography where the through road descends from both directions with fast flowing approaches into the settlement.

- I enquired with Highways their initial thoughts which were a deviation from our expectations but nevertheless a good compromise.

The through road would remain at 30

The residential roads would revert to 20

Electronic Speed compliance would not be provided.

This was put to every household together with the golf club management.

85% agreed and endorsed this layout in a "your say" poll.

That is the mandate I have.

At the 2023 meeting OCC advised it was the intention for through road to revert to 20.

Following that meeting I put forward an improvement scheme which might have been workable but this was rejected and a new scheme offered of half 20 and half 30.

This I think will be unenforceable as would the 20 noted by the police comments.

We are a self funding group with no precept but thanks to a small OCC grant and donations reached £5000 to install two Speed indicators which are yielding excellent results during their daytime usage.

At last we are seeing most





speeds at or below 30.

This is the background and conclusion regarding the options available to the Parish .
Finally almost all the accidents have occurred outside of the 30 and where motorists are caught out with black ice.

Whatever the outcome cars will continue to crash in these circumstances as they leave the security of salted and gritted roads on the A361 and B4450- my request for an "ice" sign has gone unheeded.

Regards
Peter Frost
Parish chairman