

Agricultural Holdings

The Council approved seeking a £5 per acre increase in the annual rent for the three year period commencing September 2017 on the farm land it rents to local farmers in Wildmoor and Stoneybridge. The income from the 85 acres is used to fund grants and capital projects in the parish.

Footpaths

A volunteer footpath warden is being sought for Fairfield to assist the current wardens. Please contact the clerk if you would be interested in the position.

Trees

On 18th January the District Council's tree officer will assess the requirement for a number of trees to be reduced / felled in the parish due to disease, the council is seeking tenders for the works which should be completed by the end of March.

The circular bench and memorial plaque at Ram Ally, Belbroughton will be removed temporarily while the lime tree is felled and both will be returned once a new tree has been planted.

Little Bell Hall Pool – Drayton Road

The upgraded trash screen has now been installed to protect the underground parts of the dam structure. The Council continues to assess the future options for the area following the cumulative weathering damage caused to the dam.

Fairfield Recreation Ground

To assist with the limited parking provision in the local area generally the council has approved creating more carpark spaces provided a suitable porous surface type can be sourced that will meet both the requirements of the planning authorities and deliver a 'green' solution.

Parish Room Belbroughton

The completion of a new lease is imminent and the new tenant now only awaits the District Council's approval of a change of use for the premises.

Fairfield War Memorial

The Council has approved cleaning of the memorial provided that the work can be achieved without damage to the stone structure or plaque.

Precept 2017/18

The budget for the next financial year was approved 9th January and the council will be seeking a precept of £65,000 from residents, this is an increase from £60,000 this year. More funds are to be allocated to footpaths and general maintenance of the parish areas.

Community Engagement

The Council will continue to hold an 'Open Surgery' prior to the commencement of full Council meetings to give residents the opportunity to meet and discuss any issues directly with their councillors.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May in the Fairfield Village Hall.