

## **New Council**

Nine councillors took up office at the Annual Council Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Seven for the Belbroughton ward and two for the Fairfield ward. Cllr. Dr Robert Morgan was elected Chairman, and Cllr. Simon Nock the Vice-Chairman for the coming 12 months.

Memberships of the Finance, Planning and Agricultural Holdings Committees were confirmed and the Council agreed its Governance Policies and Procedures.

There are five vacancies for new members and the Council is looking to fill these as soon as possible. Residents who have an interest in the role are asked to speak to the clerk or any of the current councillors. This is an opportunity to shape the future of the community. Application forms can be found on the website or posted to you by the clerk.

## **Worcs C.Council Chief Executive**

Mr Paul Robinson the Chief Executive of your County Council will be attending our next Council meeting, which is being held in the Fairfield First School 7.30p.m. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. He will give us an insight into the workings at 'County' and take questions from both councillors and residents. His role of course is not political, he enacts the wishes of the elected members.

## **Grants**

The council has approved making available £5000 for Capital Grants and £1000 for Minor Grants for 2019. The application forms and notes on criteria are on the website or can be obtained by post from the clerk.

## **Stourbridge Rd – Fairfield**

Following the County Council granting permission the Parish Council has agreed to purchase and install a bench in the bus shelter situated adjacent to the church. It has also agreed in principle to fund an area of hardstanding for use by the Community Safety Partnership for their speed enforcement vehicles.

## **Little Bell Hall Pool – Drayton Road Belbroughton**

The Council approved further works on the site to reduce the dense vegetation in and around the Belne Brook.

## **Fairfield Recreation Ground**

The Council agreed to pursue with the District Council its desire to increase the size of the car park and would be meeting with 'District' planning officers to discuss a way forward on procedure as the land is situated in the Green Belt. The Council approved funding repairs to pot holes in the existing car park.

## **Council Meeting dates**

The next Council meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July both taking place in the Fairfield First School. All residents are welcome to attend, the meetings start at 7.30 pm.