

County Councillor Report- Cleeve Prior

Month: March 2019

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District Council Tax – Budget 2019/20 – New Promises

The District Council announced at the Council meeting on 20th February the following new promises:-

1. Work with partners to increase levels of cycling and walking by supporting the delivery of new routes in Evesham and the development of cycling and walking plans for Droitwich Spa and Pershore by 31 March 2021.
2. Work with partners to improve social mobility across the district and invest a further £200,000 over three years to support and improve outcomes for free school meal eligible children and their families.
3. Work with partners to reduce the crimes most affecting our district through supporting communities, delivering education and awareness campaigns, coordinating community days of action and property marking events.
4. Over the next two years install at least 20 additional electric vehicle charging points in car parks across the district and publish a plan setting out how we will encourage businesses, developers and communities to install more charging points.
5. Invest £200,000 over the next two years to improve play areas, equipment and paths in our parks.
6. Work with partners to promote and support delivery of the emerging Worcestershire Pollinator Strategy including the creation of new and improved habitats for bees, butterflies and other insects in council managed green spaces by 31 March 2021.
7. Create a new urban designer role to lead work on delivering well designed, high quality and locally distinctive development.
8. Build small business units for rent and create a Wychavon business hub to pilot providing support to at least three businesses at key stages of their development by 31 March 2021.
9. Work with partners to help transform and revitalise our town centres so they are fit for the future and establish an initial seed-fund of £150,000 to help develop masterplans for our three towns by 31 March 2021.
10. Deliver the first phase of our tourism action plan through producing a targeted marketing plan, arranging business networking events and planning a familiarisation event for journalists and group travel organisers by 31 March 2021.
11. Deliver a three year programme of funding, mentoring and advice to strengthen and improve a range of community-led rural transport options.

Community Legacy Grant Applications

Applications for the first round of the District Council's Community Legacy Grants closed in the middle of January, and only 11 applications were received for a total grant of £1million. The Localism and Community Funding Advisory Panel will assess the applications at its next meeting, and on 20th March the Executive Board will consider the Panel's recommendations and make the final decisions on funding.

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.

Road closures:-

1. **Road closed - Gloster Ades Road, Honeybourne.** 1 day of work between 13/04 – 22/04/2019 – surface dressing
2. **Road closed - Station Road, Bretforton/ Blackminster.** 1 day of work between 13/04 – 22/04/2019. – surface dressing
3. **Road closed - Cleeve Road, Cleeve Prior.**C2259 Buckland Road, Childswickham. 1 days' work between 13/04 – 22/04/2019– surface dressing
4. **Road closed - Bretforton Road, Honeybourne.** 1 day of work between 13/04 – 22/04/2019– surface dressing
5. **Road closed - Bretforton Rd Honeybourne - new footway to link existing pavement to recreation ground** – See attached map. Work to start to start 1st April and lasts approx. 5 days
6. **Traffic lights - building the concrete spillways through the verge to divert the water off the road on Buckle Street just before junction with Sheenhill Rd near Fairview Trading** –Works to start w/c 11/3/19 and last approx. 5 days
7. **The road drain by Kanes /School Lane has been identified as partly blocked -** Highways have replaced and cleared collapses on the drainage culvert down School Lane together with a new access chamber. Gullies have been cleared on the opposite side of the road and Highways have managed to get the remainder of the culvert that crosses Cleeve Road working albeit restricted. It would appear that the restrictions are where gas repairs may have damaged and repaired the stone culvert in the past. The repairs have created weak spots in the stone culvert resulting in partial collapses. Unfortunately one of the gas mains is high pressure and Highway's contractor is unable to work within 2 feet of it. As such, Highways have agreed to defer any future works till next year, and will return to site to replace work across Cleeve Road under closure and with supervision by Wales and West Gas.
8. **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 has written to the land owner saying it still needs cutting back as it is not giving the 5.2m height clearance required as requested in the initial letter.
9. **Traffic management on B4085 Cleeve Road, heading north out of the village to replace 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

1. Bretforton Garden Club – Grant approved for the full cost of a new storage cabinet
2. Littleton Table Tennis Club – Grant approved for a contribution towards a new table tennis table
3. Cleeve Prior Allotments – an initial request for a grant to help install a water supply
4. Cleeve prior Heritage Trust – Grant approved to pay a contribution towards buying a wheeled brush-cutter

If you run a local Community organisation and need a grant for some vital equipment or service, then please feel free to apply for one from the Divisional Fund by contacting me at adams.pebworth@gmail.com

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