

## **Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council**

The County Council Chief Executive Mr Paul Robinson has accepted an invitation to meet the Parish Council to discuss local issue and will be attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> June Council meeting.

### **Trees**

Tree Decision Notices have been issued by the District Council permitting Health and Safety work to be carried out as identified by the recent survey on trees sited in the Belbroughton Conservation Area.

Permission is also given separately for the cypress trees to be felled on The Green, Belbroughton. This is the first phase of changes to the planting on The Green. The Working Group, of councillors and residents will meet again shortly to discuss progressing the next phase of changes which will include further resident consultation on new planting schemes.

Both sets of currently agreed work, including trees on Fairfield Recreation Ground will be carried out before the end of March.

### **Belbroughton Scarecrow Event 2019**

The Council approved in principle assisting the 'Event' with funding of up to £10,000 to provide working capital in advance of the September 2019 'Scarecrow Weekend'. A formal request for precise assistance needed will come to council for consideration from the organisers, including their detailed Business Plan.

### **Capital Grant – Belbroughton Recreation Centre**

Council approved a sum of £3,702.50, being 50% of the scheduled costs of desired improvements to the Centre's external site and also for inside cleaning machinery.

### **Little Bell Hall Pool / Belne Brook site**

Council has approved spending up to £7,000 on a limited tidy up of fallen and encroaching vegetation close to the stream and the removal of litter dumped on the site. Works would include creation of 'habistacks' as the Council was keen to have a limited impact on the existing wildlife sensitive environment.

### **Elections May 2019**

Your Council is elected on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 being the anniversary of the four yearly cycle. If you are interested in potentially representing your community please come along to any of our meetings, have a look at our website and speak with present councillors or the clerk to find out what the Council does and how it operates. Towards the end of March the nomination processes will open. 8 members for Belbroughton ward and 6 members for Fairfield ward are due to be elected.

### **Precept 2019/20**

The Council budget for 2019/20 has been agreed and the Precept – the part of your Council tax paid to the Parish Council - is to be frozen again for the next financial year which starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April. It means a charge of £54 per annum for a band 'D' property.

The budget numbers are on the website. [www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info](http://www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info)

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

This year's meeting will take place 7.30pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at the Fairfield First School. All residents are welcome to come along and 'Have Your Say'.

### **Council Meeting dates**

The next full Council meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> March taking place in the Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre and then on 1<sup>st</sup> April 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.