

## 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.

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.

### Lighting

The six yearly survey of the 80 street lights owned by the Council has revealed that a number of columns are now showing defects due to age. These twelve are planned to be replaced over the coming six months, subject to the availability of County Council contractors. The Parish Council is also taking the opportunity to upgrade aged mercury and low pressure sodium lamps, where replacements are now scarce, with energy efficient LED units.

### Grit bins - the green ones!

The Parish Council owned grit bins have been refilled (*and emptied of unwanted litter!*) so are ready for residents' use, on the roads this winter.

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Council agreed that in view of the continuing health crisis it was not possible to hold the 'Annual Meeting' in public requiring a 'face to face' format. While legally a virtual meeting could be held it felt that this would preclude many from taking part.

It would assess the position again in March 2021, when hopefully the usual April/May event can be arranged.

### Website review / accessibility.

The Council has implemented the requirements of The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 regarding accessibility for people with various disabilities.

### 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](http://www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info) or posted to you.

**Council Meeting dates** The next full Council meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. 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.