

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

Precept 2019/20

The Council budget for 2019/20 has been agreed and the Precept – the part of your Council tax paid to the Parish Council - is to be frozen again for the next financial year which starts on 1st April. It means a charge of £54 per annum for a band 'D' property.

The budget numbers are on the website. www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info

Fairfield Recreation Ground – Play Area

Some items at the play area are showing signs of wear and so the flat seats and cradle seats will be replaced in the Spring along with 'Wetpour' surface replacement on some areas. The Parish Council will also be considering possible enlargement of the area to incorporate equipment for older children and adults.

County Council Mineral Sites Allocation Methodology - 4th Stage Consultation

The Parish Council has been asked to contribute to the consultation leading to a Development Plan Document. A Working Group of councillors is set up and will look closely at the proposed methodology. Residents can view the County Council proposals at the County council website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals

Elections May 2019

Your Council is elected on 2nd May 2019 being the anniversary of the four yearly cycle. If you are interested in potentially representing your community please come along to any of our meetings, have a look at our website and speak with present councillors or the clerk to find out what the Council does and how it operates. Towards the end of March the nomination processes will open. 8 members for Belbroughton ward and 6 members for Fairfield ward are due to be elected.

Age UK

The Council has agreed to support this charity with room hire costs for events it is looking to run in 2019. The charity is looking to combat loneliness in the over 50s and has a number of initiatives see: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf/our-services/information-and-advice/>

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's meeting will take place 7.30pm Monday 8th April at the Fairfield First School.

Council Meeting dates

The next full Council meeting is on 4th February taking place in the Fairfield First School then on 4th March we will be in the Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre
All residents are welcome to attend, both meetings start at 7.30 pm.

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.