

## Charlton Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT November 2022

### Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive Johnathon Pryce attended WCC full Council today, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

- Delighted to see Broadway's single fire on-call station is fully funded for a new station, fitting to Broadway's environment, and it is ready to start construction this November, sorting out the last few questions with Wychavon.
- Prevention of wildfires has been a concern for me, following, the London fires this summer and residents' concerns. The preventative strategy is a key area for the authority. Increasingly these days there is a tension between the need to support the environment and keep it natural and the need to control wildfires. We are fortunate that the National Lead for wildfires is an officer in the Hereford and Worcester Authority. The risks are well understood and the prevention of wildfires, within the authority's Prevention and Security Strategy, ensures advice goes out each year, ahead of the summer. If any resident is aware of an area of concern and knows the landowner they should contact their parish clerk.
- Can I just remind residents the authority is currently promoting the service to females, ladies this could be an excellent career move for you? Can I encourage you to think about it?

### **WCC's new more user-friendly public-facing for parish Councillors and Residents. The [Report It Dashboard](#) or if this does not work:**

**[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20978/tell us about road or highway issues](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20978/tell-us-about-road-or-highway-issues)**

**is now live.** It encourages customers to provide more detail so that we get a better understanding of the issue, its location and whether we've received other reports on the issue. e.g., drainage and flooding., an area which will undoubtedly be well used as we head towards the cold winter months. Our customers can now select which drainage feature is causing an issue (drains and gullies, kerb drainage, ditches, and culverts, etc) and we help with this by providing photographs showing each of these features with a brief description of their purpose and where they are commonly located. Cllrs will be able to see our optimum inspection and cleaning regime and details of when these were last emptied or cleansed. This does not, of course, mean that we will not attend an asset outside of this time where issues are reported. We will then consult our database to gather intel and carry out a site visit where appropriate. We hope this is a significant step forward and reassures the public that we have robust and consistent cleansing regimes.

### **Update concerning the A46 - dated 14th October**

Work Completed: The scheme of works on the Worcestershire bends and junctions along the A46 is now complete. New hazard delineation bollards, signs, and passive posts designed to crumple when struck by a vehicle reducing the risk of injuries to the driver have been installed. Some road markings have been refreshed.

Work In progress:

1. Vehicle Activated Sign design work is back on track

Unfortunately, progress on the commissioned design work, for the Vehicle Activated Sign, alerting southbound traffic of the junction at Hinton Cross, was delayed by a change in our suppliers in July. The design work is now in progress through the new contract.

2. Implementation of a temporary speed reduction for the A46 from North of Hinton Cross to South of the Sedgeberrow north turn. National Highways is looking to implement a temporary speed limit reduction for the A46 from North of Hinton Cross to South of the Sedgeberrow north turn. They are liaising with the police as they develop this proposal and are currently looking at a 40mph limit for this short (approx. 1km) section. They are planning to implement this in early 2023, subject to successfully securing the necessary Highways Orders, which as it is a legal process takes time.

NH is planning for this to be in place for up to 18 months and if it is found to be successful, then they will look to make it permanent. NH is in discussions with the police about potential enforcement for this reduced speed limit and understands that there is a parking place within this section that they may have used previously for enforcement. They are liaising with them as we progress with the design for these proposals. I can advise as the local County Councillor I am aware of enforcement in this area and know of those fined.

3. Cleansing Drains on the A46: As part of NH's routine safety inspections they have identified drains along the A46 between the Cheltenham Road island and Sedgeberrow that require cleansing, The work is due to start on these by the end of the month.

4. The footway and cycleway between Broadway Road at Hinton Cross, and Sedgeberrow :The area of the footway and cycleway between Broadway Road at Hinton Cross, and Sedgeberrow has cracks forming. NH is working hard to understand the cause of the deformation and design a solution. In the meantime, they planning interim work to level out the footway to maintain safety.

5. Turning left onto the A46 from Elmley: NH has yet to follow up on my request for a left-turning lane onto the A46 from Elmley. This can only be achieved with the involvement of Worcestershire County Council. NH will follow up with Worcestershire CC on a joint approach to turning left onto the A46 from Elmley, contacting them in the next week to discuss the options.

**Request for you to comment on the advertising sign planning application**

**W/22/02084/ADV** Land at (OS 0325 4077) Cheltenham Road Hinton on the Green in the light of the deaths and traffic issues. Might this sign be a distraction and might this sign be in a place National Highways wish to put their VAS sign ? NH have been informed and will be responding.

**Boundary Commission review** - Further representation seemingly ignores the proposal put forward by Wychavon. This has resulted in the slight upside of Hinton, Aston, and Sedgeberrow remaining together but at the expense of joining together with Broadway as a substantially larger two-member Ward. This was what was trying to be avoided, however, the decision has now been made by the Boundary commission.

**SWDPR - SWDP Review** has now been passed by all four councils to go to regulation 19 consultation. The SWDPR plan is now published and circulated. Please review the policies and feedback any concerns.

**TRAFFIC counts, tubes across the carriageway and remote cameras** installed at the side of the road, are being used to gather information to determine future transport provision in Worcestershire, during November. The 550 locations are not released, as it could skew results.

## **Local Charlton Matters**

### **Flooding resilience –**

- Encourage residents to use Report It
- Gravels either side of under bridge – Parish
- Under the bridge – WCC 262: directly under the bridge. Following, the Nov visit of WCC engineer suggest you ask BB to push again for WCC to talk to the EA about consent to reprofile under the Bridge

### **Broadband – no further update**

**Bight Enquiry 1163/777- March 2022** Water leaking on road **OCT 22** BB, has traced a land owner and written to them requesting they take action to prevent water from draining onto the highway.

**773 Charlton Cemetery Bridge to Jubilee Bridge - road cracking, barriers. DEC 2021 -update 25<sup>th</sup> October** Advisory raised for our Design and Build Team to carry out an assessment for works required. No date as yet

**1159/60 – Charlton Road /Hollies – MARCH 2021** The road surface is breaking up and the residue is being washed into the drains when it rains – advisory raised in March – nothing more?

**776 Yew Tree Cottage on the Green to Cemetery** – the claim – still outstanding see my recent email giving TC chapter and verse.

### **New Footway Dovecote to the Church – member enquiry #107 and 474 – no movement**

**Footway and road Maintenance** - Tree roots also causing damage to the road and footway in 3 areas

WCC 259 incl. the crescent shape. **(U44206 The Strand, Charlton) (Temporary Closure) Order 2022 :**  
to close that part of U44206 The Strand from its junction with Sidings Lane (Private) to its junction with  
U44206 Canada Bank for footway reconstruction by WCC. : **5 days** Commencing: **24 October 2022**

**Exemptions:** to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other  
form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken. **Alternative route:** U44206 Canada Bank, U44206  
Yessell Lane, U44206 Boston Lane, B4084 Pershore Road, C2022 Brook Lane, C2022 Main Steet, C2022  
Church Leys, U44206 The Strand and vice versa. Ryden Lane does not appear to be included. **Did not happen  
due to tree roots**

**Footway, B4084, siding out Hampton to Brook Lane about 2700 metres.** Member enquiry # 49 – need  
next section to be done. .