

Charlton Cllr ELIZABETH EYRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT January 2022

A46 - No further update concerning since 14th October

Reminder re REPORT IT: I think Charlton is aware of how to do this and the benefits of self-service for reporting potholes, gully, drainage, flooding, and streetlights out issues etc. Can they encourage residents.

- The more people that report an issue the more likely it is to be fixed. Uploading a photo tells the engineers exactly what the problem is and where it is. Customers can 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.
- 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.
- Customers will be able to see our optimum inspection and cleaning regime and details of when these were last emptied or cleansed. We will still attend an asset outside of this time where issues are reported and consult our database to gather intel and carry out a site visit where appropriate.
- The clerk is no longer a bottleneck to getting problems fixed.

One – network road closures and events: Charlton is one of the villages that has councillors that know how to use this system – though the systems is not always accurate.

Avon Pollution Discussion –WDC Rural Panel 30th January 2023 at 3.30 pm
Conference Room, Civic Centre, Pershore. Suggested a meeting to collate our data and questions – available dates 17th around 3pm, 18th 2pm, 23rd 5.30pm, 24th 2pm.

Tourism: Worcestershire's latest data concerning the economic impact of tourism within the county in 2021 shows:

- Worcestershire attracts visitors domestically and internationally,
- The county has seen continued recovery growth since the Covid-19 pandemic,
- Just over 14 million people visited the county including 883,000 overnight stays.
- Visitors have contributed over 747 million pounds to the local economy
- On average overnight visitors are spending around 3 nights in the county with the majority using paid-for accommodation compared to stopping with friends or relatives. Overnight stays are key to the growth of the tourism economy which results in increased visitor spending.

Visit Worcestershire who will be working on campaigns to market the county as the perfect short break destination for potential visitors. Tourism accounts for 5.5 percent of all employment in Worcestershire, totalling 16,630 jobs in the local area. However, businesses still face recruitment issues across the sector due to a skills shortage and increased wages.

Overall, the value of tourism in Worcestershire is around 25% down compared to pre-pandemic levels but with the easing of restrictions,

Local Charlton Matters

Flooding resilience

- Encourage residents to use report it for gullies, culvert, drainage, flooding issues
- Gravels either side of under bridge – Parish to address

Under the bridge 262 – per BB there do not appear to be any safety defects as regards silt at Merry Brook. County is only responsible for the section under the bridge. Following, the Nov visit WCC engineer suggested PC ask BB to push again for WCC to talk to the EA about consent to reprofile under the Bridge

Highway issues reported

Enquiry 773 Charlton Cemetery Bridge to Jubilee Bridge - road cracking, barriers. DEC 2021 -update 25th October Advisory raised for our Design and

Build Team to carry out an assessment for works required. No further update so chased.

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

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

Enquiry 1159/60 – Charlton Road /Hollies – contractors completed Dec 2023

Enquiry 3204 – Field Barn Lane – post patching surface dressing in spring, asked for reconstruction of passing places on this section of carriageway, to carriageway specification, as soon as possible.

Enquiry 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**. Ryden Lane does not appear to be included. **This did not happen** Per BB There are no new plans or schedule for continued works at The Strand at present. As soon as more is known BB will update. Drainage Team's comments re the asbestos water pipe sent to the PC; it appears most of the content in the pipes is concrete. Asbestos is only added as a long lasting and durable strengthening material. I've carried out some research and attached a Government report regarding any health risks.

Footway, B4084, siding out Hampton to Brook Lane about 2700 metres. Next £5,000 allocated from my budget to do.

Severn Trent work on Main Sewer A44 from Salters Lane to Tesco – communications advise the work will go on till 2025 – there is little clarity as to which sections will be done when. There are currently lights near Tesco/ flooding at Wood Norton – the lights at Fladbury Cross have been removed. I have asked BB for more clarity. At some point I can see that rat runs will be less likely . The gas work at Hampton may be the reason A44 works which were to start in Jan have not started?

