

County Councillor Report- Cleeve Prior

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Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group

Worcestershire County Council has agreed to lead the resurrection of the VFQP Working Group (Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group) with the support of Wychavon District Council who has agreed to provide secretarial support. The aim is to meet once or twice a year to discuss any issues.

I am pulling together a list of invitees to the first meeting.

Background

Over the last few years, I have been working with Kanes, Unipart, various hauliers, parish councils, the Police, Wychavon DC, Warwickshire CC, and Worcestershire Highways looking at HGV using the roads around the area. As a consequence we have reduced speed limits, or in places extended speed limits, imposed weight limits, promoted compliance to advisory lorry routes maps, and much more. However to have joined-up thinking it is consider that a meeting of all interested groups would help. I have spoken to following about re-starting the Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership and there is widespread support;

- the main users of HGV's, i.e. hauliers, and local businesses like Unipart
- the Freight Transport Association - FTA, and the Road Haulage Association - RHA
- the West Mercia Police, Safer Road Partnerships, Warwickshire Police, Gloucestershire Police
- the Highways dept from Worcestershire, Warwickshire & Gloucestershire CC

Highways:

Worcestershire County Council's road maintenance programme has started, and there will be a few road closures around the area whilst the roads are upgraded and improved. To keep up to date on the roads affected see

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20602/roadworks_in_worcestershire

Or look at the national roadworks website below, and type in Honeybourne in the top right box to search.

www.roadworks.org

Please note some of the roads that are being surfaced dressed are the ones that were re-tarmacked last year using a Binder course; this is the layer that is usually below the running surface and does not have the required texture depth for continued traffic use. However, the Binder course looks like normal tarmac but is a lot cheaper but needs to be surface dressed within 6-9 months after laying to give it a long life. Surface dressing is always done in spring when the weather gets warmer. I attach the Highways leaflet

1. **Gloster Ades Road, Honeybourne.** - surface dressing – completed
2. **Station Road, Bretforton/ Blackminster.** - surface dressing – completed
3. **Cleeve Road, Cleeve Prior-** surface dressing – completed
4. **Bretforton Road, Honeybourne.** surface dressing – completed
5. **Bretforton Rd Honeybourne - new footway to link existing pavement to recreation ground** – completed
6. **Building spillways through the verge to divert the water off the road on Buckle Street just before junction with Sheenhill Rd near Fairview Trading** –Completed

7. **Leylandii hedge on the left hand side as you travel towards Cleeve Prior centre along the B4085 just past the Gypsy site entrance need cutting** – The land owner has had it cut, but the Highways inspector does not think it has been cut to the right height so has contacted the land owner again and asked for more trimming to be done.
8. **Safer Road partnership** - in the period 01/01/2018 to 04/02/2019 the mobile speed camera van has made a total of 42 visits to Shinehill Lane, South Littleton with 191 speeding offences recorded and tickets issued.
9. **Traffic management on B4085 Cleeve Road, heading north out of the village to replacing cats eyes starting 5th April**
10. **Evesham Rd – road sweeping and pavement** – I did request this road was swept following our last PC meeting – has there been an improvement?

As always, if you have any issues on any Highways matters, please report it on the WCC website http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Also remember a photo of the Highways problem is as good as “a thousand words” so always take a photo where possible.

County Council Divisional Fund

Divisional grants have re-opened in April, so any community organisation that needs a little support to buy equipment or some essential service can apply by contacting me.

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