

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

Councillor Vacancy – We continue to have a vacancy in the Fairfield Ward so if you would like to represent your community and influence the direction of the Parish Council please consider applying to join. You can speak to the clerk or one of your councillors to find out how the Council operates and what is required of a councillor.

Council Meeting 4th June

Council approved the 31st March 2018 accounting statements which now go forward to external audit. The annual return documents are available on the council's website.

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The provision of 'Smartwater' kits free to residents in the Fairfield ward was agreed but subject to the Council being satisfied that the distribution of kits could be dealt with, which would require the involvement of volunteer groups and individuals. Fairfield councillors will assess the logistics and return with a recommendation to a future Council on whether the project should proceed.

A representative from the Belbroughton Scarecrow Committee confirmed that the 2018 event would not be taking place. This was largely due to the disappointing 2017 event – caused by very poor weather – and the requirement for a significant underwriting of the weekend should it have continued at the same size as in the most recent years. It was hoped that in future a smaller more community based event could be set up from 2019, although this would require greater involvement of residents on the organising committee.

Bromsgrove District Council Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation

The Council agreed to host 2 events in September – one in each of the parish wards - where the District Council would showcase its initial plans and to also request residents' views on future development in the District. By the early autumn the District Council will be looking to have in place its parameters for reviewing how the shortfall in development land for housing is to be addressed.

The Council will advertise the times, dates and venues of the meetings in due course.

Council noted that two benches in Fairfield had been repainted in a pleasing shade of green!

Council Meeting date

The next full Council meeting is on 2nd July taking place in The Fairfield First School.

All residents are welcome to attend, the meeting starts at 7.30 pm.

There is no meeting in August.

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 meet and discuss any issues directly with their councillors.