

## Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

The Parish Council hopes all residents continue to keep safe during the continuing health crisis and will follow the Government Lockdown instructions. Your Council is able to 'signpost' residents to support hubs and local groups. Please also use the below sites:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/Here2Help>    <https://supportbromsgrove.com/>

Due to the pandemic the Council remains unable to hold face to face meetings with the normal venues of course being unavailable. However, it continues to function using video conferencing.

### **Precept 2021/22**

The Council has agreed its budget for year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and will retain the Precept (that part of your Council taxes that goes to the Parish Council) unchanged again for the next financial year.

**Dog waste bin** – a new bin has been installed at Woodcote Lane adjacent to the Nutmells Wood. We ask that all dog owners use the network of bins provided to keep our environment clean and safe.

**Trees:** Health and Safety work will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February along the Drayton Road, Belbroughton and at the Fairfield Recreation Ground.

**The Green, Belbroughton** – New benches are to be installed on The Green, to replace two which are in need of major repairs. When refurbished these two will be re-sited elsewhere in the parish.

**Annual Parish Meeting** - Having already agreed that a 'virtual meeting' would not be appropriate for such an event Council decided that due to the ongoing health crisis it remained unable to commit a date to host the public facing Annual Parish Meeting. The position would be reviewed at the April Council meeting.

### **Why not Become a Councillor?**

There are two vacancies in the Fairfield ward. If you are interested in the role of Parish Councillor, please contact the clerk. This is your opportunity to shape the future of your community. Application forms can be found at [www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info](http://www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info) or be posted to you.

**Council Meetings** The next full Council meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. This will be held via video conferencing facilities and residents are very welcome to link up from their home. The meeting starts at 7.00 pm.

#### **To join in on Zoom use:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403217022> with Meeting ID: **894 0321 7022** To ring in for audio only dial **0203 481 5240** and enter when prompted the Meeting ID: **894 0321 7022**.

The agenda will be available on the website a few days before each meeting.

### **Community Engagement**

The Council holds an 'Open Surgery' session of up to 15 minutes at the beginning of full Council meetings to give residents the opportunity to discuss any issues directly with their councillors.