

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

ON 10 AUGUST 2015

### **Present:**

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Carol Cole	Councillor
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Simon Read	Councillor
Richard Ceaser	Councillor

### **Apologies:**

John Badgery	Clerk
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### **COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION**

27. Four members of the public were present.

28. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that this was an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council, and the only issue was whether the Council supported the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) proposals for speed limits in Orcheston. He advised that there may be cost implications as the CATG have indicated that they would expect Orcheston to pay 25% of the cost. This could total £750 for Orcheston. This would represent a cost of around £7 per band D house. The Chairman distributed copies of plans showing the proposed speed limits. He invited comments from the members of the public. There were none.

### **COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION**

29. The Chairman invited the Councillors to comment. Councillor Wright observed that the average speeds recorded during the observation period were all within the proposed limits. He asked who would police the limits, and also observed that the one recorded accident was at a speed of 8.2 mph. There were no accidents recorded on Elston Lane.

The Chairman commented that he did not think that there would be any additional policing of limits, but in his opinion limits do encourage drivers to slow down. He also pointed out that if there is a 30 mph limit on Whatcombe Brow then we could apply for a further reduction to 20 mph, as the average observed speed is 23 mph on this stretch of road. Without the 30 limit we cannot get further reductions.

30. The Chairman proposed that Orcheston Parish Council accept the proposed speed limits. The vote was passed with 4 votes for and 2 abstentions. The Chairman stated that he would ask the Clerk to write to CATG advising of our agreement to the new limits. He would also ask the Clerk to seek to mitigate the amount (if any) Orcheston might pay.

31. **Date of next meeting** 21 September 2015 at 7:30pm.

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S Shepherd Chairman