

Parish News - 7th March 2018 Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

Neighbourhood Planning

Another successful meeting of residents took place on 26th February at The Bell, Belbroughton where the concept of a plan was discussed with a number of individuals expressing interest in joining a Steering Group whose role during 2018 would be to assess whether a community led plan should be progressed.

The next public meeting where residents can voice their wishes to the 'Steering Group' will be on 26th March at the Belbroughton Recreation Centre starting at 7.00pm.

The 'Steering Group' will then be assessing a variety of future methods for consultation with both the public and local businesses.

Councillor Vacancies – If you would like to represent your community and influence the direction of the Parish Council please consider applying to join the Council. We have a vacancy for one new member each in both the Belbroughton and Fairfield wards. 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.

The Green, Belbroughton - The agreement with the adjacent developer is due to be completed imminently and the four of your councillors will now be assessing the consultation process with the public to garner views on what people would like to see in the way of improvements to this green space. The council is aware that the site has had little attention whilst the negotiations have been taking place regarding the adjacent development and now wishes to consider community led improvement ideas.

Traffic Calming - Warning speed camera signage for Hartle Lane, Belbroughton – The County Council are still considering whether to grant permission for these signs which the Parish Council wishes to erect.

Your council has agreed to contact local businesses asking for co-operation in ensuring hauliers are aware of local road conditions and that appropriate sized vehicles are used for deliveries. It will also ask the County Council to review the H.G.V. signage in the parish area.

Dropped Kerbs – Stourbridge Road Fairfield

Although the County Council has responsibility for highways matters the Parish Council has agreed to cover the £488 cost of the re-siting of an underground B.T.box which when moved will enable the County Council to install dropped kerbs close to the mini-roundabout. This has been a long sought improvement for residents.

The Parish Council will also be surveying areas in Belbroughton to assess if there is a need for further dropped kerbs.

Fairfield Recreation Ground

The Council approved the planting of poppies within the memorial orchard area of the recreation ground.

Dark Lane / Ram Ally Belbroughton

Council agreed to the planting of a 'golden weeping willow' at this site subject to the agreement of the District Council Tree Officer as the site is in the conservation area.

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's meeting will be held in the Belbroughton Church Hall at 7.30pm on 30th April 2018. All residents are welcome we are grateful to the Fairfield W.I. for providing pre meeting refreshments.

Council Meeting date

The next full Council meeting is on 9th April in the Fairfield First School. All residents are welcome to attend, the meeting starts at 7.30 pm.

Community Engagement

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