# Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council - news Dec 2018

## **New Councillor**

The Council welcomed Adrian Homer as the new councillor representing the Belbroughton ward. He was co-opted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> December Council meeting. There is now a full complement of councillors across the two wards.

## **Traffic Calming**

Speed camera warning signs have now been erected on Hartle Lane Belbroughton and Stourbridge Rd. Fairfield. Discussions continue with County Councillor Shirley Webb and the County Council Highways Dept. on further traffic calming measures in Fairfield.

## Precept 2019/20

The Council budget for 2019/20 has been agreed and the precept – the part of your Council tax paid to the Parish Council - is to be frozen again for the next financial year which starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The budget numbers are on the website. <u>www.belbroughtonandfairfield-pc.info</u>

## Consultation of the Proposed Expansion of Fairfield First School.

In response to the County Council's request for comments, the Parish Council decided to support in principle the expansion of the school. However, for safety of children and others it wished to see due account taken of the impact of traffic usage on the Stourbridge Rd. and also consideration given to the availability of adequate parking facilities should permission be granted for the expansion.

## Little Bell Hall Pool – Drayton Road Belbroughton

Work has been carried out to trim back vegetation from the footway to improve the visibility for pedestrians. The Council is awaiting a report from Natural Networks on the bio-diversity opportunities on the site. This report and inputs from other bodies and agents will be considered in the New Year when the Parish Council reviews the future of the site.

#### **Council Meeting date**

The next full Council meeting is on 7<sup>th</sup> January taking place in the Belbroughton Recreation Centre, then on 4<sup>th</sup> February we will be in the Fairfield First School. All residents are welcome to attend, both meetings start at 7.30 pm.

#### **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.