

Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

New Councillors

Simon Patchell and Syd Danks were elected to the Parish Council under the co-option process at the August Council meeting. They will represent the wards of Belbroughton and Fairfield respectively. Chairman Dr. Bob Morgan warmly welcomed both to the Parish Council. There remain three 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.

Stourbridge Road. Fairfield.

The Parish council have commissioned a bench is to be installed at the bus shelter adjacent to the church.

The County Council advise us that jetting of gullies from A491 island to motorway bridge at Catshill will take place via their contractors Ringway. Other work to be carried out: cutting back of verges, overpainting of the carriageway markings (where needed), plus any other maintenance issues that can't be done without traffic management. They are looking to have the work completed by the end of September.

Belbroughton Scarecrow 2019 : Weekend Sept 21st & 22nd

A short term loan of £5,000 has been agreed for the Belbroughton C.I.C. (organisers of the event) to assist with the pre-event working capital requirements of this community led fund raising event. This loan will be fee and interest free, and repayable in full by 31st Oct. 2019.

Crime Prevention: - 'Smartwater' - 'CCTV'

At its September meeting the Council is to consider whether to provide the marking kits free of charge to Belbroughton residents. In advance of that meeting it would like to hear from residents who would feel able to volunteer to assist councillors with the task of distributing these kits. If you wish to be involved please contact the clerk.

A grant of £500 has been made to the Fairfield Village Hall to assist with the costs of purchasing and installing a CCTV facility.

Litter

The Council has a collection of litter picking sticks and 'hi viz' jackets which are available for local groups to hire at no cost. If you are planning a litter pick and want to take advantage of this offer please contact the clerk.

Recent Panning decisions advised by the District Council.

Croppings Green Wood Stables Warbage Lane Dodford - Conversion of stable block to bungalow Status: **Application Refused.**

Forge Cottage Forge Lane Belbroughton - Proposed Porch Status: Application Refused
Bell Hall Hartle Lane Belbroughton - Coach house conversion, new garage, interior works to the west wing with part chimney removal and part reinstatement Status: **Application Granted.**

The Malt Barn Swan Lane Fairfield - Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling Status: **Application Granted.**

The Paddock Chapel Lane Belbroughton - Extend to link existing garage and convert into a kitchen/family room Status: **Application Granted.**