

Charlton COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EYRE ANNUAL REPORT – July 2024.

County Issues

Good news first – unexpectedly Worcestershire has been voted the best place for a staycation in the UK – not Devon, Cornwall, Cotswolds, or the Peak District! (study by Auto Finance)

County Hall – has both RAAC and Legionnaire issues – now closed so options are being investigated – Staff are working out of a nearby building owned by WCC: Wildwood.

WCC has a new Management Structure following its voluntary redundancy programme and staff leaving – this is helpful and should bring delivery and policy closer together.

Officers are analysing the impact of the change of government on Worcestershire – for example, WCC was due £209 million over 7 years from the Highways fund, more housing has been mentioned at Parkway, and there is the possible positive impact of adult social care reforms.

Finances: 23/24 Better than expected £19m WCC's overspend is now £4.6m but we still need to be vigilant 24/25. The Higher Need overspending is still an issue. **Savings recently achieved** are due to the LED lighting change, improved waste processing, and an increase in fostering, especially the super fosterers!

Have your say - Local road shows this summer - Out and about this summer - attending any of these shows and festivals- take advantage of the county council roadshow stand to influence policy or just learn more about the role and work of the County Council.

Date.	Event Time.	Event Name
Sat 13th July.	10 am to 6 pm.	Astwood Bank Carnival
Sat 13th July	11 am to 6 pm.	Bromsgrove Carnival
Sat 3rd Aug.	9 am to 6 pm.	Tenbury Show
Sun 4th Aug.	10 am to 5 pm.	Battle of Evesham
Sun 11th Aug.	10 am to 5 pm.	Worcester Show
Sat 10th Aug.	10 am to 5 pm.	Far Forest Countryside show
Sat 31st Aug.	10am to 6pm.	Droitwich Saltfest

The WCC electric vehicle charging strategy is out for consultation from 9 July to 3rd September – I have sent a copy to the clerk and put it on each of my 8 websites. **£3.5m of LEVI funding from the office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEZ) is being added to WCC's capital programme.**

Support scheme to help local Manufacturers Oxford Innovation Advice is working with the County Council to deliver a range of tailored support services, expert advice, and financial support through grants and business development opportunities. <https://worcestershire.gov.uk/councilservices/business/business-support> and grants/elevate-worcestershire-manufacturing.

Extra 850 places, multi-storey, at Worcester Hospital – extra road off Nunnery Way, off A41440, linked to new 600 place secondary school. Worcester healthcare partner Prime Plc: www.primeplc.com

Outstanding issues

Enquiry 773 Crophorne /Charlton Cemetery Bridge to Jubilee Bridge - road cracking, still on the list for the edge of carriageway repairs. 6th June planned visit. Requested

1. a costing
2. identification of issues to get it done
3. Indication if it will be funded by WCC if so which funding stream
4. If not would parishes Crophorne/Charlton/Fladbury jointly fund.

Update

It has been determined this is a structures job which needs doing. It will cost 250-400k so will be programmed in for 2025. It is a big job and Jacobs; a sub-contractor will need to be called in. In November when the vegetation has died back the council will add a wall of gabion baskets in the interim. I have asked meanwhile for a white line to be painted along the area to encourage drivers to keep away from the edge. I don't want two large vehicles passing and toppling over. There was a suggestion of temporary lights for two years.

Speed data discuss.

Enquiry 777/1163 March 2022 The Bight Water leaking on the road. Wychavon investigated, waiting on an update from Mark Morris WDC.

Enquiry 6590 PUBLIC NOTICE Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended) (Footpath CN-520 Charlton and EV-579 Evesham) (Temporary Closure Order) 2024 An order was made: to close Footpath CN-520 Charlton and EV-579 Evesham Grid Ref: 401632, 242603 and 401896, 242443.

The Order has been made due to an unsafe bridge - in force for a period not exceeding **6 months** or until the works which it is proposed to be carried out have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Awaiting Traffic Monitoring Survey on Haselor Lane.

Two drain outfalls which do not appear to have any water coming out of them – discussing with BB.

Bridge accessed from Haselor Lane PUBLIC NOTICE Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (As Amended) (Footpath CN-520 Charlton and EV-579 Evesham) (Temporary Closure Order) 2024

Order made to close Footpath CN-520 Charlton and EV-579 Evesham between Grid Ref: 401632, 242603 and 401896, 242443.- unsafe bridge.

Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises having a frontage to the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the necessary works to be undertaken.

Alternative route: South on footpath Charlton CN-517, north-east on Charlton CN-522, north-east then northerly on Evesham EV-577 and vice versa.

The proposed Order will continue in force for a period not exceeding 6 months or until the works which it is proposed to be carried out have been completed, whichever is earlier. **However, it is anticipated that the Order will only be operative for 6 months commencing on 22 January 2024. Chasing**