

## Parish News May 2018 Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

### **Parish Grants**

The Council is pleased again to offer capital and minor grants to parish bodies. Application forms and the terms and conditions are available from the clerk or 'on line' at the website [belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info](http://belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info) It has £5,000 available for capital projects and £600 for community activities. Applications need to be submitted by the end of May 2018.

**Councillor Vacancy** – We continue to have a vacancy in the Fairfield Ward so if you would like to represent your community and influence the direction of the Parish Council please consider applying to join. You can speak to the clerk or one of your councillors to find out how the Council operates and what is required of a councillor.

### **Annual Parish Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April**

This was well attended with Council members informing residents both of activities in the prior 12 months and intentions for the coming year as detailed in the Parish Council Action Plan, which is now available to read on the website. The Plan will prioritise four areas: Traffic Calming, Green Spaces, Improvements to The Green, Belbroughton and Neighbourhood Planning and wider planning issues. Residents also heard presentations from Fairfield W.I., an update on the Neighbourhood Plan processes; Smartwater; the footpath warden's achievements and, proposals for First World War Centenary commemorations. A useful 'Open forum' took place and there were also contributions from County Cllr. Karen May and District Cllr. Margaret Sherrey.

### **Annual Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Cllrs. James Bradley and Bob Morgan were re-elected by the members as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for the coming 12 months, being the final year prior to the fresh council elections in May 2019.

**Tidy Parish** Council agreed to a full review of the parish area to assess where improvements could be made and to prioritise areas requiring attention. A 'litter pick' schedule will also be set up for Belbroughton.

### **Fairfield Recreation Ground**

Council approved erecting 'dog fouling' warning signs.

### **Sylvesters Corner Belbroughton**

Council agreed to seek to reduce the amount of signage at this site, subject to County Council permission. It will also assess the area for possible soil movement and the reinstatement of some shrubbery. Approval was given for the temporary erection of a First World War memorial metal sculpture which was expected to be installed by the end of June and be in place until 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Community Engagement**

The Council holds an 'Open Surgery' session of up to 15 minutes prior to the commencement of full Council meetings to give residents the opportunity to meet and discuss any issues directly with their councillors.