

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

From the February Meeting

Path from Railway Bridge, back of/along Ferris Avenue & Station

Crescent: this has been much used as a right of way for many years, but it is not shown as such on the definitive map. If it were officially recognised the County Council would maintain it. In order for this to happen we need to provide the CC with evidence of its use. So if you have at any time, used this route e.g. taking your children to/from school or going/coming back from a shopping trip to Country Produce, to avoid the main road, please contact the Parish Clerk – we need evidence from current and past users.

St. Stephens Road: lines with new layout –yellow zig zags have all been remarked – hopefully this will discourage parking right by the school gates, which is not only dangerous (there have been several prangs, that thankfully have not involved a child) but it is also illegal.

Highways are aware of the problem with the drain outside the school and have it on their priority list.

Village Hall Project: the business plan has been prepared and grants for the kitchen element have been applied for. Parish Council Members expressed their thanks to the very professional work on these elements by Mary Bryant and Roger Hawes.

Don't forget to 'sponsor a brick' and have your presence in Cold Norton recorded in the village hall extension.

Vandalism: it seems that certain people have forgotten their younger days and what the playground is for – nearly every Monday the Village Caretaker has to clear away bottle/tins/cigarette ends, graffiti and repair the play equipment. The Police have been advised of this mindless vandalism, so hopefully the culprits will be apprehended shortly. If you see anything, please contact the Police.

Community Allotments: what a great difference the PCT has made to the Community Allotments! The primary school children are now involved and hope to have a 'fruit forest' of their own on the site. They are also having a competition to come up with a name for the allotments. Please help if you can - dates and times are detailed in this edition of The Beacon.

Village Hall Entertainment Licence: this has been applied for and notices duly appeared in newspaper and on the front door of the hall. (NB since the PC meeting the VHMC has been granted a licence).

Citizens Panel: Maldon District Council want to put together a Citizens Panel made up of residents who take an active interest in local issues. This would involve approximately four meetings a year and further consultations conducted by postal questionnaires. Would you like your name to be put forward? If you would, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Parish and District Council Elections: these will take place on Thursday 3rd May 2007. If you would be interested in being part of Cold Norton Parish Council from next year, please contact the Parish Clerk to find out what is involved, or just come along to one of the monthly PC meetings.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings scheduled for Wednesday 8th March, 12th April and 10th May 2006, all at 8 pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May in the Village Hall at 8 pm.

To contact the Parish Council please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer) at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.