

RELOCATION OF THE 30MPH LIMIT FURTHER ALONG THE EPWELL ROAD - INFORMAL CONSULTATION

- The Parish Council agreed at their meeting to start the process of the option of relocating the 30 mph speed limit sign on the Epwell Road further out of the village along the Epwell Road as agreed with Oxfordshire County Council. Voting was 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Our first action is to undertake an informal consultation with all residents to ascertain views about the proposal.
- The council embarked on this action as a result of concerns expressed by some residents about the speed of traffic through the village. We were also aware that the location of the signs had not been significantly reviewed since the Rickyard development was built. The PC undertook a traffic survey using a speed monitor over a period of one week which indicated limited speeding but nonetheless it still caused concern to some residents, and these residents felt even more needed to be done.
- Councillors have had two site meetings with road safety and highway officers who have advised the following:
- The cost of relocating the 30mph limit is £3000. This includes £400 to move the signs and £2600 for consultation and legal fees which OCC is obliged to carry out. This cost is non-negotiable.
- The timescale for the 30mph extension is about 6-8 months from the time we instruct OCC to proceed.
- OCC officers also advised the PC that in their experience the relocation of the 30mph limit was unlikely to make a substantial difference to people reducing their speed.
- The PC would meet this cost from the precept already set for 2018/19
- This notice is intended to start an informal consultation, as advised by OCC. The PC will need to canvas the opinions of Shutford residents and of course we are happy to respond to any comments or queries. On the basis of the responses the PC receives we will make a decision at the next PC meeting on 9 May as to whether to instruct OCC to proceed or not.
- Views, comments and queries can be made to any parish councillor by phone or to the clerk or chair by email shutfordpc@gmail.com or lynneanda@aol.com
- All councillor contact telephone numbers can be found in the most recent copies of the Shutford News.

The deadline for receiving views and comments is Monday 30 April.