

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
From the March 2006 Meeting

Highways News: Highways are looking into the cause of the constant stream of water on Latchingdon Road from the 'hill' just up from Bardwell Yard to outside the Coal Yard. It would seem to be water leak as it happens even when there has been no rain, but the water board say no, so highways are investigating using a camera. Results awaited.

Pedestrian Crossing: work has stopped due to the sewage pipe work which is taking place on Latchingdon Road either side of St. Stephens Road. It is hoped that this pipe work will also remedy the problem with the drain outside the school.

Community Allotments: lots of work going on – rhubarb and potatoes now planted. Unfortunately, not much support from Cold Norton residents - April volunteer days are Sunday 9th and Saturday 22nd April 9.30 am to 1.30 pm, tea and coffee provided.

Public Footpaths: **No. 14** (section opposite Church) - delay in putting in the dog waste bin as the new staggered barrier has to be moved to allow pram/wheelchair access. **No. 15** (at bend in St. Stephens Road) – this staggered barrier also has to be widened to allow pram/wheelchair access, plus a handrail will be installed on left hand side to aid descent on the rather steep entrance to this footpath. **No. 16** (to lower Burnham Road) – landowner is reinstating footpath.

MDC Department of Community Services - “Warm Homes Warm Toes” tackling Fuel Poverty: Are you or do you know someone who is living in a cold home? Well help is available from MDC. Please contact Oliver King, Energy Efficiency Officer on 01621 875825.

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.

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? One Cold Norton resident has already joined the panel. If you would also like to be involved, 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: 12th April & 10th May 2006, 8 pm in the Committee Room at 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.