

## Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

The Parish Council hopes all residents continue to keep safe during the health crisis and will follow the Government instructions.

The 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/>

**Dolfor House, Wildmoor** - Representations have been made to the Planning Inspectorate supporting both the County and District Councils' positions following appeals by the appellant Mr James Williams seeking to appeal the breaches of planning (W.C.C.) and the refusal of a 'Certificate of Lawful Use' (B.D.C).

### **Become a Councillor?**

There remain two vacancies in the Fairfield ward and if you are interested in the role of parish councillor please contact the clerk. This is your opportunity to shape the future of the community. Application forms can be found on the website or posted to you.

**Belbroughton Recreation Centre – playground improvements:** The project managers have produced a plan and are now seeking local residents' comments. Please see the link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vYBU\\_5loFE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vYBU_5loFE)

The Parish Council has agreed funding of £20,000 to support the project.

**Ram Ally, Belbroughton** – The Council is thankful to local residents Mark and Marj Workman who have put in plants adjacent to the Belbroughton sign.

**Traffic - Stourbridge Road Fairfield** – The hardstanding installed by the Parish Council has already been used by the mobile speed camera team and a large number of vehicles have been recorded exceeding the 30mph limit.

**Bell Heath** – The County Council have agreed to put down speed monitoring strips on Heath End Rd. following residents' concerns that traffic speed is too high.

### **Little Bell Hall Pool, Drayton Rd. Belbroughton**

Council noted the March 2020 report from the structural engineer on the former pool site. Council approved carrying out remedial works as detailed in the report. Firstly, to the dam archway brickwork and secondly reluctantly, in principle to the removal of trees immediately adjacent to the footway boundary of the former pool area. It would aim to confirm its action on these trees after receiving comment from the District Council's Tree Officer as regards possible future slippage of the footway and safety to the public.

Council unanimously agreed a resolution, that the Little Bell Hall Pool should not be refilled.

### **Parish Room, Hartle Lane, Belbroughton**

Council approved a request from the tenants seeking the Parish Council's consent to proceed with an application to the District Council for an alcohol license for the retail sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption off site only.

### **Annual Report**

The Parish Council's Annual Report will be uploaded to the website by the end of June, with paper copies available on request from the clerk.

**Council Meeting dates** The next full Council meetings are on 6<sup>th</sup> July and then on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Currently, these will be held via video conferencing facilities and residents are very welcome to link up. Meetings start 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 meet and discuss any issues directly with their councillors.