

Dear Parish Council

6.10.24

Re: Agenda for meeting 7th October 2024 - Item 13 Proposed Waiting Restrictions

I am unable to attend the meeting, so would be grateful if this letter could be considered as Public Participation. I am in favour of waiting restrictions and speed limits, however, I feel:-

Speed Limits

- Law abiding drivers will continue to stay within the limits
- those with a black box will **have** to adhere to the limits
- the rest will continue to break the speed limit, just now by a greater %.

Waiting at the church corner.

The main problem is caused by those parking on the bend, across from the junction, in the 'space' nearest to no 2 Church Street.

The cars stick out and block the road for vehicles coming up Church Street. They are then forced to 'overtake' and drive on the wrong side of the road to get round.



This is problematic because it:

1. **Causes a blockage:-** with cars coming up Church street, Colne road and down Lanehouse all trying to get through.
2. **Creates visibility problems:-** As this is on a bend, it makes it very difficult for cars to see oncoming traffic in the same lane as them
3. **Creates a hazard:-** Drivers coming out of the junction from Colne Road (a give way), are often still looking to their right when entering church street so would not see a vehicle on the 'their' side of the road coming up.

The assumption is that drivers would adhere to new restrictions. As some currently fail to adhere to existing recommendations and/or fail to show common sense when parking, in my opinion, nothing will change unless the proposals are enforceable and people flouting them penalised.

if drivers DID adhere to the no waiting, where would they then park? We know that people like to be as near to their destination as possible, which would result in cars parking in front of 2-8 Church Street.

I feel this would make matters worse as cars coming up Church Street would have to overtake much sooner. Perhaps allowing 2/3 cars to park down from number 9 Church View, with the no waiting zone in 'space' 3/4, continuing round and down to No 8 Church Street would provide a better solution?

Thank you for reading