

Sept 2018 Parish News Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

Grants - The Council has approved contributions towards the costs of the following:
Belbroughton Cricket Club £550 – For providing secure storage for coaching equipment.
Fairfield Community Association £350 - For delivery of Neighbourhood Watch , local news and crime prevention advice via newsletters, and a Picnic in the Park event during 2019.
Fairfield Bingo Social Club £200 – For venue hire and social activities.

It also approved a sum of £500 towards events in Fairfield commemorating the centenary of the First World War, the funds will be passed to the Fairfield Community Association who are organising several events. A similar sum has already been paid earlier this year to a separate group organising events in Belbroughton.

Emerging Minerals Local Plan - After considering over the summer the presentation given at the July Council by the landowner of the Wildmoor quarry Council decided at its September meeting **not** to offer 9 acres of land it owns in Wildmoor to be available for consideration under the County Council's 4th call for fresh mineral sites.

Fairfield 'Smartwater' - The security marking kits will have been 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. If you were unable to attend then please contact the clerk and the Parish Council along with the Fairfield Community Association and Wildmoor Residents Association will arrange to deliver your kit for your property.

Fairfield, Stourbridge Rd. – A pair of dropped kerbs have been installed, with the costs including the altering of the B.T. facilities nearby being covered by County .Cllr. Shirley Webb.

A new 'H bar' has be painted outside no 69 Stourbridge Rd. opposite the church which will enable the dropped kerbs there to be utilised.

Footpath Wardens

Paul Hardcastle - our volunteer footpath warden - has been in contact with Barhale Ltd (who are currently installing the water pipeline for Severn Trent, which crosses the parish area) requesting assistance with carrying out and covering all or part of the costs of resurfacing footpath path BB554 from its junction with BB556 down through the gully to gate accessing the next field. Barhale have acknowledged the issue with this path and are considering a response

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.

Minerals Scoping Opinion – Pinches Quarry (Phase 4) Wildmoor Lane, Wildmoor.

Council noted the detailed work undertaken by the Wildmoor Residents Association on this consultation and its response to the County Council. It has advised the County Council that it broadly agrees with the letter sent to the County Council by the Association.

Council Meeting date

The next full Council meeting is on 1st October taking place in The Fairfield First School, then on 5th November we will be in the Jubilee Room at the Belbroughton Recreation Centre. 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.