

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

The Parish Council hopes all residents continue to keep safe during the continuing health crisis and will follow the Government instructions. Despite this, we trust you have a successful New Year. Your 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/>

Due to the pandemic the Council remains unable to hold face to face meetings with the normal venues being unavailable. However, it continues to function using video conferencing.

Precept 2021/22

The Council has agreed its budget for year commencing 1st April 2021 and will retain the Precept (that part of your Council taxes that goes to the Parish Council) unchanged again for the next financial year.

Belbroughton Recreation Centre – Playground improvements

Following a truly fantastic fundraising effort over four+ years by Sam Bembow and her team the improvements costing circa £90,000 are set to start in the New Year and the Council will be releasing the approved £20,000 of grant monies in support.

Covid -19 Support – Festive period food needs

Food vouchers to value of £1,000 have been delivered to the two primary schools who will distribute these to children's families as they feel appropriate.

Also, a £500 donation has been made to the Bromsgrove Community Hub.

Fairfield Recreation Ground

The Council is seeking residents views on improvements to the area in front of the football pitch – drainage – car parking – planting - and anything else!

As face to face meetings are not possible a Zoom video conference is set up for Monday 11th February at 6.30pm To join in and have your say please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87878822456> **Meeting ID: 878 7882 2456**

Uncertain about video – well you can dial in from your phone to listen and chat:

0203 901 7895 and when prompted enter the numbers: 878 7882 2456

Become a Councillor?

There remain two vacancies in the Fairfield ward. If you are interested in the role of Parish Councillor, please contact the clerk. This is your opportunity to shape the future of your community. Application forms can be found at www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info or posted to you.

Council Meeting dates The next full Council meeting is on 4th January. This will be held via video conferencing facilities and residents are very welcome to link up. The meeting starts 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 discuss any issues directly with their councillors.