December 2025 Monthly Parish Council Report

- November was a busy month with 31 meetings attended by myself, including
 - Worcestershire County Council full council on 6th November, that was
 8.5hrs, with a full agenda.
 - A motion proposed by the Green Party to allow Veterans to use bus services free of charge from April 2026 was passed almost unanimously, this is great news, and will give Veterans easier access to travel within the county
 - Local Government Reorganisation was discussed at length, with the final vote carried from the County Council to submit a case for a whole Worcestershire unitary authority, this is in contrast to 5 of the 6 District Councils who will be submitting a case for two Unitary Authorities a North and South Worcestershire which would give more localism.
 - School Provision, with the need for additional school places and and a new school versus transporting children to neighbouring towns to access High Schools. The auditors also reported the need to bring more SEND provision in house to reduce expenditure.
 - Other areas that were discussed are Capital Expenditure allocations, vaccinations, and audit, governance committee.
- Many other meetings attended included WDC planning committee, WCC
 Health Overview & Scrutiny committee, Prince Henrys & Deacle Trust Charity
 Board, WDC Full Council, Village Highways appraisal with WCC highways,
 Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority Policy and Resources panel, Association
 Green Councillors Conference and meetings with residents to discuss their
 individual local concerns.
- Parish Councillor networking evening on the 17th November at Littletons Football Club was a great success with 30 parish councillors attending. Lots of conversations were had and contacts made, allowing our local parishes and communities to work together more sharing their experiences.
- The Ferry at Offenham across the River that links upto the banks below The Valley shopping centre and Country Park, is being reinstated next year. There has been funding for this from the UKSPF Fund administered via Wychavon, which is very welcome. The ferry hasn't run for nearly 35 years, I remember using it when I was child. This will be a great addition for our community.

• Worcestershire On Demand Service is proving to be very popular in the area, remember you can book a bus to take you to a destination that is not covered by a regular bus route or at a time that is not available. Places people are travelling to from the Littletons are Broadway, Honeybourne train station from Cleeve Prior or North Littleton and Pebworth from South Littleton. The app can be downloaded from the app store or use this QR code to take you there



or you can call 01905 846180 and book upto 5 days in advance.

- How are your Public Rights of Way groups? Are they busy? Do they need extra support, if so what? Is there enough support coming from the Countryside Team at WCC?
- Short time left to apply for Divisional fund, applications welcome upto £500 before the end of March, message me for an application form.