

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 instructions. Despite this, we trust you have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. Your Council remains functioning and 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 being unavailable. However, it continues to function using video conferencing.

Grit bins - the green ones!

The Parish Council owned grit bins have been refilled (*and emptied of unwanted litter!*) so are ready for residents' use, on the roads this winter.

Footpaths: The pipeline work around New Barn area has now been completed and the surface re-instated. The landowner states that it will take some time yet to "mature" enough to maintain properly - possibly in the spring. However, the diversion fences have been removed and the original footpath routes can now be used. Paul Hardcastle our volunteer footpath warden has re-signed the paths accordingly and has installed a new waymarker post at the critical point.

Fairfield - Parking:

The council has made the following requests to the County Council:

1. To put down double yellow lines on the Stourbridge Road from the exit of Village Hall to the mini-roundabout.
2. The County Council to promote social distancing should impose a timed parking restriction to cover school drop off and pick up times, from the 'bus box' at the Village Hall to the School Lane entrance.

Recent Planning decisions by the District Council

20/01049/HHPRIO 7 Stoneybridge Belbroughton Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with new single storey rear extension.

Status: Prior Approval Not Required.

20/00824/FUL 52 Hartle Lane Belbroughton Extension to rear of existing garage.

Status: Application Granted.

Become a Councillor?

There remain 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 or posted to you.

Council Meeting dates The next full Council meeting is on 7th December. This will be held via video conferencing facilities and residents are very welcome to link up. The meeting starts at 7.00 pm. The agenda and link for the video conference 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.