

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

Fairfield 'Smartwater' - The security marking kits were made available Free of Charge for residents of the Fairfield Ward at drop in sessions held at the Fairfield Village Hall on 19th and 22nd September. This was a successful launch with subsequent activities planned for October and November. The Parish Council thanks the Fairfield Community Association for its work to date. After just 8 days into the launch in September some 44% of homes had received kits. If you are yet to receive yours then please contact the clerk and the Parish Council along with the Fairfield Community Association and Wildmoor Residents Association will arrange delivery for your property.

Traffic speeding measures - Fairfield, Stourbridge Rd. The County Council after pressure have agreed to assess putting in a 40 mph buffer zone at the northern entrance to the village just after the A491 roundabout at the northern entrance to the village. Speed camera warning signs will be erected reminding drivers that this road is regularly monitored by the police. Traffic calming 'white line' markings on the northern entrance should be in place by Spring 2019 – such work we are advised by the County Council is best done after winter frosts are over.

Footpath Wardens

The Council is seeking 'Volunteer Assistant Wardens' to help Paul maintain the rural footpaths in both Belbroughton and Fairfield. If you have an interest in such a role please contact the clerk.

The Green, Belbroughton – Tree replanting

A 'Working Group' comprised of councillors and local residents is undertaking consultations on the future 'look' of this green space, with the first of these taking place on 22nd October. There will be phased replanting of areas following the removal of trees on the boundary earlier this year. The Council remains keen to hear residents' views and if you wish to contribute to the 'debate' please contact the 'Working Group' via the clerk.

Benches and bus shelter

Benches in both parts of the parish area along with a Hartle Lane bus shelter will be having fresh coats of paint this autumn.

Grit Bins

As we enter the season of frosts and possible icy roads, the Parish Council owned 'green' grit bins have all been refilled by our Lengthsman. The grit can be spread by residents onto footpaths and roads. (*respectfully we ask that it is not used for private residences!*).

Council Meeting date

The next full Council meeting is on 5th November taking place in the Belbroughton Recreation Centre then on 3rd December we will be in the Fairfield First School. 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.