

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

The Parish Council hopes all residents to keep safe during the health crisis and will continue to 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/>

Parish Upkeep.

The Parish Lengthsman will be operating again under strict social distancing rules, keeping drainage clear on the roads and cutting back overgrown vegetation.

Council Officers

At the Annual Council Meeting on 4th May Cllrs. Dr Robert (Bob) Morgan and Simon Nock were re-elected and Chairman and Vice- Chairman respectively.

The Green, Belbroughton

Thirteen new trees have been planted on The Green, along with a yew hedgerow on the boundary with the Talbot P.C. carpark. When next possible the Working Group of councillors and residents will meet up again to consider the next phase of improvements to the site.

Fairfield - Traffic issues and general maintenance

Following a useful meeting in January with County Cllr. Shirley Webb and W.C.C. Highways Cllr. Webb has updated us :-

'Yew Tree Lane dropped kerb, A W.C.C. specialist team has looked at this and come up with a solution. There is very limited visibility when crossing Yew Tree Lane from the direction of number 25 Stourbridge Road. The whole idea of a dropped kerb would be to accommodate the likes of a mobility buggy, bearing in mind that the occupant would be seated up to 800mm from the front of the buggy they would have to drive onto the road before they could see around the corner, which could result in them being hit by an oncoming vehicle. For this reason the specialist team have drawn up a scheme that crosses the Stourbridge Road. The cost of such a scheme will be in the region of £10,000.

Mini Island – this is due to be relined again soon (it was done last year). FVCA reported this island as having a missing bollard. Upon checking with highways, one was never put in as this would stop the residents at 'The Old Post Office' turning right out of their property.

Brook Road – we will do a speed monitoring exercise again once Lockdown has been lifted, I will then look into having the 30 mph reduced along the lane depending on results of the survey.

Stourbridge Rd. - hard standing has now been completed to enable the speed enforcement officer to be positioned there. I can contribute £500 divisional funding towards the costs incurred by the Parish Council installing this.

Traffic Regulation Order - from Stoneybridge Island, consultation has started to reduce speed from 60 to 40 mph up to nearby Orchard Farm when the speed will then change to 30mph. Relining of the road will also take place to give the impression the lane is not as wide. New painted road signs will also be done at the same time.

Swan Lane – drains have all been cleared (as well as Stourbridge Road) and potholes repaired. Resurfacing is also due to take place once lockdown is over.

Council Meeting dates The next full Council meetings are on 1st June and then on 6th July. Currently, these are expected to be held via video conferencing facilities and residents are welcome to link up.

Meetings start at 7.00 pm. The agenda and link for the video conferences will be 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.