

## 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.

**Fairfield** The Traffic Regulation Order (Speed limit reduction from National Speed Limit to 40m.p.h.) for the Stourbridge Road from the Stoneybridge island to the circa the Fairfield village boundary has finished its consultation process, with no objections recorded. New signage will shortly be erected.

An addition to our local Police – P.C. Lloyd Stone is in post and he is keen to deal with speeding issues and will look to set up of consultation meetings with the public.

### 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.

### Broadband – Fibre to The Property – 1 gigabyte speed

The Council has decided to become a 'Community Lead' for the installation of 'F.T.T.P.' with the aim of including all Parish areas. It noted that the various telephone exchanges areas did not match the parish area boundaries however the desire would be, working with the County Council Broadband & Connectivity Team, to ensure full coverage. This may also require involvement with adjacent schemes already in progress.

It will require resident and commercial users' involvement and we will communicate more on this cost-free opportunity works in the coming weeks.

If you, or you know of someone who runs a business in our area we would request they supply contact details to enable us to inform them of how the scheme will work and to build a database for the scoping of the project.

Details can be sent via our email address [belbroughtonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:belbroughtonpc@live.co.uk) – any information supplied will be held confidentially under our G.D.P.R policies.

### Fairfield Recreation Ground - Improvements

Council agreed after the public and District Council consultations held 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January that three improvement phases are required: **1.** Sorting the footpath drainage issues.

**2.** Redevelop the corner area garden with design input from the school /orchard site soil investigation / planting an extended wild, sensory or 'wet' garden. (All are possibly grant fundable). **3.** Carparking, while approval in principle is held by the Council for an extension this is 'on hold' due to high cost of the quotes received and there will be a reassessment of best use of funds. Possible outdoor gym equipment. Possible hardstanding track surround of the football pitch.

The Council would concentrate initially on the first 2 phases.

**Belbroughton Recreation Centre**

Council approved matched funding for the purchase of a defibrillator by the Centre. Council also approved donating two 'old' benches which were surplus to requirements, one each to the Centre and the Belbroughton Cricket Club. The donations would be on an 'As Seen' basis with the request that necessary refurbishments are carried out prior the benches being re-used.

**Bus shelter - Top Road / A491 junction - Wildmoor.**

Council approved asking the District Council to remove the wooden structure and install a simple 'pole and flag' by way of substitution. This was due to the poor and dirty state of the edifice where it is rare for the public to use it for its intended purpose.

**Council Meetings** The next full Council meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. This will be held via video conferencing facilities and residents are very welcome to link up from their home. To Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86260077108>

Meeting ID: 862 6007 7108

For audio only via your phone dial 203 481 5237 enter when prompted 862 6007 7108.

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.