

## **Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council**

### **Councillor Vacancies - Fairfield Ward**

The Council continues to have two positions available and would like to see the ward have full representation from its community. If you have an interest in helping your fellow residents then please come to our Council meetings to see what we do and maybe consider joining. For an informal chat please ring the clerk on 01299 270722. Why not begin the New Year by helping out your community.

**Speed Limit - Stourbridge Road. Fairfield:** County Cllr. Shirley Webb advises: "The proposal is to introduce a 40 mph limit just after the Stoneybridge Island and to take the 30 mph limit back slightly. The full proposal will be sent to all consultees as per usual. Unfortunately, we cannot give a timescale at this stage, we have so many Traffic Regulation Orders in the process at the moment. As soon as I know I will let you know."

**Top Road, Wildmoor speeding:** David Perridge of West Mercia Police has advised that although he cannot allocate a specific monitoring programme for this road he has asked local police to monitor it from time to time.

More generally residents can use the link below to report instances themselves of traffic offences <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap>

### **C.C.T.V. Belbroughton High Street.**

Council approved requesting design options and costings for a scheme so as to progress its research on whether to install an automated number plate recognition scheme.

### **Former Parish Councillor Ann Ince**

At the 2nd December Council meeting the members, the clerk and, members of the public stood for a one minutes silence in memory of the late Mrs Ann Ince. The Chairman Dr Bob Morgan said she would be very sadly missed by all and that she had been a pillar of the community.

### **Fairfield First School**

The County Council has approved the planning application for the construction of new buildings and use of other land to the rear of the school to enable the expansion of the primary school.

### **Wildmoor Quarry – Retrospective planning for industrial usages on the site**

Notwithstanding objections from the Parish Council and others in the locality the County Council has agreed to the owners being granted permission for the two applications applied for. However, there are some 27 conditions applied, for each application, full details of these are available from the clerk.

### **Footpath – Belbroughton Rec. to the Primary School**

The Council has agreed to assist the County Council by covering the cost (£1,500) of works to improve the drainage and reduce mud accumulation. This involves the taking out of some tree roots, levelling the immediate surrounding area and re-surfacing.

### **Council Meeting dates**

The next full Council meetings are on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Jubilee Room, Belbroughton Recreation Centre and then 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Fairfield First School. All residents are welcome to attend, the 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.